

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

Open Meeting  
5:00 pm

Tuesday  
October 22, 2019

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair  
R. Irwin, Trustee  
Y. Taylor, Trustee  
B. Dolan, Trustee  
D. Samchuck, Superintendent  
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer  
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary  
S. Smith, FNDTA President  
E. Dorosz, FNDTA Liaison  
Absent: M. Gilbert, Trustee  
S. Smith, FNDTA President  
E. Dorosz, FNDTA Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the agenda. One addition was identified.

- A completed page 12 of the Enhancing Student Learning Plan was added.

R19-051 That the Board of Education accept the Agenda as amended.

R. Irwin/Y. Taylor

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions in the Open Minutes of September 24, 2019. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen declared the minutes accepted as presented.

Report on Closed Items

- Discussion on having a Trustee present at Regional Meetings
- Excluded Days Vacation Plan
- September 2019 GRE Report

R19-052 Presentation – Enhancing Student Learning Report

B. Dolan/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education accept the Enhancing Student Learning Report as Presented.

CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck presented the District's Enhancing Student Learning Report.

Spoke about the Ministry's recognition of our grad percentage. Both Fort Nelson and Sea to Sky Highway were recognized for having the highest grad rates in the province. Trustee Dolan stated that this should be celebrated, this is a huge accomplishment considering our funding and turn over challenges.

R19-053 Long Range Facilities Report

B. Dolan/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to appoint a consultant to prepare a Long Range Facilities Plan for the School District with the cost not to exceed \$35,000.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that this was part of a meeting that she attended, it was discussed that a strategic plan needs to be in place 2020/2021. A Facilities Plan would blend into a strategic plan. VFA training shows us how to decide what needs to be done and to pull reports, but it doesn't give us the Long Range Facilities Plan that is required indicating the life expectancy of our buildings etc. Once we have the plan in place, we can keep it maintained.

R19-054 2018/2019 Financial Statements

R. Irwin/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education approve the attached 2018/2019 Financial Statements.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that there was an error between the statements and notes, so a second motion was required.

Discussion Ensued.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Irwin attended PAC meeting at RLA. They confirmed that the planning had begun in September, they provided a list of events and fundraisers.
- Trustee Dolan missed his PAC but did cover the JSC PAC for Trustee Taylor. This PAC is up and running. They ran into some issues with the gaming grant, they had to organize their book keeping. This is being taken care off. Their "Drop Everything and Read" and "Make Room" Programs are going well. The money raised from the gaming will be used for these programs. Attended the Marketing and Research meeting. It was interesting and helped to gain a look at the bigger picture to better equip our community.

Kudos to C. Mollica and S. Clark for having students participate in Student Vote.

- Trustee Taylor thanked Trustee Dolan for attending the JSC PAC in her absence. Attended the Inservice Indigenous meeting at FNSS. It was a great inservice and enjoyed the content. Pro D meeting was also a great meeting.
- Chair Dolen was away to several meetings. It was suggested presenter's permission be sought to record his speech so that it can be shared with those who couldn't attend. Meeting of Board Chairs discussed the media and not to engage. Liaison meeting, the Minister spoke about indigenizing education. The Funding Model Review is an enormous insane project.
- Superintendent Samchuck also attended meetings in Vancouver. The Deputy Minister is coming to visit on Thursday. He will be driving from FSJ. He is coming to see what we are doing because we have done so well. It's nice that he's taking the time to do this. J. Crona's conference went well. Attended the VTRA training with T. Campbell. Attended the Marketing meeting with B. Dolan and L. MacNeil.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall also attended meetings in Vancouver. Is confident that the Funding Formula will be available by March 2020, currently no glimpse and will be a surprise to all. After two years unsure of what it will look like.
- FNTDA President S. Smith attended the VTRA Training, was good training, enjoyed it and got a lot out of it. Just returned from zone meeting in Prince George. One of the things districts are noticing is the huge increase in violence from children towards adults, not necessarily teachers, but definitely EAs. It's on the radar and cause for concern.
- FNDTA Liaison E. Dorosz also attended the VTRA Training, enjoyed it and the presenter was great. Grads started decorating for the spookarama yesterday and it seems to be going well. Lots of people turned up to help. Fundraising suckers available at IGA.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer