

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
September 29, 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:

T. Penney, Dalex Auto Service
D. Penney, Dalex Auto Service
G. Gerwing, FNDTA President
P. Nelson, FNDTA Liaison
L. MacNeil, District Principal

Call to Order

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

Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair L. Dolen called for any additions to the Open Agenda. As no additions were identified, Chair L. Dolen declared the Open Agenda accepted as presented.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Chair L. Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of June 30, 2015. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair L. Dolen declared the Open Minutes of June 30, 2015 accepted as presented.

Report on Closed Items:

- Vision Statement
- Trustee Fall Travel
- Staff Compensation
- Payroll Training

Presentations

- a. Friends of Education – the award was presented to Todd and Diana Penney of Dalex Auto Service for their assistance with students in the Trades program.
- b. 2014-2015 Audit – Alan Bone presented the Financial Statements and thanked Secretary-Treasurer Hall and her staff for their work.

Trustee Committee Assignments

It was determined that the Trustee Committee Assignments will remain the same as last year.

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| R15-046 | <p>Safe Stop
That the Board of Education issue a letter of support in solidarity with other districts.
CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Contact Information
Board members advised the Administrative Assistant of any changes to be made.</p> | M. Gilbert/B. Dolan |
| R15-047 | <p>Adoption of the 2014-2015 Audit
That the Board of Education adopt the 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statements.
CARRIED</p> <p>Secretary-Treasurer Hall acknowledged her appreciation that although the Finance Dept. did most of the preparation, all other members of the District Office offer additional support during these busy times.</p> | M. Gilbert/E. Ashdown |
| R15-048 | <p>5 Year Capital Plan
That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 - 5 Year Capital Plan in the amount of \$4,259,636 for presentation to the Ministry of Education.
CARRIED</p> | D. Tofte/B. Dolan |
| R15-049 | <p>Education Information
That the Board of Education file the following information items: Projected Enrolment, Technology Report, Superintendent's Report.
CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Gilbert asked if the Projected Enrolment would be sent to the Fort Nelson News and Superintendent Samchuck will forward the information once 1701s are completed October 2nd.</p> <p>Trustee Gilbert also wanted to commend the Tech Coordinator, Mr. D. Johnstone for the quality of the report submitted and the work done so far.</p> | E. Ashdown/B. Dolan |
| R15-050 | <p>Personnel Information
That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendments as presented.
CARRIED</p> | M. Gilbert/B. Dolan |
| R15-051 | <p>Finance Information
That the Board of Education file the letter from Sander, Rose, Bone, Grindle LLP as presented.
CARRIED</p> | E. Ashdown/D. Tofte |

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

Trustee E. Ashdown

- Welcomed everyone back.
- Inquired about the Prophet River LEA. Superintendent Samchuck informed the Board that Prophet River Council approved the first section and the Superintendent is preparing the next section for Prophet River.

Trustee B. Dolan

- Pleased to be the JSC rep and feels that JSC is doing a good job with parents and got their year off to a good start.
- Has decided to pursue an Associate Certificate in Workplace Conflict through the Justice Institute of BC as his Pro-D goal over the next year or two.

Trustee D. Tofte

- Attended the District Breakfast and enjoyed it. Felt the Superintendent did a great job at welcoming all.
- Is the FNSS rep and noted that the PAC has a full compliment on the executive.
- Thought the retirement party for Mr. Ray Irwin was a nice thing to do, as it was well received and Ray seemed very touched.

Trustee M. Gilbert

- Attended District Breakfast and felt that the Superintendent's presentation was better than usual; teachers felt very welcomed and all appreciated the Superintendent's open door policy.
- RLA PAC responded well to the idea of Board meetings taking place in school buildings. Members felt that this would be far less intimidating and they would be far more likely to participate. It is something the Board may wish to think about – having a meeting at each building once per year.
- As he is sensitive to the potential damage that can be done by a table saw, he looked at a saw stop. For \$2000 - \$2500 this safety item freezes the saw on anything but wood. If we could save damage to a young person, feel that this should be looked into. Superintendent Samchuck was going to discuss this with the Shop teacher.

Chair L. Dolen

- Thanked the Board members who were able to attend the District Breakfast.
- Attended the JSC PAC meeting – next meeting is the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm.
- Most PACs have their own facebook pages and Chair Dolen has joined them.
- Attended Mr. Ray Irwin's retirement party and passed on congratulations from the Board.
- Chair L. Dolen received a call from a lady stating that she was looking for support for resource books for the RL Angus.

This is a scam that has been tried the last couple of years.
Superintendent Samchuck

- Went to the RL Angus and watched the dance troupe – it was a great workout for the students, many parents came out and all seemed pleased with the event.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- Mentioned that the Maintenance Staff worked very hard over the summer and she will encourage Maintenance Supervisor Low to submit a report for the next meeting. Some projects were: the JS Clark Climbing Wall; the GW Carlson floor, FNSS Library wall and other projects. If you have the chance, please take the opportunity to drop into the schools and see the changes.

FNDTA President

- Received the same scam phone call as Chair Dolen with regards to resource books for RL Angus.

FNDTA Liaison


- Did not receive all the pages of the Audit.

Adjournment

Chair L. Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm



Linda Dolen
Chair



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer