

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
October 14, 2014

In Attendance:

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

G. Gerwing, FNDTA President
P. Nelson, FNDTA Liaison

Absent:

L. Bumstead, Vice-Chair

Guests:

R. Irwin, District Principal
M. Theobald, Principal, FNSS
L. MacNeil, Principal, FNSS
S. Kenney, Staff Member
K. Newsome, Staff Member
E. Roberts, Parent
J. Roberts, Student
J. Roberts, Parent
G. Dogherty, Staff Member
L. Gilbert, Staff Member
N. Scott, Staff Member
L. Woodworth, Staff Member
K. Powley, Parent
B. Powley, Parent
M. Powley, Student
D. Johnstone, Staff Member
S. Nay, Staff Member

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Agenda

Two additions to the Agenda:

1. Presentations of Student Awards for the Governor General Medal and UNBC Scholarship
2. Personnel – 7a. Ratification of the BCGEU Contract

R14-107	That the Board of Education approve the amended Agenda. CARRIED	Gilbert/Tofte
R14-108	Acceptance of Minutes That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Open Meeting on September 23, 2014 CARRIED	Ashdown/Gilbert
R14-109	That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Special Open Meeting on October 1, 2014 CARRIED	Gilbert/Tofte

Presentations:

Governor General Academic Award
Presented to Janelle Roberts
The Governor General's Academic Medal was created by Lord Dufferin, Canada's third Governor General after Confederation

in 1873. This medal is awarded to the student graduating with the highest grade point average. Famous recipients of this medal include Pierre Trudeau, Tommy Douglas and Adrienne Clarkson. The winner of this year's Governor General's Award is Janelle Roberts, who graduated in June with a Grade 11 and 12 grade point average of 95.5%.

UNBC Scholarship

Presented to William Matthew Powley

The UNBC Scholars program recognizes outstanding grade 11 students in northern BC and the Yukon for their academic achievement and encourages them to attend UNBC. The scholarship will take the form of a waiver of full tuition costs and course fees to a maximum of 120 credits (or the number of credits required for a Bachelor's degree).

Students do not apply to be UNBC Scholars. Rather, at the conclusion of the academic year, each highschool in northern BC & Yukon will nominate the one student from their school with the highest grade point average at the end of grade 11 (minimum 80%). Schools are asked to nominate their top student whether or not the student has identified UNBC as the institution of choice for his/her future academic plans.

Grade Point Average for Scholars will be calculated from six courses: English 11, Pre-Calculus 11, three other academic courses and one elective. In Grade 11, Matthew Powley had a grade point average of 88.8%

Staff Appreciation Awards:

The following staff members were presented with service awards:

3 Years of Service

Kim Newsome
Genevieve Dogherty

20 Years of Service

Lori Woodworth

5 Years of Service

Shirley Kenney
Natasha Scott

25 Years of Service

Sherry Payne

Sarah Nay
David Johnstone

30 Years of Service

Lori Gilbert

The Board of Education recognized the staff members for their commitment and thanked them for their years of service.

Trustee Tofte and the following guests left the meeting at 6:30 pm: R. Irwin, M. Theobald, L. MacNeil, S. Kenney, K. Newsome, E. Roberts, J. Roberts, J. Roberts, G. Dogherty, L. Gilbert, N. Scott, L. Woodworth, K. Powley, B. Powley, M. Powley, D. Johnstone, S. Nay

R14-110	Policy 2260 – Advertising/Promotion and Communication That the Board of Education adopt Policy 2260. CARRIED	Ashdown/Gilbert
R14-111	Policy 2280 – Use of School Board Property by Licensed Child Care Providers That the Board of Education adopt Policy 2280. CARRIED	Ashdown/Gilbert
R14-112	Policy Section 6000 That the Board of Education authorize distribution of Policy 6210 – Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses; Policy 6220 – Field Trips and Policy 6230 – Child Abuse and Neglect Education for 30 days for stakeholder input. CARRIED	Gilbert/Ashdown
R14-113	BCGEU Ratification of Contract That the Board of Education ratify the BCGEU contract. CARRIED Trustee Gilbert feels that the compensation is inadequate for our employees, but he will support the contract, as our local BCGEU has agreed to it.	Ashdown/Gilbert
R14-114	Education Information That the Board of Education receive and file the following informational items presented: FNSS Band 2013-2014 Fundraising Reconciliation; BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition letter; BCSTA – Trustee Academy letter; Projected Enrolment; and the Superintendent’s Report. CARRIED	Gilbert/Ashdown
R14-115	Staff Amendments That the Board of Education receive and file the report presented. CARRIED	Ashdown/Gilbert

Trustee Reports/inquiries/Celebrations

Trustee Ashdown

- Attended GWC PAC meeting
- Attended BCGEU bargaining
- Would like to congratulate all who received awards this evening

Trustee Gilbert

- Attended Aboriginal Audit
- Stacy Holloway coming to work with the Regional District with organizational development. May be beneficial to bring her in to work with the new Board.

Chair Dolen

- Attended private session for the Aboriginal Audit
- Attended the Board session for the Aboriginal Audit along with Trustee Tofte and Trustee Bumstead
- Attended BCGEU bargaining with Trustee Ashdown and

Trustee Tofte

Superintendent Samchuck

- Most activities are enclosed in her report
- Will need to re-look at the Smoking Policy with regards to adding e-cigarettes, but until that time has authorized FNSS to treat them the same as cigarettes
- Got a phone call after the audit to clarify policies they did not understand. They also emphasized to the Board that including non-aboriginal students in aboriginal education would need to be including in the Aboriginal Enhancement agreement. They again commented on how it was nice to hear the staff enjoying their jobs

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- Had a successful day of BCGEU bargaining.
- Sat in with P. Burt and J. Chicago regarding the replacement of PLNet.
- Spending the next 3 days going over BCGEU job descriptions and evaluations

G. Gerwing, FNDTA President

- Nothing to report

P. Nelson, FNDTA Liaison

- Nothing to report

R14-116

Adjournment

Gilbert/Ashdown

That the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm

CARRIED

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer