

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting  
7:00 pm

Tuesday  
November 1, 2011

In Attendance:

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

D. Samchuck, Superintendent of Schools  
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer  
K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

Absent:  
Sherry Payne, Acting FNDTA President  
Sarah Nay, FNDTA Liaison

C. Maginel left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order  
Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

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| R11-113 | Acceptance of the Agenda<br>That the Board of Education accept the agenda as presented.<br>CARRIED  | Bumstead/Gilbert |
| R11-114 | Acceptance of the Minutes<br>That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting.<br>CARRIED   | Gilbert/Tofte    |
|         | Report on Closed Board Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fencing</li><li>• Heating</li><li>• Superintendent Growth Plan</li><li>• District Discipline Review Committee Report for October</li><li>• Superintendent Report – verbal</li><li>• Letter from Sander Rose Bone Grindle LLP, Chartered Accountants</li></ul> |                  |
| R11-115 | Toad River School PAC Fundraising Plans<br>That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School PAC fundraising plans in the amount of \$5875.00.<br>CARRIED   | Gilbert/Tofte    |
|         | J.S. Clark Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plans  | Tofte/Gilbert    |

That the Board of Education approve the J.S. Clark Elementary School PAC fundraising plan upon clarification of the total amount of fundraising.

R11-116	<p>Amendment J.S. Clark Elementary School Fundraising Plans That the Board of Education approve the J.S. Clark Elementary School fundraising plans upon clarification and the removal of the Grant-in-Aid. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Maginel returned to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.</p>	Tofte/Bumstead
R11-117	<p>R.L. Angus Elementary School Fundraising Plans That the Board of Education approve the R.L. Angus Elementary School fundraising plan in the amount of \$23,120.00. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Bumstead questioned the fundraising plans in terms of implementation with teachers job action. It was noted that some of the activities may not take place unless job action is over.</p>	Maginel/Bumstead
R11-118	<p>Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plans That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School fundraising plan in the amount of \$112,377 with the proviso that FNSS does not apply to the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality for the Grant-In-Aid. CARRIED</p> <p>A lengthy discussion on the subject of Healthy Breakfast programs ensued. The Board of Education was willing to support this initiative.</p>	Tofte/Gilbert
R11-119	<p>Healthy Breakfast Program for all Schools That the Board of Education will approve an allocation of funds to all schools for Healthy Breakfast Programs for the 2011/2012 school year. A cap of \$5000 will be allocated for distribution. CARRIED</p> <p>This item will be revisited in the 2012/2013 school year.</p>	Bumstead/Gilbert
R11-120	<p>G. W. Carlson Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plans That the Board of Education approve the G. W. Carlson Elementary School PAC fundraising plan in the amount of \$92,824. CARRIED</p>	Maginel/Bumstead
R11-121	<p>Education: Information That the Board of Education receive and file the letters as provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letter to Minister Abbott – Class Size Report</li><li>• Community Connections Letter</li><li>• Northern Health – Influenza - Like Illness</li></ul>	Bumstead/ Maginel

- Thank you Letter from Success by 6 – Northern Rockies Children & Family Action Committee

CARRIED

### Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

#### Trustee Gilbert

- Attended the BCSTA Provincial Council
- reported the Minister of Education attendance at the BCSTA and the fact that he mentioned Fort Nelson's scores in his talks,
- Trustee Gilbert would like it noted that this is the first Minister of Education that has appeared in front of the British Columbia School Trustee Association as it is usually attended by the Deputy Minister of Education,
- will be attending the FNSS PAC meeting next week,
- question with regards to the Class Size and makeup if it was a safe situation and does the Board of Education need to invest dollars into the classrooms?
- Superintendent Samchuck responded that a break up of 3 classes was done prior to this report, but will come as a cost in second semester and will have to look at the class size and composition again.

#### Trustee Tofte

- attended the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon for Trustee Candidates and Open Forum
- attended the Parent Conference Keynote, very impressed with the mix of people who attended , congratulated Secretary-Treasurer Hall on a good job assisting with organizing the event, and to the Superintendent for presenting the keynote speaker.

#### Trustee Maginel

- was to attend a PAC meeting in Toad but unfortunately was postponed and unable to attend at that time,
- asked if the questions on Fort Nelson stuff.com was for all trustees to respond?

#### Trustee Bumstead

- attended the Oil and Gas Expo on Saturday morning,
- was nice to see Denise Stephenson, Career Coordinator FNSS with the amazing display,
- attended the Keynote at the Parent Conference.
- Inquiry about Actions Schools BC, and if it is still being used in schools?
- attended the Representative Council at the BCPSEA Conference,
- Big kudos to Secretary-Treasurer Hall for securing Community Connections dollars to help fund the new Early Learning Playground at J.S. Clark Elementary School,

- inquiry is what is the district’s philosophy on inclusion?
- Superintendent Samchuck responded that the School District is provincially mandated to integrate special needs students into classrooms, we still have to make decisions on what is best for the students based on staffing and we have full time Student Services Resource Teachers and we try to integrate where we can but it is a work in progress

#### Chair Dolen

- Congratulated the Secretary-Treasurer on the success in securing the Community Connections money to build the playground at J.S. Clark Elementary School,
- attended the G.W. Carlson Elementary School PAC, the secretary position has been filled,
- G.W. Carlson Elementary School and J.S. Clark Elementary School are working in conjunction to bring a Math presenter to Fort Nelson,
- G.W. Carlson Elementary School has a new hydration station, where students can fill their water bottles,
- November 25 will be Crazy Hat Day and a Pancake Breakfast organized by the parents,
- reminder about the District Professional Development days and the keynote starting at 8:30 all day at Fort Nelson Secondary School.

#### Superintendent Samchuck

- thanked the Secretary-Treasurer Hall and Administrative Assistant Prouse for helping in organizing the Parent Conference,
- attended the keynote at the Parent Conference, commented that Chris Rowan did not know the School District has a printing program and the elementary schools have a policy that students are not allowed to bring technology to school,
- School District #81’s wireless is only turned on when needed and kept off except for when Mrs. Gilbert does I pad instruction for 1 hr per week and we are monitoring that,

#### Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- attended the Northern Lights College round table breakfast with Mrs. Denise Stephenson, Career Coordinator FNSS and Mr. Bill Dolan, District Vice-Principal, the School District was well represented,
- reiterated her appreciation to Administrative Assistant Prouse, and to the Trustees that attended the Parent Conference,
- with respect to bussing the School District is continuing to monitor our numbers and will have a better idea if we can accommodate students in older grades.

Stakeholder/Public Inquiries  
– No stakeholder report

R11-122

Adjournment

Bumstead/Maginel

That the Board of Education adjourn the Open Meeting at 8:36 p.m.  
CARRIED

Chair Dolen confirmed that the November 22, 2011 Closed Board meeting will start at 5:00 p.m.



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Linda Dolen  
Chairperson



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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer