

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
September 24, 2019

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair
R. Irwin, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
B. Dolan, Trustee
D. Samchuck, Superintendent
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary
M. Theobald, FNSS Principal
M. Roque, Auditor – Via telephone
S. Smith, FNDTA President
E. Dorosz, FNDTA Liaison

Call to order

Chair Dolen called the Open Meeting to order at 6 pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Agenda. One addition was requested by Superintendent Samchuck

6 f. – Education – Action - Climate Strike

R19 – 041 That the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

R. Irwin/B. Dolan

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any omissions or errors in the Open Minutes of June 18, 2019. As no omissions or errors were identified, Chair Dolen accepted the minutes as presented.

Report on Closed Items

- 2018-2019 Audit Presentation
- Retirement request
- Administrative Officer Contract
- Discussion on PRFN request
- FNSS Process regarding Input from Staff

Audit Presentation

Michaela Roque of KMPG was called at 6:02 pm, the Audit presentation began, ended at 6:15 pm.

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| R19-042 | <p>Principal Theobald Presentation on Vaping Amended Calendar</p> <p>That the Board of Education provide final approval to the 2019/2020 Local Amended Calendar for Elementary/Secondary Intown Schools and Toad River Schools. CARRIED OPPOSED B. Dolan/R. Irwin Discussion ensued</p> | M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor |
| R19-043 | <p>Proposed Meeting Dates</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the proposed Board Meeting dates for 2019-2020 school year and further approve the Closed Meeting start time of 5:00 pm. CARRIED</p> <p>Discussion ensued. Secretary-Treasurer Hall made mention that due to scheduling and dates there are a couple of occasions where meetings are only two weeks apart as opposed to the normal three.</p> | B. Dolan/Y. Taylor |
| R19-044 | <p>Trustee Assignments</p> <p>That the Board of Education review representation and provide direction for continuation, reappointment or rotation. CARRIED</p> | M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor |
| R19-045 | <p>Draft Provision of Menstrual Products to Students Policy</p> <p>That the Board of Education distribute the New Draft Provision of Menstrual Products to Students Policy for 30 days for Stakeholder input. CARRIED</p> <p>BCSTA NIB & NWB Fall Education Conference, October 4-5</p> <p>The funds required to attend these events are significant thus the event would have to be worthwhile for FN to attend. Chair Dolen will follow up to see if it's a possibility to attend electronically as observers. Discussion ensued.</p> | M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor |
| R19-046 | <p>Climate Strike</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve that students who wish to participate in this protest not be marked as absent, providing that they have parental permission to participate. CARRIED</p> | Y. Taylor/R. Irwin |

OPPOSED – M. Gilbert

R19-047 Adoption of 2018/2019 Financial Audit M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education approve the 2018/2019 Financial Audit.
CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Hall acknowledges the amount of work that is required to have a clean audit. Thanks to the accounting staff for all their hard work. Superintendent Samchuck also thanks the Secretary-Treasurer for her hard work.
Discussion ensued.

R19-048 Technology Inventory R. Irwin/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education give authorization to remove items from the Technology Inventory and give D. Johnstone authority to sell the items listed. Revenue will be put back into the technology budget.
CARRIED

R19-049 Information Items: B. Dolan/R. Irwin

- Enrollment Report
- Staff Amendments
- Principal's Reports
- Technology Report
- Superintendent's Report

That the Board of Education receive the Information Items as received.
CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck sent out a more current Enrollment report. There needs to be a Policy in place regarding Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) before we can make this available to students. A meeting with D. Johnstone will take place before this is implemented.
Discussion ensued.

R19-050 Ministry of Education Learning & Child Care Summit – Invite Y. Taylor/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister stating that as much as our District would like to attend this event, due to financial restrictions we are unable.
CARRIED

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Irwin Attended RLA PAC Meeting. Executive has been selected. Gearing up for another busy school year.
- Trustee Dolan attended FNSS PAC Meeting. It seems to be difficult to get enough parents to fill the executive positions. Feminine hygiene dispensing was discussed; there is concern of stigma. Had discussions surrounding grad/dry grad with hopes that it can be hosted under PAC. Parents suggested moving grad ahead. Concerns of drinking in stands at the Rec Centre were expressed. If grad was moved back on school property, we would regain control and alleviate the potential alcohol disruption. E. Dorosz is the grad sponsor this year, she stated that this option has been brought up to the grads, however, it was immediately shut down. They like the Re Centre, they like the space and its away from school. Superintendent commented that parents feel that the Rec Centre is more of a ceremonial location. Discussion ensued.
- Trustee Taylor had planned to attend the first JSC PAC meeting but was told her presence wasn't required.
- Trustee Gilbert attended GWC PAC meeting. They are still in the process of getting their executive in place. Those that have previously held the president and secretary positions are not doing it again this year, they are asking that other parents step up. The meetings have been moved to the Curling Lounge, as this makes it easier for parents with children that are registered for programs at the rec center, to attend.
- Chair Dolen has a back to school check in from the Ministry on Thursday at 2 pm. Will bring up the vaping issue. BCPSEA has been away for summer break and will go back soon.
- Superintendent Samchuck shared her report. All information and updates were included in that report.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall has had a busy start up with the financial audit. Several reports are due by September 30, including the 4th report on classroom allowance.
- E. Dorosz took part in Naloxone training at FNSS. Very quick training session.
- S. Smith attended the general meeting last week. Two new positions were elected. Shallen Johnson is now the local elections contact for FNDTA.

Theresa Campbell will be coming up for VTRA Training. PR and FNFN have been invited. Will assess the violence and threat situation and determine what services need to be provided in this area.

L. MacNeil organizing a virtual conference focusing on kids in the autistic spectrum. She's worked very hard at getting this set up. All participants will receive certificates.

Chair Dolen will be away from October 8 – 19 but will be available through phone or email.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer