

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
April 4, 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

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any changes or additions 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 April 4. As none were noted, Chair Dolen accepted the minutes as presented.

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| R23-012 | Trustee Compensation | F. Peach/Y. Taylor |
| | That Administration draft a Policy to outline how Trustee Compensation will be adjusted over time, beginning with the initial adjustment to equate compensation with similar districts across the province.
CARRIED | |
| R23-013 | Prophet River First Nation Local Education Agreement (LEA) | Y. Taylor/B. Dolan |
| | That the Board of Education approve the Prophet River Local Education Agreement (LEA) for a five-year term from January 2023 – January 2028.
CARRIED | |
| R23-014 | 2023/2024 Local Calendar Approval | F. Peach/Y. Taylor |
| | That the Board of Education approve Local Calendar, Option 1 for intown schools for 2023/2024 school year. | |

R23-015	<p>CARRIED.</p> <p>2023/2024 Toad River Calendar Approval</p> <p>That the Board of Education Approve the Toad River Calendar for the 2023/2024 school year.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	F. Peach/T. Taylor
R23-016	<p>Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD81-01</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve all three readings of the Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD81-01.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Y. Taylor/ F. Peach
R23-017	<p>Adoption of Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD81.01</p> <p>That the Board of Education adopt the Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD81-01.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	F. Peach/Y. Taylor
R23-018	<p>Janitor Tender – All Schools</p> <p>That the Board of Education award the Janitor Tender for FNSS, RLA, GWC and JSC to JDC Contracting for the period of May 1, 2023 – March 31, 2026.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Y. Taylor/F. Peach
R23-019	<p>Janitor Tender – SBO</p> <p>That the Board of Education award the Janitor Tender for the District Administration Office to P. Anderson for the period of May 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Y. Taylor/F. Peach
R23-020	<p>Audit Tender</p> <p>That the Board of Education award the Audit Services Contract to KPMG for a term of May 1, 2023 to January 30, 2026.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	F. Peach/B. Dolan
R23-021	<p>Education Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Protocol #55 – Guest Speakers in Schools • Administrative Protocol #56 – Presentation of Sensitive or Mature content • Principal Reports • Superintendent’s Report • District Framework for Enhancing Student Learning <p>That the Board of Education fille the Education Information Items as received.</p>	F. Peach/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendment Report as Received
CARRIED

Locking Front Doors in Schools – Discussion

Superintendent Theobald had an inquiry about locked doors at schools. During COVID times, as a disease prevention measure were to keep the doors locked. As mandates were lifted, it was decided to keep the doors locked throughout the day as a safety measure. Then the question was asked how are we supposed to feel welcome at schools when the doors are locked? He reached out to principals to get their thoughts on the locked doors. Some of which would prefer to keep the doors locked and feel that safety should be the first consideration. The upcoming renovations at FNSS should make it easier to observe who is entering the building. Discussion ensued.

Budget Discussion

Secretary-Treasurer Power just had the Budgeting Program installed on his computer today and will begin working on the budget. We received an update on the affordability fund today. We still have \$114,000 remaining from what was received for this current school year, these funds can possibly be used to pre purchase supplies. It looks like the funds we will receive for the next school year will be specifically used for food.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Taylor attended the Pro D meeting, the dates for next year's Pro D have been selected. They discussed the results of the survey about the Pro D, overall comments were positive. They are looking for new ideas and considering zoom presenters as well as local presenters. She attended the calendar meeting; it was a good meeting with some good discussion. She attended the FNSS PAC meeting on behalf of Vice-Chair Dolan. Munch and lunch is starting up, bag lunch is starting next week. Parents are hoping for something to start at the cafeteria, the PAC President works at IGA, may be able to coordinate something. She attended the equity scan meeting at Chalo.
- Trustee Dickie attended the RLA PAC meeting, this is the last year for all the current PAC members as all their children are moving on to FNSS. There have been three resignations in that school and staffing is stretched pretty thin. They are in the process of preparing for some upcoming guest

speakers. They are participating in the hot lunch program which is going well. They have a band trip coming up as well as a hike to Flower Springs. Some exciting things ahead.

- Trustee Peach will attend the next PAC meeting at GWC on April 17. He did attend the Mile 300 year end celebration where 93% of the skaters came from our schools. We have some talented kids in our District.
- Vice-Chair Dolan is pleased to see higher participation on FSA's, particularly grade 4 kids, obviously something is working. Administrators work hard to familiarize kids with these programs and the results reflect this.
- Chair Dolen attended the equity scan meeting. She will participate on a Board Chairs' call on Thursday and will provide an update to Trustees on that. There is a survey from CMA out there, she stresses the importance of everyone participating in this survey.
- Superintendent Theobald – Nothing to report.
- Secretary-Treasurer Power – Nothing to report.

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Mike Power
Secretary-Treasurer