

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
February 28, 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

Guests:

G. Gough, FNDTA President

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 Open Agenda as presented.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of February 7. As none were noted Chair Dolen accepted the minutes as presented.

Report on Closed

- Administrative Officer Contracts

R23-011 Education-Information Items

B. Dolan/F. Peach

That the Board of Education file the Education Information items as received.

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Staff Appreciation Discussion

Trustee Taylor spoke to the annual staff appreciation. Due to COVID it has been some time since we have been able to host this event and she feels that it is time that we get staff together. Administrative Assistant Anderson will begin planning.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Taylor saw the request for janitor tenders in the newspaper. Secretary-Treasurer Power stated that the contract was set to expire on March 31, however because of time constraints we extended for 30 days to April 30, with new tender holders to begin on May 1.
Pro-D was successful, they catered their own food.
Unfortunately, two of their speakers cancelled but over all things went well.
She attended the NLC Strategic Planning meeting, which was interesting and had a great turn out.
She took part in the Equity Scan meeting which had some good discussion. The next meeting will be held at Chalo School.
She attended the FNSS PAC meeting. They spoke about ordering water bottles for students. They are very adamant about the munch and lunch program. Next meeting is scheduled for March 28.
- Trustee Dickie attended the Celebration of Life for Liza Wolf, it was a beautiful gathering.
The RLA PAC meeting was cancelled due to Family Day.
- Trustee Peach will attend the next GWC PAC meeting on April 17.
- Vice-Chair Dolan commends RLA on the middle school math innovation. They seem to have a passion and their work will pay off.
He commends the primary schools that worked together for Blue Shirt Day.
He attended the BCSTA Provincial Council, it was mentioned that childcare is a core service, the push is now on for recruitment for childcare educators. Early childhood education workers and standardized pay grids are now being researched.
BCSTA passed a motion that Government will fund increases. Grade ten assessments; math is under review. Students are struggling with comprehension.
- Chair Dolen attended the Equity Scan meeting, a stakeholder meeting with the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, the indigenous education meeting and will attend the next one coming up on March 6 and she will participate in a Board Chairs' call tomorrow.
- Superintendent Theobald attended the Partner Liaison Meeting along with Secretary-Treasurer Power and Chair Dolen, administration will be discussing an anti-racism action plan. He highlighted that indigenous literacy and numeracy results are substantially higher than the province, we still

have work to do and changes we can make but he feels that it is important to recognize this.

- Secretary-Treasurer Power reported that he too, attended the Partner Liaison Meeting. He enjoyed the first day and had the opportunity to sit with and meet other Secretary-Treasurers.

He received an email about exempt staff, he will arrange a meeting on how to cost out giving exempt staff the same benefits as teaching staff.

Janitor tenders are due on March 27 and Audit tenders are due on March 29. We need a Board Member to attend each of the tender openings. Trustee Taylor has agreed to be present at the opening of the janitor tenders on March 27, Trustee Peach will be present at the opening of the Audit tenders.

Plans for the JSC reno are still being worked through. Family D has sent all the information to licensing to see if there will be any issues.

- FNDTA President G. Gough had nothing to report but is happy to see the Staff Appreciation event coming back.

Adjournment

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

Linda Dolen
Chair

Mike Power
Secretary-Treasurer