

FORT NELSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
October 12, 2010

Call to Order

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

Present:

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

Guests:

B. Dolan, Principal
S. Henry Teacher FNSS
Ms. Stephanie McEwen, Governor General's Award Recipient
Sue and David McEwen (Parents)
Matthew McEwan (brother)

Absent:

C. Maginel, Trustee

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

Y Taylor, FNDTA President
S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison

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| R10-099 | Acceptance of the Agenda
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as presented.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Bumstead |
| R10-100 | Acceptance of the Minutes
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the previous Open Meeting of September 21, 2010 as amended.
CARRIED | Tofte/Gilbert |

Amendment: "Bargaining Dates not finalized", change: "were discussed."

Report On Closed Items:

- Personnel Contract Renewal
- Staff Leaves for Union Business
- Suspension Report for September
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for September
- Superintendent's Report
- Staff Evaluation

Governor General's Award

FNSS Principal Dolen introduced graduate student Ms. Stephanie McEwen. Ms. McEwan is the recipient for the Governor General's Award which consists of having the highest academic standing in a graduating class.

Superintendent Samchuck presented the award to Ms. McEwan. Chair Dolen congratulated Ms. McEwan and also the parents for a job well done.

Guests B. Dolan, Principal, Ms. Stephanie McEwen, Governor General's Award Recipient, Sue and David McEwen and Matthew McEwan left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

FNSS Scholarship Data – Presentation (Mrs. Henry)

The following represents data that Mrs. Stephanie Henry, Scholarship Coordinator, has collected over a 4 year period in her position at Fort Nelson Secondary School. The data was very exciting and Mrs. Henry's presentation is summarized below.

Year	# of Graduates	# of scholarship Recipients	% of Scholarship Recipients Redeemed their Monies	% of went on to Post Secondary Education
2006	55	23	86%	min 40%
2007	56	17	74%	min 25%
2008	69	30	56%	Min 25%
2009	50	18	89%	Min 34%

What are they studying?

- Largest % Academics, next Trades, then Vocational

Vocational Routes:

- Dental Hygiene
- Interior Design,
- Film Studies
- Occupational Health & Safety

Trades Directions:

- Power Engineering,
- Oil & Gas Production
- Welding
- Automotives
- Heavy Duty Mechanics
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Carpentry
- Esthetics
- Cosmetology
- Plumbing

Academic Pursuits

- Bachelor of Sciences: Human kinetics, Engineering, Psychology
- Bachelor Arts: Global Studies, History, General Studies, Social Sciences, Bachelor of Bus. Admin. , Bachelor of Applied bus. Tech., Diploma in Business Management, Bachelor of Fine Arts,

Bachelor of Early Childhood Ed., Bachelor of Linguistics, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Education

The majority of graduates going on to Post Secondary are staying within British Columbia, then Alberta and a small % to other provinces.

Mrs. Henry could not find any other data in the province to compare Fort Nelson's data with. The outcome of the data indicated that the majority of graduates of Fort Nelson are going on to post secondary education and the main study area was in academic programs.

The Board of Education thanked Mrs. Henry for compiling the data and sharing her presentation with the Board.

Mrs. Henry left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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| R10-101 | Child Protection Policy 5460
That the Board of Education adopt the Child Protection Policy for 30 days.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Bumstead |
| R10-102 | School District #81 Class Size Report
That the Board of Education receive and file the Class Size and Composition Report with an amendment to page 21 Grade 1-3 should be 9.69.
CARRIED | Bumstead/Gilbert |
| R10-103 | FNSS Fundraising Plans
That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plans in the amount of \$87,900 .
CARRIED | Tofte/Gilbert |
| | Trustee Bumstead opposed. | |
| | A lengthy discussion ensued with regards to the Policy 5310 School Fundraising/Non Profit and Policy 3240 Gifts, Grants, Donations and Bequests. The Board of Education will meet to review the policy. | |
| R10-104 | Toad River School Fundraising Plan
That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School Fundraising Plans in the amount of \$11,400 .
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| | Amendments to the Staff List
That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list.
CARRIED | Bumstead/Gilbert |
| R10-105 | Fuel Tender
That the Board of Education authorize the administration to re-tender the Fuel.
CARRIED | Tofte/Gilbert |

R10-106 That the Board of Education receive and file the Education Information provided. Tofte/Gilbert

- Principal's Reports – September
- Thank you Letter to Maintenance Supervisor & Staff
- Thank you to Maintenance Department from HRBPG
- FNSS Timetable Semester 1

CARRIED

R10-107 Financial Report for September Tofte/Gilbert
That the Board of Education receive and file the financial information provided.
CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Pandemic Committee Meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Education Committee
- Policy Committee
- Calendar Committee
- Green Committee
- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee

No committee reports

Chair Dolen informed the Board of Education that Trustee Maginel had called and was unable to drive home due to illness.

Chair Dolen

- Attended a meeting at the Town Hall with Minister Colin Hanson and a number of other dignitaries.
- Will send a letter to Minister Colin Hanson

Trustee Tofte

- Attended J.S. Clark Elementary School PAC meeting on Sept 23.

Chair Dolen will attend the GWC Pac Meeting on October 14.

Trustee Gilbert

- will be attending FNSS PAC on Wednesday October 13,
- attending BCSTA Provincial Council meeting next week,
- Trustee Gilbert shared his concerns with regards to class sizes.

Trustee Bumstead

- asked for a reminder on the attendance policy,
- Superintendent Samchuck indicated that nothing has changed. Principal Dolan met with the Grade 8/9 students and went through a discussion about attendance and the research findings affecting education. An attendance committee will be starting again
- Trustee Bumstead commented on the Graduation Transition Night offered

at Northern Lights College – very well done.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall - no report

Director of Instruction Irwin – no report

FNDTA Liaison S. Nay – no report

FNDTA President Y. Taylor

- A change to the Professional Development Days, did not realize that school pictures were booked on the 3rd of November and the FNDTA had to look at other options
- January 31 – Professional Development Day
- Feb 18 – District Professional Development Day – workshops to include a Boundary workshop and internet usage by teachers

Trustee Gilbert

Mentioned an item that was sent out on the legislative post with regards to video surveillance and a recommended read.

School District Good News Item

To publish the Graduation rates in the newspaper

R10-108


Adjournment

That the Board of Education adjourn the open meeting at 8:07 pm.
CARRIED

Gilbert/Tofte



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer