

SCHOOL DISTRICT #81 (FORT NELSON)
FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
January 18, 2011

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Board Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Y Taylor, FNDTA President
S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison

Guests:

Scott Stephenson, Principal G.W. Carlson Elementary School
Brenda Bowes, PAC President GWC PAC
David Konschuh, Vice-President GWC PAC
Lori Boomer, Secretary & Treasurer GWC PAC

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| R11-001 | Acceptance of the Agenda
That the Board of Education accept the amended agenda as presented.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Bumstead |
| R11-002 | Acceptance of the Minutes
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the previous Open Meeting of December 14, 2010 as presented.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |

Presentation

Graduation Parent Presentation (Lee Chase, Parent) - cancelled

GWC Playground Presentation

Mr. Scott Stephenson, Principal, G.W. Carlson Elementary School brought forward a presentation outlining the fundraising plan that was previously presented to the Board of Education. Mr. Stephenson described the increase in special needs students at G.W. Carlson Elementary School and how the playground would accommodate all children. Mr. Stephenson presented a description of the playground and the fundraising needs. Mr. Stephenson displayed a budget sheet outlining the fundraising.

Chair Dolen asked for a motion.

No motion was presented. The Board indicated that it would take the information and discuss at the February 8, 2011 Board meeting and present a then.

Mr. Scott Stephenson, Brenda Bowes, PAC President GWC PAC, David Kenschuh, Vice-President GWC PAC and Lori Boomer, Secretary & Treasurer GWC PAC left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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| R11-003 | Policy 5331 - School Graduation Finances
That the Board of Education approve Policy 5331 – School Graduation Finances as presented.
CARRIED | Tofte/Maginei |
| R11-004 | FNSS Girls Curling Club –Request for Fundraising
That the Board of Education approve the fundraising plan from the FNSS Girls Curling Club. Changes to be made to the grammar and spelling on the request letter.
CARRIED | Tofte/Gilbert |
| R11-005 | RLA Grade 6/7 Band request for Fundraising
That the Board of Education approve the fundraising plan from the RLA Grade 6/7 Band as attached.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Maginei |
| R11-006 | Addendum to FNSS/RLA Music Fundraising Request – previously submitted in October.
That the Board of Education approve the addendum to the fundraising plan for the FNSS/RLA Band Trip Plan.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Maginei |
| R11-007 | Amendments to the staff list
That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list.
CARRIED | Bumstead/Maginei |
| R11-008 | Adopt the Amended Annual Budget
That the Board of School Trustees unanimously approve all three readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2010/2011.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Maginei |
| R11-009 | Adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw
That the Board of School Trustees adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2010/2011 in the amount of \$10,111,304..
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |

Secretary-Treasurer Hall provided a description of the amended budget for 2010/2011. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that the School District is in a much better financial position than anticipated.

Chair Dolen congratulated Secretary-Treasurer Hall on the budget presented.

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| R11-010 | Thank you Letters to Maintenance Employees
That the Board of Education receive and file the letter from the Maintenance | Gilbert/Tofte |
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Supervisor Low.
CARRIED

R11-011 Financial Report for December Recommendation:
That the Board of Education receive and file the December financial report.
CARRIED

Tofte/Gilbert

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations
Schedule Meeting Dates

- Pandemic Committee Meeting - none
- Finance Committee Meeting –TBA end of February/Early March
- Education Committee – have data from GWC/JSC. RLA nearly done, FNSS won't be done until later
- Policy Committee - TBA
- Calendar Committee - TBA
- Green Committee - TBA
- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee - collecting data, sharing information, slowly moving forward.

Trustee Gilbert

- attended the FNSS PAC meeting; FNSS Attendance Policy was the main discussion,
- FNSS PAC Finances are good, credit to the people involved,
- concerned with the government initiative of instituting merit pay.

Trustee Tofte - no report

Trustee Maginel

- unable to attend Toad Christmas functions due to road conditions,
- delivered chocolates to schools with Trustee Tofte.

Trustee Bumstead

- R.L. Angus Elementary School PAC meeting has been moved to January 27,
- attended the trades presentation,
- attended a Success by Six meeting, the committee is looking at other options for titles to more of what they do in order to define what the table is all about.
- will be attending the BCSTA Provincial Council at the end of February.

Chair Dolen

- completed mid contract modifications with the FNDDA,
- attended the Aboriginal Educational Committee meeting - a draft is being prepared,
- distributed chocolates to the staff at schools,
- met with Minister of Energy and Mines,
- will be attending the Northern Interior Branch meeting this weekend.

Superintendent Samchuck

- attended the Trade's Advisory Committee with Trustee Bumstead, really nice to hear from Trades' people that there are many jobs and they are looking for qualified people.

Chair Dolen is unable to attend the G.W. Carlson Elementary School PAC meeting on Thursday; Trustee Tofte will attend in her place.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- The year started out with a BC Hydro power outage, it was a test of School District

#81's safety practices and the level of competency of staff in dealing with emergency issues. There was a power surge in the evening and it blew a panel at J.S. Clark Elementary School. Maintenance Supervisor Low was aware of spare panel and he was able to have it installed.

- Secretary-Treasurer Hall and Administrative Assistant Prouse participated in a conference call with BC Hydro and they were advised to write a letter as typically BC Hydro did not fund damages due to power outages.
- The School District also tested its' busing cancellation procedures when the temperature dropped to -40 with the wind chill. Thank you to all those involved in the bussing cancellations it all went very smoothly. Special thanks to Karen Prouse.
- Attended the Steering Committee of the Official Community Planning Committee, on behalf of the Board. Spoke about the Kitchen Table Workbook from the Northern Rockies Municipality, encouraged everyone to participate.

Superintendent Samchuck - no report

Director of Instruction Irwin - no report

FNDTA President Taylor

- 2 more Professional Development days for staff January 31 and February 18, 2011.

S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison

- Advised the Board that the Science department would be meeting to discuss the Imperial Oil donation.

R11-012 Adjournment
That the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
CARRIED

Bumstead/Gilbert



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer