

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Tuesday  
November 4, 2014

In Attendance:

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

Guests:

G. Bumstead - Community member  
L. Mould – Community member  
S. Rees – Community member  
Y. Taylor – Community member  
G. Gerwing – FNDTA President  
P. Nelson – FNDTA Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

R14-117      Agenda      Gilbert/Tofte  
That the Board of Education accept the Agenda with the addition under Presentation for L. Bumstead.  
CARRIED

R14-118      Minutes      Gilbert/Bumstead  
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Open Meeting on October 14, 2014.  
CARRIED

Report on Closed Items:

- Board Evaluation
- Facility Use Fee Structure

Presentation:

The Board of Education presented a plaque to Trustee Bumstead in honour of her 9 years of service to the School District as a member on the Board.

G. Bumstead, L. Mould and S. Rees left the meeting at 6:17 pm.

R14-119      Policy 2270 – Facility Use      Gilbert/Bumstead  
That the Board of Education approve Policy 2270 with identified changes, for distribution for 30 days.  
CARRIED  
Lengthy discussion ensued.

R14-120	<p>Policy Section 5000</p> <p>That the Board of Education adopt Policy 5010 – Attendance, Policy 5020 – Release of Children to Adults, Policy 5450 – Critical Incident Response.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Tofte/Bumstead
R14-121	<p>That the Board of Education approve the removal of Policy 5120 – Promotion/Retention, Policy 5150 – Awards for Achievement/Scholarship, Policy 5240 – Illicit Substances, policy 5420 – Ambulance Calls, Policy 5430 – Emergency Evacuation and Policy 5440 – Bomb Threats.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Gilbert/Bumstead
R14-122	<p>JS Clark Elementary Fundraising Plans</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$13,000.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Busmtead/Tofte
R14-123	<p>That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$8,600.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Ashdown/Tofte
R14-124	<p>GW Carlson Elementary Fundraising Plan</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the GW Carlson Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$7,000.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Tofte/Ashdown
R14-125	<p>RL Angus Elementary Fundraising Plan</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$7,500.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Gilbert/Bumstead
R14-126	<p>Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plans</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School in the amount of \$28,999.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Tofte/Bumstead
R14-127	<p>That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Field Trip Fundraising Plan for the Cosmetology Department in the amount of \$4,300.00.</p>	Bumstead/Gilbert
R14-128	<p>Toad River Fundraising Plans</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$5,000.00 and to solicit funds and donations from local businesses to support Toad River Run activities.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Gilbert/Ashdown
R14-129	<p>That the Board of Education approve the Toad River Field Trip Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$1,850.00 for a trip to Fort Nelson in Spring 2015.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Tofte/Gilbert

BCSTA Budget Planning

The Board of Education held a discussion over what input to give to BCSTA.

- R14-130 Proposed Changes of Inaugural/First Board Meeting  
That the Board of Education approve the Inaugural/First Board Meeting of the newly elected Board of Education be changed from December 2, 2014 to December 9, 2014  
CARRIED
- Gilbert/Tofte

Superintendent's Report and Enrolment Report

- Superintendent Samchuck reviewed the enrolment numbers with the Board.
- Finished Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) Report and reviewed the information to the Board. The Superintendent will present the report at the next Board meeting.

- R14-131 That the Board of Education receive and file the information items as presented.  
CARRIED
- Bumstead/Tofte

- R14-132 Staff Amendments and WCB Appeal  
That the Board of Education receive and file the information presented.  
CARRIED
- Gilbert/Ashdown

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

Trustee Gilbert

- WCB Appeal – brought this information forward to discuss with Board members as he is concerned about the implications for our employees. Secretary-Treasurer Hall has sent a message to BCPSEA, but is awaiting a reply.

- R14-133 That the Board of Education amend Policy 2210 to provide \$2.00 per student to assist PAC's in the work they do for our students.
- Gilbert/Bumstead

That the motion be revised to: That the Board of Education table the motion to amend Policy 2210 to provide \$2.00 per student to assist PAC's in the work they do for our students; with the understanding that the motion will come back.

CARRIED

Trustee Ashdown

- Would like to give wish everyone well that is running for Trustee this term.

Trustee Tofte

- Thank you to Trustee Bumstead. Trustee Tofte learned a lot from her and appreciates it.

- Good luck to whoever is running and everyone get out and vote on November 15, 2014.

#### Trustee Bumstead

- Attended JSC PAC meeting.
- It has been great; a growing and challenging experience. Trustee Bumstead has enjoyed her time on the Board and is proud and happy to say she contributed 9 years of service.

#### Chair Dolen

- Thanked Board members for the respect and contributions that each one of them made. It is great to see that we can agree to disagree and discuss things.
- Thank you to Trustee Bumstead
- Attended several meetings in the last few weeks – a BCSTA symposium – went over points; an Aboriginal Education meeting – had an audit team called in and discussed a number of Aboriginal Education items from across the province; and finally a BCPSEA meeting.
- Thanked Trustee Bumstead for 9 years of service.
- Thank you to Yvette Taylor and Bill Dolan for running for Trustee, as it is always good to have a vote.

#### Superintendent Samchuck

- We have had a larger staff turnover and a lot of unexpected illness this year. We still have a Grade 7 position to fill; a maternity leave coming up and two possible medical leaves in January.
- The Superintendent would like to have the Board of Education get the Ministry of Education to recognize the issues of recruiting in a small rural district.

R14-134

Gilbert/Ashdown

That the Board of Education write a letter to BCSTA, the Minister of Education and NIB suggesting that they recognize that small rural districts like ours need extra ways to attract teachers to Fort Nelson.

CARRIED

- Superintendent Samchuck informed the Board that a meeting for School Growth Plans needs to be set – these were due October 31, but everything is backed up 2 weeks later – she will email options.

#### Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- Staff turnover started with the Teachers, then BCGEU and it has finally hit the School Board Office. Everyone is working incredibly hard with the absence of the receptionist. The receptionist position was offered this afternoon.
- Has not heard anything on BCGEU money going to transition with money received on picket line.

- Thank you to the Board and Trustee Bumstead – it has been a great experience.
- Wish everyone well in the pending election.

FNDTA President

- Nothing to Report

FNDTA Liaison

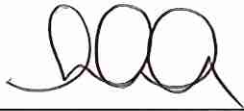
- Nothing to Report

R14-135

Adjournment

That the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.  
CARRIED

Gilbert/Tofte



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Linda Dolen  
Chair



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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer