

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors January 26, 2015 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Russell Pohl, President Rocky Hindmarch, Secretary Marcy Perron, Treasurer Heather Bayes, Interior Delegate Amanda Lindquist, North Delegate Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Tamara Smith, Vice President</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Anne Clayton, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. MCFD Liaison Report</p>	<p>The Ministry is getting ready for the House to sit again (budgets, briefing notes, questions/answers). Foster parent education is flagged as a priority for the next year and discussions are taking place. The Ministry has to identify staff resources for the initiatives that are identified as priorities.</p> <p>The liaison is looking at how to ensure adoptions to experienced parents are processed more quickly. Social workers need to retain their critical thinking skills and assess a foster parent's previous training and experience before insisting on basic training prior to adoption. Adoption training does not change very often. Also considering how to build capacity for more adoption education seats for the online program.</p> <p>OTO funding may be available. If there are any proposals, please send them in.</p> <p>The Interior delegate asked what MCFD is doing regarding foster parent recruitment and retention. This is currently being planned and will be discussed. The Liaison would like to see a recruitment campaign similar to adoption's 1000 Families. There are many communities that haven't been targeted. Word of mouth is still the best recruitment tool. MCFD leads are discussing a more customer service oriented approach in order to be more responsive in order to retain foster parents.</p> <p>Joint training of foster caregivers and social workers would have an impact on positive relationship building. New guardianship training may incorporate foster parents as well for the online component.</p>	
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region – Heather Bayes</i></p> <p>The Macro met earlier this month. Foster parents in the region are feeling that there is a shortage of effective support and that even other foster parents aren't offering support as they used to.</p>	

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	<p>The Liaison suggested that BCFFPA continue to follow up with all the EDSs when there are issues. Meeting with EDS and CSMs at regional meetings may be effective. CSMs disseminate messages to the Team Leads. DOPs are also a good resource for discussions about ongoing regional problems.</p> <p>The President suggested a “road show” through the interior of the province and suggested that Ministry leaders be present to show partnership and alignment between MCFD and BCFFPA.</p> <p><i>North Region – Amanda Lindquist/Rocky Hindmarch</i> There is no news to report from partnership meetings. No ongoing support issues to report. The MCFD resource team has given directives regarding documentation and have instituted a mandatory training. They have provided a large booklet to the foster parents. All caregivers are to provide copies of documents to the workers every 90 days. Some are finding this burdensome. Childcare hasn’t been paid while at this training.</p> <p>Carrier Sekani has invited BCFFPA Local foster parents to be involved in the welcome process for new foster parents.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Monica Buchanan</i> Not a lot to report. Delegate did not attend the December meetings in her area. Has been involved in 2 support cases.</p>	<p>ACTION Obtain a copy of the booklet providing guidelines for documentation.</p>
3. BC Foster Basics Report	The project is coming to a close. We will have produced 17 topics when we are finished. Some funds are left over.	
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of November 7 & 8, 2014 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of November 7 & 8, 2014 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Heather/Marcy</p>
5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	A few additions to the agenda.	
6. President’s Report	<p>There weren’t any meetings in December. Upcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surrey MCFD on February 2, 2015 - FCSS general meeting, February 18-20, 2015 - We will try to connect with MCFD staff while in Victoria - May CFFA meeting 	

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	A meeting with the Minister has been requested.	
7. Vice President's Report	Not available	
8. Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer reviewed the financial statements. There were no noteworthy changes this month.	MOTION to accept the financial statements as presented. M/S/C Heather/Rocky
9. Director's Report	The December agency partnership meeting was positive. Everyone left feeling the spirit of partnership. The second day of meetings was to discuss the foster parent education program. Dan is drafting a letter to be signed by all agencies and sent to the Ministry. There is a NED meeting in May.	
10. Ongoing Business	<i>2nd Coast Fraser Delegate</i> Monica stated the need for a second delegate as the region is very large. The President stated that we were to meet with an individual who was interested in the position but she did not attend and we have had no contact since.	
11. New Business	<i>Absences from pre-AGM Board Meeting</i> The Secretary and North delegate both have a graduation to attend which conflicts with the Board meeting and conference day. The Coast Fraser delegate will be unable to attend during the week. All can be in attendance at the AGM. Considering quorum numbers, voting at the Board meeting is a concern. The Secretary and North Delegate will call in to the meeting later in the day in order to be present for voting. <i>Fine Arts for Kids Fund</i> The new bursary/fund is intended to be distributed for dance, music, art, lessons, supplies etc, but not for school curriculum art programs. We start with \$2600 in the fund which was donated by Scotiabank (\$2,500) and the sale of art (\$100). The fund has been outlined and the information will be placed in the newsletter.	ACTION seek additional donations for the Fine Arts fund through stores that can perhaps donate services, lessons and supplies.
9. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be via conference call on February 23, 2015.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.	