

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
September 24, 2013

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
L. Bumstead, Trustee
M. Gilbert, Trustee
D. Tofte, Trustee
E. Ashdown, Trustee
D. Samchuck, Superintendent of Schools
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Umpherville, Recording Secretary

Guests:

L. Kuisma
K. Martin

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

R13-363 Acceptance of Agenda Tofte/Ashdown
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

Change: Audit Presentation to be Special Open Meeting, Wednesday,
September 25, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

R13-364 Acceptance of the Minutes Bumstead/Tofte
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the June 25, 2013
Open Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Report on items from the Closed Agenda:
September 25, 2013

- Board Self Evaluation
- Update on reduced enrolment

October 10, 2013

- Cooperative Gains Mandate Savings Plan

Presentation:

Governor General's Award – Kaitlin Kuisma (Lisa Kuisma on Kaitlin's behalf). Chair Dolen described the Governor General's Award. The Governor General's Award is a most prestigious award presented to a student with the highest grade average in a Secondary School. Chair Dolen presented the award to Mrs. Lisa Kuisma, accepting the award on her daughter's behalf. Kaitlin was the recipient for 2013. Kaitlin

was not available to receive the award.

L. Kuisma and K. Martin left the meeting at 6:08 pm.

R13-365 Mileage Allowance Costs Gilbert/Bumstead
 That the Board of Education bring this forward to the next Budget meeting.
 CARRIED

R13-366 Policy 1112 Ashdown/Gilbert
 That the Board of Education waive the intent of Policy 1112 for L. Bumstead, Trustee, for the November Board meetings, due to the nature of her trip – educational/humanitarian.
 CARRIED
 This Policy is to be brought forward for review.

R13-367 Trustee Committee Assignments Bumstead/Tofte
 That the Board of Education confirm the following committee appointments/representations.

COMMITTEES	2013/2014 APPOINTMENTS
GWC PAC	Trustee Ashdown
JSC PAC	Trustee Bumstead
RLA PAC	Trustee Gilbert
FNSS PAC	Trustee Tofte
Toad River PAC	Chair Dolen
BCPSEA REP.	Trustee Bumstead
BCPSEA REP. (Alt)	Trustee Dolen
BCSTA Prov. Council	Trustee Gilbert
BCSTA Prov. Council (Alt)	Trustee Ashdown
Negotiating Team (teachers)	Chair Dolen Trustee Bumstead
Negotiation Team (BCGEU)	Trustee Tofte Trustee Ashdown Chair Dolen
NIB Rep	Chair Dolen
NIB Rep (Alt)	Trustee Ashdown
Pro d Committee	Trustee Tofte
Pro d Committee (Alt)	Trustee Gilbert
Aboriginal Ed. Committee	Chair Dolen
Aboriginal Ed. Committee (Alt.)	Trustee Ashdown Trustee Tofte
Policy Review Committee	All trustees
Green Committee	All Trustees
Finance Committee	All trustees
Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee	Trustee Tofte

CARRIED

R13-368	<p>2013/2014 Amended Local School Calendar That the Board of Education approve the Amended 2013/2014 Local School Calendar as presented. Amendment – Non-Instructional day changed from November 22, 2013 to November 19, 2013. CARRIED</p>	Gilbert/Tofte
R13-369	<p>2013/2014 Amended Toad River School Calendar That the Board of Education approve the Amended 2013/2014 Toad River School Calendar as presented. Amendment – Non-Instructional day changed from November 22, 2013 to November 19, 2013. CARRIED</p>	Gilbert/Bumstead
R13-370	<p>Amendments to the Staff List That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list. CARRIED</p>	Gilbert/Bumstead
R13-371	<p>5 Year Capital Plan That the Board of Education adopt the 5 Year Capital Plan as presented. CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Ashdown
R13-372	<p>BCSTA Letter and Superintendent's Report That the Board of Education receive and file the Education Information items as presented. CARRIED</p>	Gilbert/Tofte
R13-373	<p>Maintenance Summer Work Report That the Board of Education receive and file the report as presented. CARRIED</p>	Ashdown/Bumstead
R13-374	<p>Unofficial Enrollment & Community Connections Letter That the Board of Education receive and file the enrolment projection numbers as presented and the Community Connections Final Letter. CARRIED <u>Trustee/Reports Inquiries/Stakeholder/Public Inquiries</u></p>	Tofte/Gilbert

Trustee Ashdown

- Attended Grad appeals
- Attended BCSTA Conference call
- Visited Toad River -- saw new playground equipment
- Attended BCSTA Conference in August
- Attended District Breakfast
- Commend District Staff for production of Welcome Back brochure

Trustee Tofte

- Attended BCSTA conference call
- Attended District Breakfast
- Attended 1st FNSS PAC meeting for this school year

Trustee Gilbert

- Attended July BCSTA Conference call
- Attended District Breakfast
- Will be attending first RLA PAC Meeting on Thursday, Sept 26
- Formally acknowledged summer maintenance work

Trustee Bumstead

- Attended Grad Appeals
- Spoke with Principal Arva and Ms. Harrold regarding PAC, but did not attend 1st meeting
- Attended JSC Mug 'n Muffin -- noted the new bright colours in the office
- Attended Conference Call -- Sep 19
- Attended District Breakfast
- Thanked Board for allowing request to miss 2 meetings in November
- Noted our District goes above and beyond -- FNSS accommodated for a haircut last minute
- Noted it was positive to see adult learners in the FNSS Cosmetology program

Chair Dolen

- Attended Toad River Year End -- also has already been invited for Toad River Christmas
- Attended BCSTA Conference calls and CUPE calls
- Appointed to the BCSTA Provincial Aboriginal Education Committee and attended meeting in July
- Attended Board Chair meeting Sept 5
- Board should take opportunities to attend events that save District money
- Attended District Breakfast

Superintendent Samchuck

- EDI results came through -- also to be discussed at Northern Rockies Children and Family Action Committee meeting.
- Colour coding changed, but no significant change from wave 5 to wave 4 -- our District came in at 22% and provincially 32.5%. Statistically wave 4 & wave 5 are the same. Since starting out, SD 81 has gained in standings. All information is available on the HELP BC site
- FN News interviewed on enrolment etc

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- Critical Provincial CUPE agreement reached.
- We have been approached by BCGEU out of Fort St. John and SD 81 must sign off on deal by December 22, 2013
- Setting tentative bargaining dates of October 29 & 30, 2013 and also November 19 & 20, but hoping not have to use second round of dates

FNDTA Liaison

- Excited for the upcoming year, and happy to be a part
- Attended Truth and Reconciliation Conference – has lots of resources to share and trying to build awareness

FNDTA President

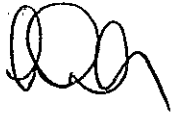
- Held wine & cheese gathering at the end of last year and they will be having another this school year
- Inviting Board of Education to a Social Gathering on May 29, 2014
- Has been working closely with Superintendent Samchuck and would like to thank her for her compassion with FNDTA layoff issues and also pleased that Secretary-Treasurer and Board Office staff always available to her
- Discussion over declining enrollment and layoff situation

R13-375

Adjournment

That the Board of Education adjourn at 7:18
CARRIED

Gilbert/Bumstead



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer