

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
November 25, 2008

Call to Order

Chairperson Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present

M. Gilbert, Chair

L. Bumstead, Trustee

A. Karassowitsch, Trustee (telephone)

L. Dolen, Trustee

D. Tofte, Trustee Elect

D. Samchuck, Superintendent

M. Hall, Secretary Treasurer

K. Unruh, Recording Secretary

Y. Taylor, FNDTA President

N. Lachance, FNDTA Liaison (7:35pm)

R08-117

Acceptance of Agenda

Dolen/Karassowitsch

That the Agenda be accepted as presented .

CARRIED

R08-118

Acceptance of Minutes

Karassowitsch/Dolen

That the minutes of the Open Meeting October 14, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Report of Closed Items

Janitor Contract

Transfers In/Out

Out of School Suspensions

District Discipline Review Committee

Organization of Schools

Fiberoptic Line at Toad River – waiting for a letter from NWT regarding costs.

R08-119

School Growth Plans

Dolan/Bumstead

That the Board of Education School District #81 approve the RLA, FNSS and Toad River School Growth Plans as presented.

CARRIED

- R08-120 JSC Fundraising Plan Bumstead/Dolen
That the Board of Education School District #81 approve the JS Clark Fundraising plan in the amount of \$7,100.
CARRIED
- R08-121 GWC Fundraising Plan Bumstead/Karassowitsch
That the Board of Education School District #81 approve the GW Carlson Fundraising plan in the amount of \$8,550.
CARRIED
- R08-122 Toad River Fundraising Plan Dolen/Karassowitsch
That the Board of Education School District #81 approve the Toad River School Fundraising plan in the amount of \$12,000.
CARRIED

Trustee Bumstead stated that chocolate sales may have to be reviewed in fundraising plans in the future because of the healthy living initiatives the school district promotes.

- R08-123 2009/10 Professional Development Days Dolen/Karassowitsch
That the Board of Education School District #81 approve Pro D Days for 2009 / 2010 as Wednesday, October 21 to Friday, October 23, 2009 (3 days).
CARRIED
- R08-124 Locally Developed Course (Board Authorized) Karassowitsch/Dolen
That the Board of Education School District #81 authorize the BAA
Community
Leadership 12 (YCML12) course as a locally developed course.
CARRIED
- R08-125 Trustee Orientation Karassowitsch/Dolen
That the Board of Education School District #81 hold a Trustee Orientation on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at a time to be determined by first class message.
CARRIED
- R08-126 Amendments to the Staff List Dolen/Karassowitsch
That the Board of Education School District #81 ratify the amendments to the staff list.
CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck advised that all resignations were being reviewed carefully for filling; job loss due to attrition rather than layoff if the economic climate does not change in the district.

FNDTA Joint Committee/Liaison will meet on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 5:00 pm for all Trustees who are able to attend. It was agreed that a meeting schedule would be developed for every two months and meetings can be cancelled if there are no agenda items.

- R08-127 Board Office Closure Dolen/Karassowitsch
That the Board of Education School District #81 approve the Board Office hours of 9:00 am to 12:30 pm for all work days during Christmas Break.
CARRIED
- R08-128 Information Dolen/Bumstead
That the Board of Education SD #81 receive and file the following education, personnel, facilities/services and finance information items:
- 2008/09 Graduation Statistics
 - BCSTA Provincial Council Notes
 - Letters of Congratulations to Fort Nelson Teacher of the Year and Youth of the Year
 - Principal's Reports
 - Reading File
 - Finance Report October 31, 2008
- CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

Trustee Karassowitch – referred to his BCSTA Provincial Council report.

Trustee Bumstead – attended the BCPSEA Symposium and reported on the sessions she took part in.

Trustee Dolen – attended the BCSTA NIB meeting; the BCPSEA Symposium. She also attended the Aboriginal Education meeting and the FNSS Assembly.

Secretary Treasurer Hall – attended the BCPSEA Symposium and advised of the excellent presentations. She also reported on the Safety Committee training and the excellent relationship we have in the district in regards to working together.

Superintendent Samchuck – reported on the Aboriginal Education meeting and the involvement of students on the committee. She will be attending the Superintendent's Conference this week.

Chair Gilbert – attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony on behalf of the District. He also reported on the success of the Rachel's Challenge presentation.

Stakeholder Inquiries-

FNDTA President Y. Taylor reported that they are preparing for next year's professional development days and that they are planning to advertise the workshop provincially. All suggestions and ideas are welcome.

R08-129

Adjournment

Dolen/Bumstead

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

Mike Gilbert
Chairperson

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer