

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
March 3, 2015

In Attendance:

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

Guests:

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

Call to Order

Chair L. Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair L. Dolen called for any additions to the Agenda. One addition was noted: Facilities – Action: a. Carbon Neutral Capital Program. Chair L. Dolen called for any further additions. As no further additions were identified, Chair L. Dolen declared the Amended Agenda be accepted.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Chair L. Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of February 10, 2015. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair L. Dolen declared the minutes accepted.

Report on Closed Items:

Administrative Contracts
IT Inquiry
Vision Statement
Recruitment/Retention strategy
Personnel Item
Estimated Budget

Community Garden

The Secretary-Treasurer had a meeting with a representative from the Farmer's Institute and they would like to continue with their use of the space for another 3 year term. This year, they will plant tall grains in the empty plots, so they do not become overrun with the

weeds. The Secretary-Treasurer is confident the Community Garden will be more esthetically pleasing than last year.

R15-012 FNSS Band 2016 Field Trip and Fundraising M. Gilbert/E. Ashdown
That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary and RL Angus Elementary Band field Trip and Fundraising Plan for a proposed Band Trip in May, 2016.
CARRIED

Roles & Responsibilities of Trustees
Discussion ensued.

R15-013 Policy Section 1000 E. Ashdown/D. Tofte
That the Board of Education adopt the Policies in Section 1000 with the identified changes.
CARRIED

R15-014 Policy Section 7000 B. Dolan/D. Tofte
That the Board of Education delete Policy Section 7000.
CARRIED

R15-015 2015/16 Carbon Neutral Capital Program Bylaw #126849 B. Dolan/E. Ashdown
That the Board of Education approve all three readings of the Carbon Neutral Capital Program Bylaw #126849.
Read a First time the 3rd Day of March, 2015.
Read a Second time the 3rd Day of March, 2015.
Read a Third time the 3rd Day of March, 2015.
CARRIED

R15-016 That the Board of Education adopt the Carbon Neutral Capital E. Ashdown/M. Gilbert
Program Bylaw #126849 in the amount of \$60,000.
CARRIED

R15-017 Education Information B. Dolan/D. Tofte
That the Board of Education file the Education Information Items received: Superintendent's Report, Shoulder Tapping Report.
CARRIED

R15-018 Personnel Information M. Gilbert/B. Dolan
That the Board of Education file the Personnel Information items received: Staff Amendments, Letter from Ministry of Finance.
CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations
BCSTA Meeting Schedule – Chair L. Dolen requested that these dates be put on the Board Calendar.

Northern Trustee Meeting

Chair L. Dolan received a request from a Fort St. John Trustee for a meeting between School Districts 59, 60 and 81. After discussion with other Trustees it has been decided to send a letter requesting the meeting be set up by conference call.

Chair L. Dolan

- Missed a conference call on the 25th, but there is another one next Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 by call in.
- Recently attended the Ab. Ed. Provincial Committee.
- Ordered a Residential School kit and gave to the Superintendent.

Vice Chair M. Gilbert

- Attended BCSTA Provincial Council – the Deputy Minister made a commitment to speak to our Board regarding recruitment and retention. There may also be a series of regional meetings with the Minister to solicit opinion.
- Unable to attend RLA PAC.

Trustee Tofte

- Attended RLA PAC meeting in Vice Chair Gilbert's place.

Trustee Ashdown

- Attended the Anti-Bullying assembly at FNSS.
- Took part in Science Fair judging at RLA.
- Attended the first day of Pro-D at FNSS and was really impressed with Chris Wejr.
- Noted that Mr. Martin was on CBC talking about the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative, stating that there are over 1000 schools involved and doing it throughout the year. The Superintendent confirmed that we continue throughout the year as well.
- Free pancake breakfast at the Friendship Centre on Friday
- Having an issue with GWC PAC meetings – they are held on the first Tuesday of the month, so there is the occasional conflict with Board meetings, but Trustee Ashdown always follows up with the Principal.

Trustee Dolan

- Took part in Science Fair judging at RLA – impressed with organization.
- Attended Pink Day at FNSS – would like to commend Kanta and the Friends of Rachel group.
- Attended JSC PAC .
- Attended both days of Pro-D at FNSS.

Superintendent

- Most is covered in the report submitted to the Board. There will be Inservice Days April 16 and 17.

Secretary-Treasurer

- Policy Meeting – March 16th.
- Earth Day Celebration – Phoenix Theatre – May 20th.
- Trying to arrange a Green Committee meeting.

FNDTA President

- Nothing to report.

FNDTA Liaison

- Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Chair L. Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Linda Dolen
Chair



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer