

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Wednesday
October 18, 2023

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
F. Peach, Trustee
K. Dickie, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
M. Theobald, Superintendent
M. Power, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Absent: B. Dolan, Vice-Chair

Call to Order

Chair Dolen Called the Open Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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 September 27. Three errors were noted:

- Trustee Peach attended the Open meeting in person, not VIA zoom as the minutes state.
- Two clerical errors were noted.

Administrative Assistant Anderson will amend the minutes to address these errors.

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| R23-049 | That the Board of Education accept the Open Minutes of September 27 as amended.
CARRIED | K. Dickie/Y. Taylor |
| R23-050 | Policy 4001 – Public Interest Disclosure Policy
That the Board of Education approve the distribution of Policy 4001 – Public Interest Disclosure Policy, to stakeholders for 30 days for review and input.
CARRIED | F. Peach/K. Dickie |
| R23-051 | 2024-2025 Minor Capital Submission
That the Board of Education approve the additional 2024-2025 Minor Capital Submission of:
a) 48” stainless steel worktable with backsplash
b) 55” reach-in refrigerator | F. Peach/K. Dickie |

- c) 27" reach-in freezer 0-degree F
- d) 60" deli display case with curved glass
- e) Oven/stove

Approximate cost of \$45,000 including shipping to FN.

CARRIED

R23-052

Education Information Items

F. Peach/K. Dickie

- Principals' Reports
- Administrative Protocol #48 – Public Interest Disclosure Procedures

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

CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Taylor attended a Pro-D meeting, they have plenty of funds but are having trouble securing speakers as other districts have moved their Pro-D dates to the same time of year. They are hoping to have their speakers finalized in November. They've discussed honorariums as well as days in lieu. The next meeting is on November 6.
When we start looking at calendars, she suggests looking at a three-year calendar. We can do a three-year and still amend as needed but feels we should have something in place.
- Trustee Dickie attended the IEC meeting. L. Asher is the new Chair. Superintendent Theobald recognized D. Bigfoot who was an important part of the committee. She attended the RLA PAC meeting, M. Godfry is the treasurer and has stepped up to help with the Save-on-More receipts, as this is a big job. They are talking about starting a chess club there, they also mentioned Speed Control, which is a music group based out of Whitehorse. They provide entertaining and engaging performances that is enjoyable for all students. She visited JS Clark to view the large map which was very interesting. She also spoke at the Orange Shirt Day assembly.
- Trustee Peach attended the GW Carlson PAC meeting, they have received their gaming grant. Their operating budget is in good standing. They have a family dance coming up soon. They are preparing for their Christmas concert and baskets, there will be less tickets sold, but they will be sold at a higher price. Flying Bob will be at the school next week. They discussed the policies that have been sent out and the importance of their feedback. He was able to teach fire education at GWC, RLA and FNSS. He will not be in attendance at the next board meeting.
- Chair Dolen attended the IEC meeting, the next one is on December 4. She attended the NIB meeting over the weekend. She will attend the Toad River PAC meeting tomorrow via zoom.

BCPSEA and BCTF have agreed to use the same bargaining process that had been used previously.

- Superintendent Theobald took part in the community walk in support of Orange Shirt Day. It was a smaller gathering. Richard Behn opened the walk; it was very impactful hearing him speak about healing. He attended the IEC meeting, L. Asher is the new Chair, there were two important outcomes:
 - 1) Commitment to developing a vision for language and culture for the district. The voice of nations has to steer that conversation.
 - 2) The use of targeted funds to support two new indigenous positions at RLA and JSC. The posting went out today.He attended the Deputy Minister's meeting. Reporting information went out to parents, it was good to have a list of questions from the PAC meeting. He attended JSC to check out the indigenous atlas. Here is a list of upcoming things; we have our first LEA meeting with FNFN tomorrow at 4pm, the current LEA expires at the end of this school year. November 1 is the Indigenous Inservice day for the district. On November 7, he will be attending Safe Schools Conference in Vancouver and on November 16-17 he will attend BCSSA Conference which is also in Vancouver.
- Secretary-Treasurer Power is continuing to play catch up after the audit. We have been dealing with bussing issues. We may potentially be down two drivers. We have had to cancel 3 routes in the past month due to driver shortage. We do have one new driver out on training right now. This winter will be quite challenging for bussing as driver shortages are a real issue. Field trips are proving to be a challenge for the same reason, we just don't have any spare drivers to make the runs. He is off to Vancouver November 21-24 for BCASBO.

Trustee Taylor expressed thanks to Superintendent Theobald for visiting her family at Children's Hospital, much appreciated!!

Adjournment

Chair Dolen Declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

Linda Dolen
Chair

Mike Power
Secretary-Treasurer