

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
April 17, 2018

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair via phone
D. Tofte, Trustee
B. Dolan, Trustee
D. Samchuck, Superintendent
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Absent:

E. Ashdown, Trustee

Guests:

S. Smith, Acting FNDTA President

Call to Order

Chair, L. Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair, L. Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda. The Secretary-Treasurer asked that the Five-year Capital plan 2018/2019 Approval be moved from Facilities/Services: Education to Facilities/Services: Action.

B. Dolen/D. Tofte

That the Board of Education accept the Agenda as amended
CARRIED

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair L. Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of March 13, 2018. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair L. Dolen declared the minutes of March 13, 2018 accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Report on Closed Items:

- Excluded Days Vacation Plan
- PSEC Authorization to Adjust Positions
- Draft 2018/2019 Budget Package

R18-021 Five-Year Capital Plan 2018/2019 Approval

M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education approve all three readings of the 2018/2019 five year Capital Plan.

M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education adopt the 2018/2019 Capital Plan.
CARRIED

Discussion ensued. Trustee, D. Tofte asked if during the Tender process can it be put out in such a way that we can hire locally and if we can include a rider on the bid stating that preference will be given to locals. Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that she will certainly look at this option. However, as of right now we don't have anything like that in our policy. It was part of an old policy and has since been removed. She will be tendering both projects and they will be placed on BC Bid. If we purchase our own supplies this may be a cost savings of 10-15%.

R18-022 Enrollment Report

D. Tofte/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education file the report as presented.
CARRIED

The numbers in the enrollment report were off, P. Anderson to provide accurate number of FTE's as well as actual headcount in upcoming meetings.

R18-023 Terry Fox Letter

D. Tofte/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education file the letter as presented
CARRIED

R18-024 March Monthly Financials

D. Tofte/M. Gilbert

That the Board of Education file the report as presented.
CARRIED

Trustee, Tofte asked Secretary-Treasurer Hall about the Negative number on the report. She thinks it might be related to the change in medical but will check with the Accounts Clerk to see where that number came from, it should not be negative.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

Trustee B. Dolan

- Attended meeting at JSC where students and staff are grieving the loss of Steve Smith to FNDA. JSC and google expedition is still being researched, depending on pricing there may be different variations of the program.
- Munch and lunch is a well liked program.
- District survey about parents concerns and wants. Parents felt comfortable providing input to the principal, felt like the

door was open for them to provide input and express concerns.

- Still waiting for dates to go to Toad River with Trustee Ashdown.

Trustee D. Tofte

- Nothing to report

Trustee M. Gilbert

- Attended meeting with GWC
- If they wanted statement of support from AHCOTE, they were made aware that because of demand vs supply, the trained certified teacher's funding was received for eight more seats.
- Pac meeting at GWC tomorrow night at 6:30, not sure if he'll be back in town in time to attend. Trustee Dolan agreed to attend if Trustee Gilbert doesn't make it back.

Chair L. Dolen

- Attended FNSS PAC meeting, was a short meeting, not much to report
- Heading to BCPSEA AGM on Tuesday. Will compile a report from our Board to present.

Superintendent D. Samchuck

- Working on staffing, timetable and budgets at this time

Secretary-Treasurer M. Hall

- Pleased to be approved for washroom renos and boiler upgrade.
- Program offered for playground equipment, Toad River and JS Clark have been done in the past. As JS Clark and Toad are the only schools possible eligible, we will be submitting applications for these two sites. Ministry focus is for schools that have no playground equipment. The fact that the Toad River playground is the actual town playground may benefit them in receiving more equipment.

Chair, L. Dolan introduced S. Smith the new FNDTA President.

S. Smith, FNDTA President

- Nothing much to report. Still reeling over the shock of being here in this position. April 30 has been the date selected to elect a new president.

Adjournment

Chair, L. Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer