

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:30 pm

Tuesday
November 17, 2009

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair
C. Maginel, Trustee
D. Tofte, Trustee
L. Bumstead, Trustee

D. Samchuck, Superintendent
R. Irwin, Director of Instruction
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

Y. Taylor, President FNDTA
S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison

R09-246

Acceptance of Agenda

That the Board of Education of School District #81 adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Bumstead/Tofte

Additions:

9. Finance Action – Early Learning

Item left off by error

6. Education: Action
f. RL Angus Fundraising Plan

R09-247

Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting October 27, 2009.

That the Board of Education of School District #81 accept the minutes of October 27, 2009 meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Gilbert/Bumstead

Report of Closed Items:

- Presentation: Mrs. MacNeil, Toad River School Growth Plan
- Policy Review – Sections 1230 – 1520
- Early Learning – Moved to Open Agenda
- Superintendent's Report
- Transfers In/Out for October
- Suspension Report for October
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for October
- Secretary-Treasurer's Thoughts

GW Carlson – Indoor Playroom Official Opening

Discussion ensued around the official opening of the Indoor Playroom at

GW Carlson School. The Administrator of the school would like the official opening postponed until January. Administrative Assistant Prouse will arrange with the local newspaper a photo session when a date for the opening is decided.

R09-248 School Growth Plans Bumstead/Gilbert
That the Board of Education of School District #81 approve the JS Clark, GW Carlson, RL Angus and Fort Nelson Secondary School Growth Plans as presented.
CARRIED

The Toad River School Growth Plan will be approved once an amendment is made.

R09-249 JS Clark School Fundraising Plan Bumstead/Gilbert
That the Board of Education of School District #81 Fort Nelson approve the JS Clark Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$20,091.80.

The Board of Education would like clarification on the request for another tire swing with Community Connection dollars.

R09-250 GW Carlson School Fundraising Plan Gilbert/Tofte
That the Board of Education of School District #81 Fort Nelson approve the GW Carlson Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$5,770.00.
CARRIED

R09-251 Toad River School Fundraising Plan Maginel/Bumstead
That the Board of Education of School District #81 Fort Nelson approve the Toad River School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$6200.00.
CARRIED

R09-252 Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plan Tofte/Maginel
That the Board of Education of School District #81 Fort Nelson approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$73,900.00 on the condition that the fundraising plans meet Board Policies and follow the legal requirements of raffles, bingos etc for licensing and that health and safety procedures are adhered to with regards to bottle drives.
CARRIED.

Trustee Bumstead spoke for the record that the Board of Education in the spring of 2009 had approved 2 major trips to take place in 2010. Her original concern was there was a lot of events planned for one year and she did not want the fundraising to be a drain on the community.

Trustee Tofte asked if there were any dollars left over from last year's grad fundraising and could an audit or report be produced on this account. Secretary-Treasurer Hall informed that it would be looked into.

Questions arose to the issue of groups soliciting funds and if this is in contradiction to Board Policy. A copy of a letter from Ms. Kingsfield would be requested by the administration.

R09-253	<p>RL Angus Elementary School Fundraising Plan</p> <p>That the Board of Education of School District #81 Fort Nelson send the RL Angus Fundraising Plan back for revision/reworking to comply with Board Policy.</p> <p>The timeline will be extended for the annual fundraising plan submission.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Tofte/Maginel
R09-254	<p>Amendments to the Staff List</p> <p>That the Board of Education of School District #81 receive and file the amendments to the staff list.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Maginel/Bumstead
R09-255	<p>Early Learning</p> <p>That the Board of Education of School District #81 approve smaller pieces of equipment up to \$3000.00 to be purchased for JS Clark Elementary Indoor Playroom rather than the \$35,000.00 indoor playground equipment previously discussed.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Tofte opposed.</p>	Bumstead/Maginel
R09-256	<p>Burnisher Tender</p> <p>That the Board of Education of School District #81 accept the tender from Distributor's North for the propane burnisher in the amount of \$5195.50 + taxes as per the specifications required.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>The cost of the burnisher will come out of the revenue generated from equipment rental.</p>	Maginel/Gilbert
R09-257	<p>Finance Report for October</p> <p>That the Board of Education of School District #81 receive and file the information from the Finance Report for October.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Reports/Inquiries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandemic Committee Meeting – Superintendent Samchuck informed the Board that the last official Pandemic meeting was held and future meetings will be held on an as needed basis. • Finance Committee – next Meeting will be held in January TBA – working on gathering data and preparation. • Education Committee – Superintendent Samchuck reported that the first meeting was held with a very good presentation on Math by Debbie Chenier, Principal of JSC. • Policy Committee – Next policy meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19. Will begin a review of policy series 2000 • Calendar Committee –Moved to November 4 – 7:00 (Trustee Maginel will help with the development of survey questions) • Green Committee – had the first meeting of this school year plenty 	Tofte/Maginel

of discussion, new initiatives, next meeting February 1, 2010

- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee – Director of Instruction Irwin advised the Board that the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 24 at lunch time.
- Teacher Evaluation growth Model Meeting November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- Local Bargaining Meeting November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Trustee Gilbert questioned what plans were in place for the Olympic Torch Relay. Superintendent Samchuck replied that the Secretary-Treasurer had met with representatives from the Regional Municipality. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that it is a concern to get the children down to the location by 8:32 a.m. on the day of the relay. Lengthy discussion took place about the torch relay, more information will be provided as the date gets closer.
- Trustee Gilbert attended the calendar committee meeting, also will be attending the FNSS PAC meeting tomorrow evening.
- Trustee Bumstead was away for the last Board meeting. She attended the BCSTA Provincial Council and the BCPSEA Symposium in Vancouver. At the BCSTA Provincial Council a number of motions were passed they include:

Provincial Council Motions

- Annual Facility Grant Reinstatement
- Harmonized Sales Tax
- Increased Costs of Medical Services Plan
- Predictable Funding
- Funding Advocacy
- Land/Property Disposal
- Deferral of Full Day Kindergarten (need for it to be fully funded)
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target Act
- Carbon Neutral Plans for Districts
- Debt Service Grants Agreement
- Proposed Review of Boards of Education
- Class Size and Composition Legislation

For the complete rationale behind the motions please see website:

[http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-43429/2009-10-27 Provincial Council Synopsis.htm](http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-43429/2009-10-27%20Provincial%20Council%20Synopsis.htm)

- Trustee Bumstead asked about the safety of the RLA outdoor equipment. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that the Maintenance Supervisor had done an assessment and deemed the equipment safe and age appropriate.
- Superintendent Samchuck – was participating in a lot of committee work. Trustees asked if a letter was sent to staff and students that were recognized as Teacher of the year, Athlete of the Year and Youth

of the Year. The Superintendent indicated that she would present a letter to Georgina Mercer and to students Christina Conrad, Youth of the Year.

- Secretary-Treasurer Hall was out of the district for a meeting and in-services. She reported that there was a presentation on Provincial Bargaining as support staff contracts will expire on June 30, 2009. Other presentations included discussion on HST, Carbon offset tax, possible loss of funding protection and new system to receive funds that may mean the loss of interest generated.
- Director of Instruction Irwin – discussion around the provincial government and budget impacts with regards to the Olympics.
- Trustee Tofte attended the finance committee meeting, the Education committee meeting. He was impressed with the presentation. Attended the Community Forest re-opening and felt it was a great learning area. Felt the Board should draft another letter to the government.
- Chair Dolen attended the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting in Vancouver as an observer and encouraged the trustees to use illuminate. Also attended a collective bargaining workshop and may be attending another subsequent course in January. She attended the BCPSEA symposium and will be going to Toad River on Saturday for the power turn-on.
- FNDDTA President Taylor – nothing to report

R09-258

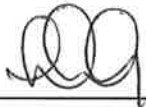
Adjournment

Bumstead/Maginel

That the Board of Education of School District #81 adjourn the meeting at

9:29 p.m.

CARRIED



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer