

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
June 28, 2016

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Trustee
D. Tofte, Trustee
E. Ashdown, Trustee
B. Dolan, Trustee

D. Samchuck, Superintendent of Schools
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

G. Gerwing, FNDTA President
P. Nelson, FNDTA Liaison
D. Johnstone, Tech Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair L. Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair L. Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda. As no changes or 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 14, 2016. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair L. Dolen declared the Open Minutes of June 14, 2016 accepted as presented.

Report on Closed Items:

- Action Plan for 2015/16 Regular Enrolment Audit
- School Board Self Evaluation
- Staff Evaluations

Presentation

David Johnstone, Tech Coordinator, was available to answer questions regarding the Technology Update report included in the Board package.

Trustee Gilbert asked if we used Chromebooks that rely on the internet for access to applications and storage what would the tracking look like? Mr. Johnstone will look into this but does not think the info is connected to a name.

The design of the system would have Mr. Johnstone contacted if a third party looked at or had access to our data. He also reported that the district would want to limit what data was on the machine and would want control over apps and access.

With respect to the NGN update, Trustee Gilbert commented that sharing the same pipe with two schools from School District 60 as well as all schools from School District 87 may affect our service and we may be actually covering the costs for School District 87.

- R16-061 Board/Authority Authorized Course (BAA)– Local Aboriginal Studies B.Dolan/E.Ashdown
That the Board of Education approve the BAA Course – Local Aboriginal Studies; Awareness, Traditions and Skills.

CARRIED

Those Voting in Favour – Trustees Dolan, Ashdown, Tofte, and Dolen

Those Voting Against – Trustee Gilbert

Trustee Gilbert indicated his concern over offering courses to a select group and felt that this would also be a great opportunity for Non-Aboriginal students to develop skills and awareness. Superintendent Samchuck commented that the course is paid through the supplemental Aboriginal Education funding and as such only Aboriginal students are eligible for this current year.

- R16-062 Inventory Bids M.Gilbert/B.Dolan
That the Board of Education endorse the Secretary-Treasurer's acceptance of the inventory bids totaling \$17931.01.

CARRIED

- R16-063 Capital Projects M.Gilbert/D.Tofte
That the Board of Education authorize the funds received from the inventory sale be used to support capital projects in 2016/17.

CARRIED

Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Nelson left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

- R16-064 Information Items M.Gilbert/D.Tofte
That the Board of Education file the following information items:
1. Technology update
2. Staff Amendments

CARRIED

Trustee Reports

Trustee B.Dolan reported his attendance at the JSC assembly. He advised that it was well attended and focused on the Grade 4's and the Friends of Rachel.

Trustee Gilbert advised that he had attended the RLA assembly. He reported that the approach to rural funding speaks to poor recognition of co-governance. And, he felt the new BAA course at FNSS does not encourage reconciliation, rather it may lead to possible implementation divisiveness.

Chair L. Dolen commented that it takes significant dollars to support ab ed provincially. She feels that the government needs to change its policies re the use of ab ed funds but they are not there yet.

Chair L. Dolen reported that the signing at the ab ed meeting today was of significance.

Adjournment

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



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer