

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
March 13, 2018

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
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Guests:

G. Gerwing, FNDTA President
T. Gough, FNSS Husky TV Representative

Call to Order

Chair, L. Dolen called the Meeting to order at 6:00pm

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair L. Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda. Secretary-Treasurer requested that the Draft Audit Committee Policy be added as item 6 e.

B. Dolen/E. Ashdown

That the Agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

Acceptance of the Minutes

Chair L. Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of February 20, 2018. The following errors were identified:

- Typo in Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations under Trustee Dolan's report, should state the word seem, not seep.
- Trustee Tofte corrected the statement RLA proceeded with furnishings for the office to state the new furnishings were for the Library and not the office.

R18-015

That the Board of Education accept the Open Minutes of February 20, 2018 with the noted amendments.
CARRIED

E. Ashdown/D. Tofte

Report on Closed Items:

- Trustee Input and Questions arising from the Board Evaluation
- BCPSEA Board Update
- Administrative Officer Contracts

R18-016	<p>FNSS Band 2019 Field Trip and Fundraising Plan</p> <p>That the Board of Education Approve the FNSS and RLA Band Field Trip and Fundraising Plan for a proposed Band Trip in May, 2019 CARRIED</p>	D. Tofte/M. Gilbert
R18-017	<p>Fort Nelson Secondary School Amended Fundraising Plan</p> <p>That the Board of Education Approve the FNSS Amended Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$6000 and authorize FNSS to solicit funds. CARRIED</p>	B. Dolan/M. Gilbert
R18-018	<p>Draft Audit Committee Policy</p> <p>That the Board of Education Circulate the New Audit Committee Policy for 30 days for stakeholder input. CARRIED</p>	D. Tofte/B. Dolan
R18-019	<p>Education – Information Items</p> <p>That the Board of Education file the Education – Information Items as received. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Tofte struggles with the Grad report. Is it clear as to what the expectations are? Effective January 2018 Numeracy testing started. Have we started running them? Superintendent Samchuck stated that we have done the testing and we didn't do very well. This year was just a trial year so it wouldn't be on transcripts. The testing is quite difficult. Students normally getting 90's were getting 50's. The test can be taken three times in grades 10, 11, 12. No change in credits, no real guidelines on personalized instruction. This will be different in every district. Discussion Ensued.</p>	E. Ashdown/B. Dolan
R18-020	<p>February Monthly Financials and Trustee Reports. That the Board of Education file the reports as received. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations Trustee Dolan</p>	D. Tofte/E. Ashdown

- Pro-D keynote speaker was exceptional and empowering. Resonated well with teachers, administrators and support staff. You can't begin to know what we are preparing kids for. Have them prepare themselves for anything/everything. Some guests didn't make the meetings due to missed planes or not being able to fly in and fly out of FN during the same day. The coordinator did a great job of switching sessions around to make the scheduling work despite missed flights and flight schedule conflicts.

Trustee E. Ashdown

- Went to GWC and RLA to play some music for students and parents. It was a fun time for all.

Trustee D. Tofte

- LEA meeting was postponed, has a new date been set? Superintendent Samchuck answered that no new date has been set as Cindi Bonn has been busy dealing with budgeting.
- Thanks to Secretary-Treasurer Hall for providing pictures of the science room. It is our understanding that our science room project is now complete.
- Inquired if we'd received drawings on the FNSS bathroom. Nothing yet.

Trustee M. Gilbert

- Remind of the invite to GWC tomorrow at 6:30pm. Try and attend with an agenda item in mind.

Chair L. Dolan

- Attended Policy Meeting here at Board Office at lunch to go over Draft Audit Committee Policy.
- Attended Grievance Meeting
- Funding Formula Review, hoping to participate via telephone but committee seems reluctant.

Superintendent Samchuck

- Ministry sent out a number of locations and dates, last one being either by telephone/Video Conference which works best. An additional location in Richmond was provided which may be of interest. The number of days away as well as travel costs makes it not feasible. Only Chairs, Secretary-Treasurers and Superintendents are invited to attend.
- Haven't been to a meeting since the Recruitment conference. FN was set up in a good location. Arranged 14 interviews with three great candidates that were just finishing practicums in priority schools. Some candidates

had taught overseas and now would like to be teaching back in Canada.

Secretary-Treasurer M. Hall

- Nothing to report

FNDTA President G. Gerwing

- BCTF has initiated working towards bargaining negotiations, looking to start full process in September 2018. Collective Agreement is ending June 2019. They will be meeting with School Boards to inform of moving forward with bargaining. BCTF would like to see more issues dealt with at the local level. They have indicated that they are wanting this agreement signed off and ready to enter by July 1, 2019.

President of Husky TV – Thomas Gough

- This group consists a small group of students, strictly volunteer and no credits received for their work. It's a cool and interesting project which brings out school spirit. Mr. Johnstone has been very supportive and has provided some props. The Rotary fund meeting will be planned soon. Although they will not receive all the funds, what they will receive will go a long way towards developing the Husky TV Program.

Adjourned.

Chair L. Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer