

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
5:00 pm

Tuesday
January 21, 2014

In Attendance:

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

Guests:

S. Payne, President, FNDTA
S. Kenney, FNDTA Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

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| R14-001 | Acceptance of the Agenda as amended
That the Board of Education accept the Agenda as amended, with the addition of:
Facilities/Service – Action: a. FNSS Project – Phase 2
CARRIED | Gilbert/Bumstead |
| R14-002 | Acceptance of the Minutes
That the Board of Education accept the minutes as read, of the Open Meeting of December 17, 2013.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |

Annual Review of Board Chair & Vice Chair

The Secretary-Treasurer asked for nominations to the position of Board Chair on the Board of Education of School District #81 (Fort Nelson), for the first time. Trustee Bumstead nominated Linda Dolen for Board Chair and Trustee Gilbert seconded the nomination. The Secretary-Treasurer asked for nominations to the position of Board Chair for the second time and a third time without any further response each time. As no further nominations were received for the position of Board Chair, the Secretary-Treasurer declared Linda Dolen as Chair of the Board of Education for the 2013/2014 year.

Board Chair Dolen asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair on the Board of Education of School District #81 (Fort Nelson) for the first time. Trustee Gilbert nominated Lorraine Bumstead for Vice Chair and Trustee Ashdown seconded the

nomination. Board Chair Dolen asked for nominations to the position of Vice Chair for the second time and a third time without any further response each time. As no further nominations were received for the position of Vice Chair, Board Chair Dolen declared Lorraine Bumstead as Vice Chair of the Board of Education for the 2013/2014 year.

Campaign Finance Reform for local elections
Discussion took place.
Chair Dolen to draft something up for the Board's perusal.

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| R14-003 | GWC Carlson Elementary PAC Fundraising Plan
That the Board of Education approve the GW Carlson Elementary PAC Fundraising Plan Amendment increase to include soliciting businesses for donations.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| R14-004 | FNSS Project – Phase 2
That the Board of Education award the contract for Phase 2 to Vector and approve up to \$250,000 from the operating surplus to help cover the costs of the project.
CARRIED
Trustees Gilbert and Bumstead opposed the motion. | Tofte/Ashdown |
| R14-005 | That the Board of Education authorize Secretary-Treasurer Hall to prepare a letter to send to the Ministry of Education.
CARRIED
Lengthy discussion took place. Chair Dolen would like a copy of the letter to take to the NIB. | Gilbert/Ashdown |
| R14-006 | Carbon Neutral Capital Program Bylaw #126601
That the Board of Education approve all three readings of the Carbon Neutral Capital Program Bylaw #126601.
Read a First time the 21 st Day of January, 2014.
Read a Second time the 21 st Day of January, 2014.
Read a Third time the 21 st Day of January, 2014.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| R14-007 | That the Board of Education adopt the Carbon Neutral Capital Program Bylaw #126601 in the amount of \$9765.
CARRIED | Bumstead/Ashdown |
| R14-008 | Amended 2013/2014 Annual Budget
That the Board of Education approve three readings of the 2013/2014 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw
Read a First time the 21 st Day of January, 2014
Read a Second time the 21 st Day of January, 2014
Read a Third time the 21 st Day of January, 2014
CARRIED | Bumstead/Tofte |

R14-009	That the Board of Education adopt the Amended 2013/2014 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$11,318,777. CARRIED	Tofte/Ashdown
R14-010	Superintendent's Report That the Board of Education receive and file the report as presented. CARRIED	Bumstead/Ashdown
R14-011	Amendments to the Staff List That the Board of Education receive and file the information as presented. CARRIED	Ashdown/Tofte
R14-012	Monthly Financial Reports That the Board of Education receive and file the information as presented. CARRIED	Bumstead/Gilbert

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

Trustee Ashdown

- Attended GWC PAC meeting on January 13, 2014
- Wanted to let Board members know of a future proposal from the GWC PAC regarding an outside garden. Once a proposal is received than it can be presented to the Board of Education

Trustee Gilbert

- Will be attending RLA PAC meeting January 23, 2014
- Will attend the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting in February
- Hoping to attend Inquiry Based Learning classes on Thursday and Friday this week
- Has an ongoing concern about levels of funding and the decrease of surplus.

Trustee Tofte

- Attended the Tender opening with Secretary-Treasurer Hall in December
- Attended FNSS PAC meeting
- Reminder of the Beauty and the Beast play this weekend

Vice Chair Bumstead

- Attended the JSC Christmas Concert
- Delivered chocolates to GWC and JSC
- Last JSC PAC meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for February 13, 2014
- Question posed to Secretary-Treasurer Hall with regards to development of School Usage policy. FNSS Ventilation and the budget have been the priority since returning from Winter Break. Secretary-Treasurer to draft a policy and will be calling a meeting
- Happy to be back

Chair Dolen

- Attended GWC Christmas Concert
- Will be attending the NIB meeting next week
- There is a BCPSEA AGM on Friday this week, but the Board elected not to go
- Inquired about Kindergarten Registration. Registration is currently taking place this week

Superintendent Samchuck

- Activities are all located in this month's report

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- School Usage Policy – meetings were hosted at all schools to try to get more input from staff and received valuable feedback from those who attended. Hope to have the policy ready in the next couple of weeks along with a policy for Daycare Usage
- Will be partnering with Lori Gilbert for Earth Day and will set up another Green Meeting once a plan is in place

FNDTA President

- With teachers laid off and now insufficient funding to address failing structure, along with a request from parents to bring in a physical education program, concerns were voiced over the amount of surplus monies reported at the last Board meeting. Time for the Ministry to start supplying districts with funding.
- Hoping teachers on the recall list will find something next year.
- Teachers are currently busy with semester and term start-up.
- Some members are attending school rep. training this weekend.
- A BCTF facilitator will be coming up for Health & Safety Training on January 27, 2014

FNDTA Liaison

- Gave encouragement to the Board with regards to the letter to be written to the Ministry. Was involved with procuring funding years ago, and was informed that when a member of parliament reads one letter, it is considered like hearing 100 voices due to community support.

R14-013

Adjourn

Bumstead/Gilbert

That the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm

CARRIED



Linda Dolen
Chair



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer