

SCHOOL DISTRICT #81 (FORT NELSON)
MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
April 13, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:-05 pm.

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 FNDDTA

Rachel Fife, Parent Representative J.S. Clark Elementary School

Carrie Harwyluk, Parent Representative J.S. Clark Elementary School

Absent: S. Nay, FNDDTA Liaison

R10-027

Acceptance of Agenda

That the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended
CARRIED

Maginel/Bumstead

Presentation: J.S. Clark Elementary School PAC Representatives - Vandalism
Concerns

R10-028

Acceptance of the Minutes

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the previous meeting of March
23, 2010 as amended.
CARRIED

Tofte/Gilbert

Amendment March 23, 2001 minutes

Trustee Gilbert commented: *"I want to measure my words in terms of my reaction to the article in Fort Nelson News in regards to education funding. I would characterize it as misleading, it amounts to a shuffling of funds by the province - funds which have been previously announced under one heading have been moved, with a second figure presented in another location. It amounts to a double announcement of the same funds. The article no doubt taken from ministry sources identifies funds for all day kindergarten and the teacher labour agreement as new funding. It fails to identify these as new expenses initiated by the government. In real term the net increase, while quoted in the \$120 million range is actually \$0. In terms of helping us with our expenses it is a zero (0)."*

Report of Closed Items:

- Policy Series 3000
- Personnel Issue

- Upgrade of Basement Rental Space
- JSC Security Camera
- Technology Report
- Transfers IN/Out March
- Suspension Report March
- District Discipline Review Committee
- Superintendent's Report
- Draft Carbon neutral Action Report
- Budget Information

Presentation: J.S. Clark Elementary School Pac Vandalism Concerns

Ms. Rachel Fife was welcomed to the meeting and invited to speak on behalf of the JSC Pac Parents. She asked that the vandalism issues be addressed as soon as possible. The parents feel the vandalism has progressively increased over time. The parents are concerned about the staff and students safety. Some of the ideas the parents brought forward for the Board and administration to consider are:

- the kids need to be deterred from hanging out at the school,
- maybe close in the covered area and the PAC would purchase tents for events,
- cut down the trees bordering the school, to make the school more visible to the public,
- PAC President , Miriam Harrold was going to send a letter to Sgt. Roy with regards to the parent's concerns,
- better, increased lighting, and
- video surveillance system.

Ms. Fife indicated that the PAC and parents are prepared to do whatever to work with the School District for safety for all.

Many questions and discussion ideas were presented for consideration.

Ms. Fife and Mrs. Hawryluk left the meeting at 7:15p.m.

R10-029	<p>RL Angus Chain Links Fundraising Plan That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Chain Links' Fundraising Plan. CARRIED</p> <p>No Questions no discussion.</p>	Gilbert/Maginel
R10-030	<p>Fort Nelson Secondary Music Department 2010/2011 Fundraising Plan That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary Music Department's Fundraising Plan. CARRIED</p>	Maginel/Gilbert
R10-031	<p>BAA Home Economics 10 That the Board of Education School District #81 Fort Nelson approve the Fort Nelson Secondary Home Economics program as a BAA course. CARRIED</p>	Tofte/Maginel

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| R10-032 | <p>Amendments to the Staff List
That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list.
CARRIED</p> | Bumstead/Maginei |
| R10-033 | <p>Autoscrubber Tender
That the Board of Education endorse the tender from WesClean for \$5995.00 + taxes.
CARRIED</p> | Tofte/Gilbert |
| R10-034 | <p>Education Information
That the Board of Education receive and file the information presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal's Reports • RLA Music Department Fort St. John Fundraising Report 2010 • FNSS Music Department Fundraising Report - Toronto 2010 <p>CARRIED</p> | Bumstead/Tofte |
| R10-035 | <p>Finance Information:
That the Board of Education receive and file the information provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report for March, 2010 <p>CARRIED</p> | Bumstead/Gilbert |

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Pandemic Committee Meeting - Completed
- Finance Committee meeting – was held last night. The Secretary-Treasurer outlined the revenue received and the preliminary budget will be filed by June 30, 2010.
- Education Committee Thursday – April 1, Trustee Tofte and Trustee Bumstead are not able to attend
- Policy Committee complete 1000 and 2000, looking at 3000
- Calendar Committee - Completed
- Green Committee – no meeting scheduled; getting ready for April 22, Earth Day. Green tips being sent out every day on all staff, art contest will be judged by art council. We are looking for more judges for the individual classroom projects.
- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee

Trustee Tofte

- a. attended the Board/Association meeting,
- b. the Finance Committee meeting,
- c. spoke to Representative Liz and she will be giving the Secretary-Treasurer a call,
- d. Suggestion to the administration to attend the Horne River update-will need to register your name to attend,
- e. Superintendent Samchuck was advised about the Horne River update but she will be away.
- f. Attended the JSC PAC meeting on the 25th of March, and will be attending the next one on April 15, invite to other Board members and administration to attend.

M. Gilbert, Trustee

- Attended the Board/Association meeting,
- Attended the Finance meeting,
- No immediate district business to report on.

- As both a trustee and citizen, I have concern over the recent passage of the bylaw amendment providing for zoning of adult businesses. My worry is for the direct and indirect effect that the operation of such businesses will have on young people, and I am particularly apprehensive over how young people will perceive us as their advocates and caregivers for allowing this to happen.
- I am also seriously concerned over recent vandalism at JSC over the weekend of April 12th, and feel that it needs immediate and forceful action.
- The ministry's revised funding scheme causes me anxiety as well. I can foresee problems for us in the future because of the ministry's folding of previously distinct funding items into block funding. This will reduce sensitivity to needs specific to our district and, I suspect, will further hamper our ability to provide quality service to students.
- I previously declared a conflict of interest as a member of the BCGEU. I am no longer a BCGEU employee.

Trustee Bumstead

- attended the Board/Association meeting,
- attended the Finance meeting,
- attended the RLA PAC meeting last week, need someone to attend May 13, Thurs at 7:00 p.m. will be away – Trustee Maginel offered to attend.
- Concur with Trustee Gilbert around JSC situation. Stopped by the school on Monday was shocked about the horrific part of what happened here, I am with Trustee Gilbert it is something that we will need to address and the public needs to know that the School District is addressing immediately.

C. Maginel, Trustee - no report

L. Dolen, Chair

- attended the Board/Association meeting,
- attended the Finance meeting,
- responded to Mr. Pimm he wanted to know what I thought of the funding and I advised him that the Board of Education is concerned with the reinstatement of the minor capital, which covers projects up to 1.5 million, they are not considering the work we have already done. We still have other ventilation projects . The Board of Education is waiting for a letter of reply from the Minister of Education.
- Chair Dolen will be attending the BCSTA AGM in April. School District #81 was not successful in getting an audience with the Ministry of Education staff at the AGM.

D. Samchuck, Superintendent

- spent today at Northern Lights College attending a Community Social Planning Workshop with other community members. Discussed the needs and wants of community members with respect to social programs.
- met with new team leader of the Ministry of Children and Families, will be having monthly meetings,
- The Superintendent would like to acknowledge JSC Principal Chenier and Maintenance Supervisor Low for the work they did this weekend by their watchfulness and concern for the JS Clark School. In the case of the Maintenance Supervisor he puts in a lot of extra time and the maintenance

department tries to fix things before the children arrive at school . He is not compensated in overtime. The Principal and Maintenance Supervisor have done this on their own time.

R. Irwin, Director of Instruction – no Report

M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

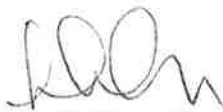
- Was on professional development over the weekend and came home with lots of ideas for the Green Committee.

FNDTA President Taylor

- the FNDTA has began planning for next year’s Professional Development Days and they will have a one day with just one speaker and one day with a variety of workshops some will be offered by BCTF. The Pro-d Committee is getting suggestions from the membership and all staff for Pro-D. FNDTA may bring back the Boundaries workshop which they offered before however but now has included a large part of the workshop on internet and teachers.
- The Pro-D committee is in the process of organizing a one day Pro-D using some of the unspent Joint/Board Association money. The Superintendent has designated one of the inservice days for this. Each school will be choosing their own topic for this day. Members will be allowed to choose workshops.

Chair Dolen – reminder that Wednesday, April 14 is Pink Shirt day for Anti-bullying Awareness.

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| R10-036 | Financial Report for March, 2010
That the Board of Education receive and file the information provided.
CARRIED | Maginel/Tofte |
| R10-037 | Adjournment
That the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.
CARRIED | Bumstead/Gilbert |



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer