

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
September 15, 2009

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

Present: L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair
C. Maginel, Trustee
L. Bumstead, Trustee
D. Tofte, , Trustee

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

Yvette Taylor, FNDTA President
S. Nay, FNDTA Pro-D Chair

R09-214 Acceptance of the Agenda
That the Agenda be accepted as amended.
CARRIED

Bumstead/Maginel

Secretary-Treasurer Hall had 2 item to add:
6f. Policy 3240 – Gifts, Grants, Donations and Bequests
9a Banking Resolution

R09-215 Acceptance of the Minutes
That the minutes of the previous Closed Meeting of June 23, 2009 be accepted as amended.
CARRIED

Gilbert/Maginel

Trustee Gilbert would like the wording changed in the June 23, 2009 Board Minutes - pg 5 - R09-208
"Trustee Tofte & Trustee Gilbert stated that due to a potential perceived conflict of interest a contact was made to a representative from BCSTA, Judith Clark and that Trustees Tofte and Gilbert feel that they are not in a conflict of interest, as their spouses are both teachers, would not be impacted by our decisions tonight."

Query from Trustee Bumstead R09-213 – Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Inquiries from Open Agenda – Banking Service Charges – Business Arising

Report of Closed Items
• Critical Incident Debriefing

- Decision on February closure/Torch Relay
- Corporate Donations
- Request for Bussing support for Prophet River
- Unofficial Enrolment for September
- Suspension Report for June
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for June
- Bussing Information – BCSTA Survey
- Letter of Response from Ministry of Education
- Travel Report
- Staff Evaluations
- Exempt Staff Vacation Report
- Activity Bus
- Highlights of Changes to Budget

Business Arising

Trustee PAC Assignments - Determined at the June 23, 2009 Board Meeting

- RLA – Lorraine Bumstead
- GWC – Cath Maginel
- FNSS – Mike Gilbert
- JSC– Doug Tofte
- Toad – Linda Dolen

PAC Banking Charges – query

Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that she had not had a response but would be reviewing the banking contract. Trustee Bumstead indicated that she would like to see the PAC's reimbursed for any service charges that may have been incurred.

R09-216

Development of a Committee Structure/Meeting schedule
That the Board of Education provide direction on who may want to attend these meetings and appropriate meeting schedule.
CARRIED

Maginel/Bumstead

- Policy Committee – Oct 1, 5:00 p.m. – Cath Maginel, Linda Dolen
- Calendar Committee – Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m. – Lorraine Bumstead, Mike Gilbert + Stakeholders
- Finance Committee – Nov 2, 7:00 p.m.
- Education Committee – Nov. 12, time – Cath Maginel, Doug Tofte
- Green Committee – Nov. 16, 4:00 p.m. – Lorraine Bumstead, Cath Maginel, Doug Tofte
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Steering Committee – Linda Dolen
- School Growth Nov 3, 6:00 pm -give schools individual times (allotted 20 min) (Linda and Lorraine away)
- Finance Committee Meeting Nov 2, 7:00 p.m.

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| R09-217 | <p>Meeting Bylaw Update
That the Board of Education unanimously approve all 3 readings of the Bylaw #3 Board Meeting Proceedings.
CARRIED</p> | Maginel/Bumstead |
| R09-218 | <p>Bylaw #3
That the Board of Education adopt the Bylaw #3 – Board Meeting Proceedings.
CARRIED</p> | Gilbert/Bumstead |
| R09-219 | <p>Closed Board Discussion Start time 5:00 p.m.
That the Board of Education determine that the start time for discussion will be 5:00 p.m.
CARRIED</p> | Tofte/Maginel |
| R09-220 | <p>Closed Board Meeting times and dates
That the Board of Education confirm the start time for the Closed Board Meeting will be 5:30 p.m.
CARRIED</p> | Maginel/Bumstead |
| R09-221 | <p>Meeting date for Audit Presentation - Tues, Sept 29, 7:00 p.m.
That the Board of Education accept the date of September 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation from the auditor. A draft will be presented to Trustees if available prior to meeting.
CARRIED</p> | Maginel/Bumstead |
| R09-222 | <p>RLA Terry Fox Fundraising
That the Board of Education approve the fundraising request for the Terry Fox run as outlined.
CARRIED</p> <p>The Board requests that the school provide dates of fundraising events and post on the district events calendar.</p> | Bumstead/Gilbert |
| R09-223 | <p>Policy Amendment
Amend Policy 3240 gifts/grants , Donations and Bequest – March 4, 2003
That the Board of Education approve the removal of paragraph 2.
<i>“Solicitation of gifts, grants, donations and bequests is not sanctioned by the Board unless specifically cited in the fundraising plan and approved by the Board.”</i>
CARRIED</p> <p>A discussion took place around the ability to secure funds from corporations to enable the board to use the money forward to bridge the shortfall of funding in education. The way the policy is written it</p> | Tofte/Bumstead |

prevents the Board from doing so. A question was raised as to the allowing of advertising and the Board responded that as long as it does not negatively impact the students.

The Policy will be amended and distributed to all stakeholders.

R09-224	<p>Amendments to Staff List That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list. CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Gilbert
R09-225	<p>Banking Resolution (Secretary-Treasurer Hall) That the Board of Education authorize the administration to establish a gaming account and the signing authority be the same as the other school district accounts. CARRIED</p> <p>The establishment of this account allows us to access Community Links funding.</p> <p>Trustee Gilbert was opposed.</p>	Maginel/Bumstead
R09-226	<p>Education – Information That the Board of Education receive and file the following education information items. – Thank you from Nenas – Timelines for Workload – Community Report for University of Northern British Columbia CARRIED</p>	Maginel/Bumstead
R09-227	<p>Financial Report for July & August That the Board of Education receive and file the information provided. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Reports/inquiries/Inquiries from Open Agenda Trustee Maginel - nothing to add Vice-Chair Gilbert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- will attend FNSS PAC meeting tomorrow- expressed his concern over Annual Capital Grant funding and how it particularly impacts students <p>Trustee Bumstead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- will be attending Mug n Muffin tomorrow . <p>Trustee Tofte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- enjoyed the Productive Workplace Conversation Workshop- expressed his appreciation in bringing the training to the district,	Bumstead/Tofte

encourage the teachers to look at this training in the future and bringing more things to the community.

Chair Dolen

- expressed interest in considering level 2 of the Productive Workplace Conversation Workshop and consider offering Level 1 to staff
- Have been fairly active in BCPSEA conference calls, writing letters to politicians, Minister of Education, BCSTA president, with regards to lobbying for us
- wrote letters regarding cut back in funding to newspapers, was interviewed by staff in Fort St. John
- submitted report for presentation at the Northern Interior Branch conference
- had spoken to a Toad River resident and they are looking forward to the big plug in at the end of the month

Superintendent Samchuck

- Strong Start programs are really packed both JSC/GWC, town daycare has lots of 4 yr olds, so far the School District has 20 new students. If we have the same next year exciting potential
- Director of Instruction Irwin will be going to Fort St. John for an inservice through BCEL leadership series "train the trainer model" series of 3 workshops

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- expressed her surprise about the funding upon her return from holidays.
- this led to a decision to suggest working with a committee structure. It is the administration's hope to get a broad base of participant and active participants. With active participation we hope to have lots of information shared. The research required may increase the workload in the office and she hopes we can keep pace and have lots of valuable discussion.

Director of Instruction Irwin

- Reported that the government has also cut funding to 2 programs: Roots of Empathy and BC School Sports by \$1500

FNDTA President Yvette Taylor

- The FNDTA Professional Development Days - 3 day Pro-D workshop will be held October 21, 22, 23. All Board members invited to attend. Pro-D registration done on line this will cut back on work – hoping to do some fun things
- BCTF pension workshop October 28
- 7 exec FNDTA member attended a conference over the summer at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver

- Thank you to the Board for inviting FNDTA members to attend the Productive Workplace Conversation workshop those that attended really enjoyed it.

Sarah Nay – nothing to add

Query from Trustee Bumstead if the gross motor equipment had been installed. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that a draft for JSC had been sent to the company that designs the equipment and the cost came back way more than anticipated. GWC installation will be proceeding prior to scheduled recreation program start up.

R09-228

Adjournment

Bumstead/Maginel

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Linda Dolen
Chairperson

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer