

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting  
7:00 pm

Tuesday  
October 18, 2011

In Attendance:

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

M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer  
K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

Guest:

Ms. Annette Gairdner-Loe

Absent:

D. Samchuck, Superintendent of Schools  
C. Maginel, Trustee  
Sherry Payne, Acting FNDTA President  
Sarah Nay, FNDTA Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

R11-105 Acceptance of Agenda Bumstead/Gilbert  
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as presented.  
CARRIED

R11-106 Acceptance of the Minutes Bumstead/Tofte  
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the September 20, 2011  
Open Board meeting.  
CARRIED

Report on Closed Items:

- Transfers/In Out September
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for September
- Superintendent Report
- BCPSEA Report - Dolen

R11-107 Class size Report Bumstead/Gilbert  
That the Board of Education receive and file the 2011/2012 Class Size and  
Composition Report as provided.  
CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert had an inquiry if there was sufficient computer equipment to  
accommodate the students?

Trustee Tofte had in inquiry with regards to the class size report and the number of special needs students in classes.

Inquiries will be brought forward at next meeting to discuss when the Superintendent is in attendance.

R11-108 Date for School Growth Plans Review Bumstead/Gilbert  
That the Board of Education propose that a date for the School Growth Plan presentations will be determined via First Class emailing system. Proposed date to consider November 7, 2011.  
CARRIED

R11-109 Amendments to the Staff List 2011/2012 School Year Bumstead/Tofte  
That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list.  
CARRIED

R11-110 Education - Information: Bumstead/Tofte  
That the Board of Education receive and file the Education - Information provided.  
- Board Chair NIB Report  
- Monthly Enrollment Report – September, 2011  
- FNSS School/Business Partnerships  
- Principal’s Reports - September  
- School Zone Signage Letter  
CARRIED

Trustee Bumstead thanked the Chair Dolen for the detailed report on the Northern Interior Branch meeting and also the “cheat” sheet that she provided for the impending visit of the Minister of Education. She commented that Chair Dolen does a great job of representing School District #81 and thanked Chair Dolen for all the extra work that she puts in.

R11-111 Financial Report for September Gilbert/Bumstead  
That the Board of Education receive and file the information provided.  
CARRIED

#### Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

Trustee Bumstead

- will inform the R.L. Angus Elementary Schools she would not be in attendance at Thursday’s PAC meeting due to the Open Candidate forum,
- attended the Martin Aboriginal Entrepreneurship initiative, it is an amazing aboriginal initiative being undertaken,
- attended the retirement tea for Jenny Mah that was held at FNSS.

Trustee Gilbert

- attended the Fort Nelson Secondary School Pac meeting last week, having difficulty filling the executive positions,
- the agenda prompts us to celebrate our successes and it was reported the school start up was smooth, with a spirit of cooperation taking place, quite favorable in terms of environment,
- will be attending the BCSTA Conference and will be unable to attend the Parent Conference,
- the Minister of Education will be in attendance,
- Class size remains an issue and if the situation persists then I think we have to be prepared to dig into our pockets to do what is necessary,
- Did commit to bringing a couple of questions to the Board table:
  - A question was asked if trustee attendance at meetings are available? Secretary-Treasurer Hall advised that attendance was not officially tracked but could be found through the minutes.
  - The other question: There have been concerns related to bullying from unidentified parent in a public forum and will forward the inquiry to the superintendent?

#### Trustee Tofte

- attended the all candidates forum today hosted by the Chamber of Commerce,
- attended the PAC meeting at J.S. Clark Elementary School, full executive,
- have potentially ambitious fundraising projects to expand a large playground around by the gym,
- the PAC will sit down with Secretary-Treasurer Hall and Maintenance Supervisor Low to discuss the plans,
- JSC PAC meeting on Thursday at J.S. Clark Elementary School – but will be unable to attend due to the Open forum.

#### Chair Dolen

- the Band received a \$10,000 grant for new equipment,
- dropped by FNSS on Parent/Teacher interview day,
- will be unable to attend the Parent Conference,
- attended the Northern Interior Branch meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Fort St. John
- thank you to whomever sent the pictures of SD #81 down,
- Chair Dolen spoke about initiatives and the meeting in Fort St. John.

#### Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- has been away but will be attending the final Parent Conference Planning Committee meeting,
- there are 59 registered and the committee had planned for 75,
- Parent Conference sponsored by Northern Rockies planning and Action Committee as well as a large number of other sponsors,
- I would encourage everyone to come – keynote 6:30 other sessions begin at 9:15 on Saturday
- Lots of own community facilitators as well.

Trustee Bumstead advised FNSS and RLA PAC's are having trouble filling the executive positions. From a trustee's perspective a bit concerned nobody wanting to come forward to help. A few parents came forward and the PAC will be able to apply for the grants, but to date we don't have an executive and don't know what it speaks to real lack of parental involvement right now.

Stakeholder/Public Inquiries – no report from FNDTA stakeholder.

R11-112 Adjournment  
That the Board of Education adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Bumstead/Tofte



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Linda Dolen  
Chairperson



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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer