

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
May 12, 2009

Call to order Vice-Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm

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

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

S. Payne, FNDTA
L. Kingsfield, FNDTA
Kaylene Miliken, FNSS Student
Cristina Conrad, FNSS Student

L. Dolen, Chair

Absent:
R09-189

Acceptance of the Agenda
That the Agenda be accepted as amended.
Secretary-Treasurer Hall, addition 6.e. Toad Local Calendar
Move Finance: Action - Trustee Compensation Item to next meeting when
all Trustees are present
CARRIED

Bumstead/Tofte

R09-190

Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting April 21, 2009.
CARRIED

Bumstead/Tofte

Report of Closed Items

- Light Retrofits
- Retirement Information
- Proposed Staff Salary adjustments
- GWC Janitorial
- Transfers In/Out for April
- Suspension Report for April
- District Discipline Review committee Report for April
- Toad River
- Budget Update

Presentation: LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay , Bi-Sexual, Transgender & Questioning)
A short video was presented to the Board of Education. Students Christina & Kayleen talked about the video and the student issues. Discussion followed around the scope of educating the school counsellors and what that would entail. Ms. Kingsfield advised the Board that the BCTF has trainers that would come to Fort Nelson at no cost to the Board. Secretary-Treasurer described the process to circulate the draft policy for 30 days then it will be discussed in an open meeting.

Vice-Chair Gilbert –commented that “while he supported the intent, he doesn’t agree with the identification of any one group or single group, the current harassment policy provides universal protection for all staff and students.

R09-191 That the Board of Education adopt the draft policy as written for circulation and input. Bumstead/Tofte
CARRIED

S. Payne, L, Kingsfield, and FNSS students left the meeting 7:53.

Business Arising:

Summary of Funds from Early Learning and Strong Start

Secretary-Treasurer Hall spoke to the outline provided with regards to the Early Learning Grant Status.

Vice-Chair Gilbert declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table at 7:55 pm.

R09-192 Early Learning Grant Equipment request from Chalo School Tofte/Bumstead
That the Board of Education approve the request as submitted in the amount of \$3292.40 for Chalo School.
CARRIED

Vice-Chair Gilbert returned to the table at 8:03 pm

R09-193 Playground Equipment Installations Bumstead/Maginei

- That the Board of Education authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to negotiate with Habitat for a piece of equipment for JS Clark, with the price not to exceed \$36,000.
- That the Board of Education authorize the balance of the funds from the Early Learning Grant to be assigned to the maintenance department to support the purchase of materials for the installation of the pieces of playground furniture and equipment district wide.
- That the Board of Education have the administration advise GWC Parent Advisory that the pieces of equipment they have purchased will be installed at no cost for labour and materials.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Hall discussed the items from last meeting, indicated that she had further discussion with the Maintenance Supervisor, \$15, 000 represented the borders and sand required for the installation of the playground pieces.

R09-193

Safety Committee Request

Maginel/Bumstead

That the Board of Education authorize the Safety Committee to approach safety companies for contributions to give away at a Safety Committee Family Picnic, date to be determined.

CARRIED

Trustee Tofte declared a conflict and withdrew from the table on this item.

R09-194

Toad River Calendar

Bumstead/Maginel

That the Board of Education approve the Toad River Calendar as presented.

CARRIED

The Toad River School would like to follow the intown school calendar with some odd Fridays off. Those dates to be determined. This will not impact the length of Toad River's school day significantly. They have found success having every other Friday off.

Questions of how this will impact secondary students, Superintendent Samchuck indicated that the District Vice-Principal of Technology is trying to work out a schedule that would allow the students to work independently and they may be able to participate in classes at Fort Nelson Secondary School on Fridays that they have off.

R09-195

Information

Bumstead/Tofte

That the Board of Education Sd#81 receive and file the following education, personnel information items:

- Amendments to the Staff List
- Principals' Reports

CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Secretary-Treasurer – no report
- Superintendent Samchuck – will be going with the Trades Class to view an Encana oil rig on Thursday, and to Toad River School on Friday.
- Trustee Bumstead – attended the GWC PAC magic show, will be attending the next meeting on May 21. She also attended the BCSTA AGM, she participated in 2 presentations –the NIB will be Sept. 25, 26, 2009 in Smithers, BC. 7 motions were passed at the BCSTA AGM – representation from the north really makes a difference.
- Trustee Tofte – no report

- Trustee Maginel - no report
- Vice-Chair Gilbert – has plans to attend a JSC PAC meeting Wednesday evening. He is also part of a delegation for the forestry council who met with town council to participate in discussions.
- Trustee Bumstead – brought forth a document listing school districts within the province with budget shortfalls.
- No stakeholder reports.

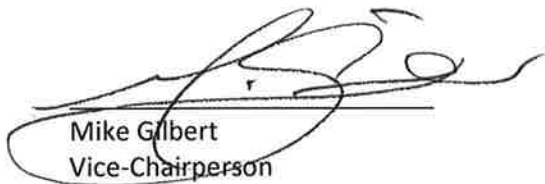
Economic Literacy (Trustee Bumstead)

Trustee Bumstead spoke on the topic of Economic Literacy. She presented an article by Kate Hammer with regards to the subject. She questioned if this was a topic that students participated in and how would one create a curriculum around this topic. The discussion focussed on what is available to students now and Superintendent Samchuck indicated that she would inquire as to what is being delivered to students.

R09-196

Adjournment
8:44 pm

Maginel/Bumstead



Mike Gilbert
Vice-Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer