

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
September 25, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Absent: E. Ashdown, Trustee

Guests:

S. Smith, FNDTA President
E. Dorosz-Gagne, FNDTA Liaison
Y. Taylor
F. Peach

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

Acceptance of Agenda

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

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of June 19, 2018 Trustee Gilbert proposed the corrections listed below:

- Questioned the process whereby PAC's at RLA and GWC approved the placement of cameras in that they had incomplete information available, had unanswered questions and were not able to make an informed decision
- Questioned whether RLA Pac had a quorum at the time of the motion
- Believes that the placement of surveillance cameras in our schools sends the wrong message to children as to their right to privacy and their relationship to their school
- Cited evidence that surveillance cameras were not effective in deterring undesirable behavior in the long term
- Trustees and parents were also told that a decision on the installation of surveillance cameras could not await further

discussion because the summer was the only opportunity to do so.

R18-053 That the Board of Education accept the Open Minutes of June 19, 2018 with the noted amendments. D. Tofte/M. Gilbert
CARRIED

Report on Closed Items

- 2017/2018 Audit Presentation
- Teacher Bargaining 2019 – Summary/Survey

2017/2018 Audit Presentation – Power Point - Michaela Roque of KMPG LLP

Secretary – Treasurer Hall acknowledged staff for all their hard work. It was a difficult transition. Staff put in extra hours over the weekend to get statements balanced to the penny prior to Monday afternoon. All their work is greatly appreciated. Trustee Dolan commends staff for a job well done considering the employee turnover in the past year as well as deadlines.

Motion to send a special note of appreciation to the individuals in the accounting department on behalf of the Board.

R18-054 That the Board of Education send a special note of thanks to the individuals in the accounting department for their dedication and hard work on completing and balancing year-end financial statements. D. Tofte/M. Gilbert
CARRIED

Secretary – Treasurer Hall made mention of significant loss of funds as a result of the Special Ed audit. We were under the understanding that we would receive some funding back with the February count, however, we were advised that this was not so. The district fought and got some acknowledged from the February count, but funding did not come out until after June 30, so is not reflected on these statements. Also, much illness last year which affected salaries. Maintenance worked very hard over the past year and completed many projects, they also deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication.

Trustee Service Awards

Trustee Dolan – Recognized for one Term of Service

Trustee Ashdown – (Absent) Recognized for two Terms of Service

Trustee Tofte – Recognized for three Terms of Service

Trustee Gilbert – Recognized for five Terms of Service

R18-055	<p>BCSTA Fees/Services Letter (Handout)</p> <p>That the Board of Education file the BCSTA Fees/Services Letter and handout as presented.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	M. Gilbert/G. Dolan
R18-056	<p>Pro-D Dates</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the request that Pro-Days be established as February 24th and 25th 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Tofte suggested that Pro-D Committee inquire to tie in these days with the Family Day Holiday thus giving staff and students an extended holiday.</p> <p>Trustee Gilbert expressed thanks to the Committee for their work.</p>	D. Tofte/B. Dolan
R18-057	<p>2018/2019 Audited Financial Statements</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the 2018/2019 Audited Financial Statements</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	M. Gilbert/D. Tofte
R18-058	<p>Education Information</p> <p>That the Board of Education file the following Education Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Report • Enhancing Student Learning Plans • Staff Amendments • Graduation Assessment Results • Superintendent's Report <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations</p> <p>Trustee Dolan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing on PAC as of right now, waiting for new PAC to be chosen <p>Trustee Tofte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended conference call with Auditor General in August, recognized Superintendent Samchuck for doing a good job representing what the Government failed to act on • Enjoyed the annual Welcome Back Breakfast 	M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

- Attended the RLA PAC meeting, they have three positions confirmed. President hasn't been selected. Cameras aren't installed at RLA yet
- Inquired about RLA Capital requests, if they were approved. Letters went out to principals in June on what was approved

Trustee Gilbert

- Attended GWC PAC meeting. Had a good turn out – nine members couldn't attend, but would have had they been able
- Hopeful that by participating on the NLC Board that there will be a higher profile for and greater attention paid to the Fort Nelson Students and those from smaller communities in the NLC Region. This will help overcome some of the disadvantages local students experience in obtaining trades and other training.

Chair Dolen

- Extended to congratulations to Trustee Gilbert for being appointed to the board for NLC
- Attended FNSS PAC meeting. No president has been selected yet, however they do have a Vice President.
- Sat in on the conference call with the Auditor General.
- Congratulations to Superintendent Samchuck for being nominated for the Premier's Excellence in Education Award

Superintendent Samchuck

- Participating in a teleconference tomorrow with ACHOTE
- We have two student teachers coming from Nelson in October
- Interviewed nine potential EA's/PA's, had one qualified TTOC and qualified teacher stopped by the office today to be added to the on-call list
- Special Ed audit recommended that we ask to have a workshop here. Received a call from a lady who is available to do this, however due to flight restrictions she is unable to come here but is willing to do it by phone

Trustee Dolan

- Expressed that after reading the Enhancing Student Learning plans he sees that interventions in reading and our reading programs seem to be paying off. By the time students reach grade seven they are where they should be.
- Highschool graduation rates are good, our district seems to be above average

S. Smith, FNDTA President

- Introduced Ellie Dorosz-Gagne and welcomed her as the new FNDTA Liaison

Chair Dolen extended a welcome to Frank and Yvette who are candidates for Trustees in the upcoming election. Our next meeting will be October 16th, 2018.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the open meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer