

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

Open Meeting  
7:00 pm

Tuesday  
November 2, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

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

S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison

Absent:

Y Taylor, FNDTA President

R10-109 Acceptance of the Agenda Gilbert/Bumstead  
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as presented.  
CARRIED

R10-110 Acceptance of the Minutes Maginel/Bumstead  
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the previous Open Meeting of  
October 12, 2010 as presented.  
CARRIED

Report of Closed Items:

- Personnel Contract Renewal
- Agenda Items for Joint Meeting – Nov. 22, 2010
- Suspension Report for September/October
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for September/October
- Superintendent's Report

R10-111 Request for Support for Northern Rockies Municipality to host 2015 Winter Games Maginel/Gilbert  
That the Board of Education of School District #81 endorse the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality bid to host the 2015 Northern BC Winter Games and have agreed to allow the use of school facilities to stage sport competitions, at no cost to the Games, and the use of school buses to transport Northern BC Winter Games participants, at no cost to the Games. In addition, it is agreed that the

School District will close all schools for the Friday of the Games: Friday, February 6, 2015.

CARRIED

Trustee Bumstead Opposed

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| R10-112 | Class Size & Composition<br>That the Board of Education receive and file the report as presented.<br>CARRIED   | Magine/ Bumstead  |
| R10-113 | R.L. Angus Elementary School Fundraising Plan<br>That the Board of Education approve the R.L. Angus Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the estimated amount of \$10,200.<br>CARRIED   | Gilbert/ Bumstead |
| R10-114 | R.L. Angus Elementary School Music Department Fundraising Plan<br>That the Board of Education approve the R.L. Angus Elementary School Music Department Fundraising Plan in the estimated amount of \$800.<br>CARRIED  | Magine/ Gilbert   |
| R10-115 | R.L. Angus Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan<br>That the Board of Education approve the R.L. Angus Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the estimated amount of \$6250.<br>CARRIED   | Gilbert/ Magine   |
| R10-116 | Revised FNSS/RLA Music Department Fundraising Plan<br>That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the FNSS/RLA Music Department Fundraising Plan as presented.<br>CARRIED<br><br>The amendment to the FNSS/RLA Music Department Fundraising Plan was to include the criteria of solicitation. | Gilbert/ Tofte    |
| R10-117 | J.S. Clark Elementary School Fundraising Plan<br>That the Board of Education approve the J.S. Clark Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the estimated amount of \$12,000.<br>Carried   | Magine/ Bumstead  |
| R10-118 | G.W. Carlson Elementary School Fundraising Plan<br>That the approval of the G.W. Carlson Elementary School Fundraising Plan be delayed until all expenses for the playground are identified.<br>CARRIED  | Gilbert/ Tofte    |
| R10-119 | R.L. Angus Elementary School Growth Plans for 2010/2011 School Year<br>That the Board of Education approve the School Growth Plan for R.L. Angus Elementary School as presented.<br>CARRIED  | Magine/ Gilbert   |

R10-120	G.W. Carlson Elementary School Growth Plan for 2010/2011 School Year That the Board of Education approve the School Growth Plan for G.W. Carlson Elementary School as presented. CARRIED	Bumstead/Gilbert
R10-121	J.S. Clark Elementary School Growth Plans for 2010/2011 School Year That the Board of Education approve the School Growth Plan for J.S. Clark Elementary School as presented. CARRIED	Gilbert/Bumstead
R10-122	Fort Nelson Secondary School Growth Plans for 2010/2011 School Year That the Board of Education approve the School Growth Plan for Fort Nelson Secondary School as presented. CARRIED	Gilbert/Maginel
R10-123	Toad River School Growth Plans for 2010/2011 School Year That the Board of Education approve the School Growth Plan for Toad River School as presented. CARRIED	Maginel/Bumstead
R10-124	Draft Fundraising Policy That the Board of Education approve the Draft Fundraising Policy for 30 day circulation. CARRIED	Maginel/Tofte

Lengthy discussion proceeded with regards to the intent of the policy and if the policy was clear. Some points discussed were:

- Amendment: Policy 5310 – School Fundraising/Non Profit and Corporate Partnerships “Extensive amended fundraising plans and limited fundraising plans (under \$1000) may be submitted”, for Board approval, throughout the school year prior to the event.
- Highlight #3 –  
It is the expectation that once the target is reached the fundraising group will limit its activity to non-profit events that will not generate any additional funds, in the current school year.
- Suggestion to develop a protocol that an accounting system of all final fundraising must be submitted to the Board.
- Develop a template that groups can submit to the Administration
- Invite stakeholder groups to the December 14, 2010 Board Meeting for any discussion/clarity with regards to the fundraising policy.

R10-125	Connections Proposal (Hall) That the Board of Education approve the Round 2 Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centre’s application for \$25000 plus an additional \$5000, if available, that would assign the funds to support the installation of a wheelchair accessible playground at G.W. Carlson School. CARRIED	Gilbert/Tofte
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- Secretary-Treasurer Hall described the item submitted with regards to Community Connections money.
- The Secretary-Treasurer will submit the Community Connections application to the Northern Rockies Regional District for their support of the GWC wheelchair accessible playground.
- Maintenance Supervisor will be approached to determine set up costs etc.
- Suggestion of PAC's setting up playground accounts with the School District to relieve themselves of the responsibility of large amounts of money

R10-126 Amendments to the Staff List Bumstead/Gilbert  
 That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list.  
 CARRIED

R10-127 Grad 09/10 Financial Report Gilbert/Bumstead  
 That the Board of Education receive and file the Graduation 2009/2010 Financial Report.  
 CARRIED

A discussion proceeded with regards to the amount of fundraising and the lack of accounting for the dollars raised. The Secretary-Treasurer has received a list of funds raised at the school and it is not broken down into individual accounts.

Suggestions:

- Develop guidelines, thresholds for fundraising
- Draft protocol

#### Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

No committee meetings to date

- Pandemic Committee Meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Education Committee
- Policy Committee
- Calendar Committee
- Green Committee
- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee – November 16, 12:00 noon

#### Trustee Maginel

- Went to Toad River on Friday and met with the Teacher and Educational Assistant, things look good up there.
- The cement pad is small but it is good.

#### Trustee Tofte Inquiry

- JSC Shutters have they been installed?
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall commented that the shutters have been delayed due to staff shortages and work that was completed at Toad River School & teacherages. Planning in place to install during Pro-D days.
- Bussing requests at JSC. Superintendent Samchuck indicated that the

parents may appeal and a special appeal meeting may need to be arranged in the future.

#### Trustee Gilbert

- will be attending the upcoming Fort Nelson Secondary School PAC meeting,
- attended the British Columbia School Trustee Association Provincial Council meeting in Vancouver.

#### Trustee Bumstead

- attended the R.L. Angus Elementary School Pac meeting, next meeting on November 10, 2010,
- commented on the new outdoor lighting at J.S. Clark Elementary School, hopefully will help cut down on vandalism,
- inquiry online tutoring and availability to children in SD 81? Superintendent Samchuck responded that online tutoring is available for secondary students only.
- Fiber optics at Toad River School, can a letter be written to speed up the process? Superintendent Samchuck advised that she would research costs/feasibility with the District Vice-Principal Technology.

#### Chair Dolen

- Trustee Gilbert and Chair Dolen attended the Session “Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” Vancouver at the BCSTA Conference.

#### Superintendent Samchuck

- Superintendent Samchuck congratulated Trustee Gilbert on his award of Educator of the Year and his wife, Mrs. Lori Gilbert for Athlete of the Year.

#### Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- will be attending a business meeting in late November,
- provided an update on Carbon reporting from a recent Webnar – the School District was paying .82 per student, it has been reduced to .48 per student.
- there is discussion that a change to the School District fiscal year end to March from June will take place in the next couple of years.
- Status of funding protection line no decisions yet.

#### Chair Dolen

- wrote letter to Minister Colin Hanson re: funding for increased Special Needs Students in School District #81 (Fort Nelson).
- discussed the throne speech.

#### Director of Instruction Irwin

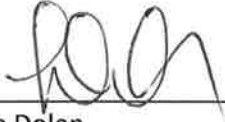
- observed and heard positive feedback from the Jump Math workshops recently held,
- Word Fest activities in schools were well received by students and staff,
- Nov 16 Aboriginal Education Enhancement Committee meeting 12:00 p.m. at the School Board Office.

FNDTA Liaison S. Nay – nothing to report

R10-128 Adjournment

Gilbert/Bumstead

That the Board of Education adjourn the Open Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m.  
CARRIED



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Linda Dolen  
Chairperson



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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer