

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Tuesday  
February 7, 2023

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair  
B. Dolan, Vice Chair  
F. Peach, Trustee  
K. Dickie, Trustee  
Y. Taylor, Trustee  
M. Theobald, Superintendent  
M. Power, Secretary-Treasurer  
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary  
G. Gough, FNDTA President  
K. Trainor, 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 Open agenda.  
As none were noted Chair Dolen accepted the agenda as presented.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of January 17. As none were noted, Chair Dolen accepted the minutes as presented.

Report on Closed

- Ratification of BCGEU Contract from 2022-2025

R23-005	Policy 5330 – School Graduation Policy That the Board of Education adopt Policy 5330 – School Graduation Policy. CARRIED	Y. Taylor/B. Dolan
R23-006	Toad River Trip Request That the Board of Education approve the trip request for the students at Toad River School for their extracurricular trip to Alberta in June. CARRIED	K. Dickie/B. Dolan

Vice Chair Dolan thinks this is a wonderful idea and suggests they visit the Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump in Southern Alberta. It is known as a world heritage site and would add an indigenous component to the trip.

Superintendent Theobald stated that normally these trips are booked more than six months in advance due to fundraising, however, in this case PAC has raised some funds and affordability funds will also be used.

R23-007	<p>2022-2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw</p> <p>That the Board of Education unanimously approve all three readings of the 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$13,309,557.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	F. Peach/Y. Taylor
R23-008	<p>That the Board of Education adopt the 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$13,309,557.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
R23-009	<p>That the Board of Education file the Education Information Items as received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent's Report</li> <li>• Principal Reports</li> <li>• BCPSEA Winter Update</li> </ul> <p>CARRIED</p>	F. Peach/B. Dolan
R23-010	<p>Staff Amendment Report</p> <p>That that Board of Education file the Staff Amendment Report as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	B. Dolan/Y. Taylor

#### Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Chair Dolen attended the IEC meeting as well as the BCPSEA AGM and will attend the Partner Liaison Meeting this week. At the AGM motions were passed, some changes have been made. BCPSEA have reviewed some court cases that are currently ongoing. The budget has been approved with BCPSEA. There is a regional meeting on February 17 in Prince George, as it is only a three hour meeting she is hoping to attend by zoom.
- Vice Chair Dolan will be doing some online training for electronic voting for the Provincial Council. He feels that we should continue to monitor School Board Office staff with the ongoing bathroom accommodations, he asked if there is anything more we can do to speed up the repair process. The Director of Facilities is looking into getting some dry fill and waiting on other quotes. Trustee Peach asked if we planned to fix all the clay piping or only the broken ones? He suggests doing a complete repair to avoid future issues with the clay pipes.

- Trustee Taylor attended the Capstone Presentations, they were excellent. She attended the JSC PAC meeting, they have lots going on, swimming, curling, skating etc. She attended a Pro-D meeting, everything has been organized and is ready to go. She will attend the Pro-D social on the Thursday night, if any other trustees will be in attendance please let the organizers know so there is enough food is available for everyone.

She asked Superintendent Theobald if the affordability fund is split equally between schools, he responded by saying no, but if there are specific requests he or Secretary-Treasurer Power can be contacted to discuss. Elementary schools have taken advantage of it for swimming, multiple schools are looking at using these funds for year end trips. No one school is benefitting more than the other, we are ensuring that all schools are taking advantage of the funds available to them.
- Trustee Dickie attended the RLA PAC meeting where the new assessment was a topic of discussion. There is some confusion in what the reporting words mean, some clarity needs to be provided on that.
- Trustee Peach attended the GWC PAC meeting. They are having a Valentines dance. Boston Pizza is donating the pizzas again. Glow sticks and photo booths will also be available.

He attended the Capstone Projects and was very impressed, we have some amazing talent. He is already looking forward to next year's Capstones.
- Superintendent Theobald attended the indigenous in-service on January 30, it went very well much positive feedback was received. There was also appreciation expressed from FNFN for the visit out there. The new principal started at FNSS and is doing well, we have heard good things in the first week, he is making positive connections with the students and staff.

He attended the IEC meeting yesterday.

Ms. Froese and Ms. Clark presented on indigenous mathematics at RLA, very positive things for learners.

The next Equity in Action meeting is on February 22 from 9:00am – noon. Board members are welcome to attend. The mandate for Indigenous in-service day has ended, we have decided to continue with it next year as well.

The first meeting with the district on the new reporting guides is scheduled for February 15, this is the first step in unpacking the new reporting policy with teaching staff.
- Secretary-Treasurer Power has begun working on the new calendar for 2023-2024. He is hoping to finish up quickly,

get it out for consultation and brought to the Board at our next meeting.

He spoke to JSC and the childcare project. There are a few empty classrooms, M. Hall started looking at utilizing the space for a new early learning center. They met with Family Development; they've had two meetings with staff to discuss uses for the space that is available. We have met with the architect, who will submit some plans and check Ministry guidelines for the number of children allowed per room.

- FDNTA Liaison, K. Trainor asked if the Truth and Reconciliation will be held on the Friday or pushed to the Monday and is it a stat? It is a stat and Superintendent Theobald will look for an update from the Ministry on which day will be taken to honor the stat.
- FNDTA President, G. Gough – Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Mike Power  
Secretary-Treasurer