

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Tuesday  
April 14, 2015

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

L. Dolan, Chair

Guests:

Peter Smith, Northern Rocky Mountain Enterprises Ltd.

Call to Order

Vice-Chair M. Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice-Chair M. Gilbert called for any additions or changes to the Agenda. One deletion was noted – 6d. Policy 1000 Section – these policies were adopted at the last Board meeting in March. With no further additions or deletions identified, Vice-Chair M. Gilbert declared the amended Agenda to be accepted.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Vice-Chair M. Gilbert called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of March 3, 2015. As no errors or omissions were identified, Vice-Chair M. Gilbert declared the Open Minutes of March 3, 2015 accepted as presented.

Report on Closed Items:

Personnel Contract  
Annual Rental Review  
Vacation Report  
Tech Budget  
Budget Information

Presentation

Mr. Peter Smith presented the Board of Education with a proposal for weed control spraying at the various school fields in the District. The information was received, and Vice-Chair M. Gilbert advised that when a decision was made, that Mr. Smith would be informed.

R15-019 Policy 2110 & Policy 4050 D. Tofte/B. Dolan  
That the Board of Education distribute Policy 2110 – Parent Advisory Council and Policy 4050 – Bullying/Harassment/Sexual Harassment in the Workplace for 30 days for stakeholder input.  
CARRIED

R15-020 Policy 2150 B. Dolan/E. Ashdown  
That the Board of Education distribute Policy 2150 – Volunteers for 30 days for stake holder input with the addition to Guideline 1.2 of: "... during structured instructional activity".  
CARRIED

R15-021 Monthly Financial Statements – February/March B. Dolan/D. Tofte  
That the Board of Education file the information as presented.  
CARRIED

#### Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

##### Trustee E. Ashdown

- Inquired about Prophet River LEA. The Superintendent has been in contact with J. Reno and is waiting to hear back.
- Attended the Aboriginal Education meeting with R. Irwin.
- Went to a GWC PAC meeting last week, but it was re-scheduled for today.

##### Trustee B. Dolan

- Attending his first BCSTA AGM tomorrow.
- Attended JSC PAC meeting.

##### Trustee D. Tofte

- Attended Policy Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Would like to take a look at what policies are outstanding and start a plan to work through the remaining policies.
- Would like to see any policies that are being circulated for input, be placed on the Policy webpage and ensure that BCSTA has updated policies.
- Attended 2 FNSS PAC meetings and did an impromptu tour of FNSS. Kudos to D. Low, M. Hall and M Theobald, as the school looked immaculate.
- Attended Green Committee Meeting.
- Recycling – can we write up a letter on behalf of the Board? Secretary-Treasurer Hall will draft up a letter on behalf of the Board to the Town Council and MMBC regarding lack of recycling in the community.
- FNSS PAC would like its money back for the shelves that they aren't supposed to buy.

##### Chair L. Dolan

- Posted the Budget Survey on Facebook and also advised of the non-instructional days this week.
- Has taken questions on deficit.

##### Vice-Chair Gilbert

- Dressed in black to symbolize the death of a positive relationship between BCSTA and the Ministry.

- Raised the concern of the Ministry's conduct of late and suggested a letter may be in order.

R15-022

That the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry before the next Board meeting. Vice-Chair M. Gilbert and Chair L. Dolen will collaborate on the letter.

E. Ashdown/B. Dolan

CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck


- Reminder of the Inservice on Thursday and Friday – drop by sessions on Thursday at the FNSS and GWC.
- The Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer Hall sat in on a conference call with the Deputy Minister, regarding Bill 11.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall


- Attended Safety Training before Spring Break. Safety Committee chose to go with the BC Feds and because of this the course was also offered to other community members. The municipality was well represented and offered another perspective.
- In 1999 the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent sat with BCGEU and over the course of 2 years completed job evaluations. Last October they got very involved again and the revised job evaluations should be completed by the end of this week. Wanted the job reviews completed prior to budget meetings starting. Four jobs have been reclassified. Looked at input for a number of job descriptions, but in most cases it did not make a difference to the grid level assigned.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair M. Gilbert declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.



Mike Gilbert  
Vice-Chair



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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer