



**Board of Directors
Pre-AGM Meeting
May 22, 2014
Ramada Hotel
Prince George, BC**

In Attendance

Heather Bayes, President
Russell Pohl, Vice President
Marcy Perron, Treasurer
Tamara Smith, Secretary
Rocky Hindmarch, North Delegate
Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate
Yvonne Langlois, Interior Delegate
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director
Ronda Sweeney, F & CE Coordinator

Absent
None

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 9:07 a.m.

***M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)**

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Acceptance of Minutes	Minutes of April 28, 2014 meeting were reviewed. No changes.	MOTION to accept the Minutes of April 28, 2014 meeting as distributed. M/S/C Russell/Marcy
2. Agenda	Additional topics: Foster Care Home Agreement video tutorial topic discussion, membership and MCFD's Caregiver Support Network.	
3. President's Report	<p>The President participated on a Residential Redesign Caregivers Retention and Recruitment call. There are a variety of reports that are inconsistent across the province regarding areas that are and are not levelling homes. The Caregiver Support Network guidelines that are being provided to the stakeholders are not what foster parents in some of the 9 pilot areas are experiencing. Discussion regarding troubleshooting the problems with the Caregiver Support Network forecasted ahead of time.</p> <p>The AGM will be the last business meeting for this President in her present role.</p>	
4. Regional Reports	<p><i>North Delegate – Rocky Hindmarch</i></p> <p>More baskets for AGM donation. Not many Prince George MCFD foster parents appear to be planning to attend the AGM. Carrier Sekani is funding foster parents to attend the AGM. The Carrier Sekani workers plan to attend the Friday lunch for networking purposes.</p> <p>Gaye Smith has been hired at MCFD to bring the foster parent group together and to provide education in the region.</p>	

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	<p>Foster parent attendance at BCFFPA events are critical for building the foster parent network.</p> <p>Board members are finding that the practice at Local meetings is to discuss issues rather than successes. Suggestion for a special edition of the FosterlineBC newsletter discussing success stories.</p> <p>Discussed creating a buzz of community so that BCFFPA and the Board members are visible and approachable. Discussed a BCFFPA foster parent welcome package.</p> <p><i>Interior Region – Yvonne Langlois</i> Armstrong, Vernon and Lumby areas are starting a monthly coffee meeting with MCFD resource team. MCFD has permission to hire two new positions. The Aboriginal team is staying as is for the time being. Recent Town Hall meeting was attended by CSM, 1 Team Lead and 10 foster parents.</p> <p>The 31 homes closed in the Vernon area this year were all long term foster homes. Adoption for foster parents is taking a long time. Adoption training has replaced fostering pre-service training in some areas resulting in long waits, delays and long distances for travel. Adoption teams are not making a habit of consulting with foster parents regarding transition processes and there are adoption break-downs as a result. The Ministry is promoting congruent planning.</p> <p>Kamloops has a new CSM and is down 150 homes in the past year. Kelowna, Williams Lake and Salmon Arm have all lost significant numbers of homes. The ED noted that the numbers of foster homes on the provincial list does not fluctuate much each quarter.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Delegate – Monica Buchanan</i> Monica continues to attend PCRS support meetings. As the resource worker also attends the meeting, foster parents have expressed they are uncomfortable speaking openly.</p> <p>Mission and Chilliwack Locals have been contacted. Mission Local has an active and positive partnership with MCFD. Chilliwack is still experiencing many challenges with the DAA in the area. The Tricities Local is active. They report that there has been no further news regarding the Caregiver Support Network pilot start-up in the Tricities area.</p> <p>It has been reported that Langley MCFD are not completing homestudies and not opening new homes.</p>	<p>ACTION office staff will collect success stories and will create an additional FosterlineBC issue.</p> <p>ACTION schedule a meeting with Director of Guardianship/Adoption when we are next in Victoria.</p> <p>ACTION speak to Fraser EDS and request direction regarding ongoing partnership with FVFPA.</p>

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5. Annual General Meeting	<p>The President will host the World Cafe. There will be a prize for the best pipecleaner art.</p> <p>World Cafe Topics and table facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Diversity ... Russell ➤ Local Structure and Membership ... Tamara ➤ Voting Method ... Marcy ➤ Retention of Foster Parents ... Monica ➤ Media Message ... Yvonne <p>Quotes for potential locations were compared for AGM 2015. It was decided that Whistler would be a suitable and desirable attraction for foster parents.</p>	
6. Ongoing Business	<p>MCFD has released a letter outlining protocol for action prior to calling the police if a child threatens the safety of a foster parent.</p> <p>Policy and procedure binder amalgamating all BCFFPA policies is in process as is the Executive Director's manual.</p> <p>The process for recruiting Board of Directors members was discussed. We will go forward with an application and interview process for future members to ensure skills and suitability for a Board position. The ED will follow up with the potential candidate for the second Coast Fraser delegate position.</p> <p>Vancouver Island remains an untapped resource for BCFFPA.</p> <p>Progress for online renewal and dbase was stopped due to payment security concerns and the website capabilities of our former website. Will revisit.</p> <p>Continue building our discount list. Look into magnetic card for discounts.</p> <p>Discussed contents for video topic: Foster Care Home Agreement. Add Safeguarding to the video series.</p>	<p>ACTION set up meet & greet with FPSSS coordinators and ED, Dan Malone.</p> <p>ACTION ED will research newest options available.</p> <p>ACTION staff will continue to seek discounts.</p>
7. New Business	<p>Discussed necessary message to address common question received from media that "foster parents are in it for the money". Reframe "foster parent" to professional caregiver and establish qualities that long term caregivers all have in common. Addressed as a question for the World Cafe.</p> <p>Foster Family Month activities are poorly funded and are inconsistent across the province. Address this with the Ministry.</p>	

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8. Next Meeting	AGM on May 24, 2014 and conference call on June 23, 2014.	
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.	