

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors October 26, 2015 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Russell Pohl, President Tamara Smith, Vice President Heather Bayes, Secretary Lance Bereck, Treasurer Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager</p>	<p><i>Guest</i> Anne Clayton, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Ministry Liaison</p>	<p>MCFD held an event at the Legislature in celebration of the 25th Foster Family Month. The Minister invited foster parents with 40+ years of fostering experience to be recognized in Parliament and attend a luncheon. Approximately 8 foster families were in attendance. Event was enjoyed by all.</p> <p>MCFD wants to ensure that Learning and Development is involved or consulted in development of Resource Worker Training.</p>	
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region– Heather Bayes</i> The Foster Parent Appreciation Brunch was well attended in Salmon Arm. Foster Parents enjoyed the event.</p> <p>Macro Board next meeting to be held on October 29, 2015.</p> <p>No major issues or concerns have been brought to the Interior Representatives attention in the past month.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Monica Buchanan</i> Has met recently with some foster parents from the Fraser area with some challenges and issues.</p> <p>Attended the Vancouver Partnership meeting. There was some dialogue around the need for foster parents for children 12 years plus.</p> <p>Will be touching base with Mission Local in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Langley MCFD office held an event in celebration of Foster Family Month. Unfortunately, a poem was read that was not received well by the foster parents.</p> <p><i>North Region– Lance Bereck</i> First month of BCFFPA Local operations went well. They are focusing on building relationships and moving forward.</p>	

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	<p>Overall a positive momentum.</p> <p>Smithers CSN home contract was renewed.</p> <p>Smithers MCFD office held a luncheon in celebration of Foster Family Month.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region – no report available</i></p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting as circulated.</p> <p>*M/S/C Heather/Monica</p>
4. President's Report	<p><i>Contract Meetings</i> President and Executive Director recently were in Victoria and met with the ministry leads and attended the legislative event.</p> <p><i>CFFA</i> Report from September minutes reviewed.</p> <p><i>Partnership Meetings</i> Vancouver Island Partnership meeting was held in Nanaimo on October 15, 2015. There was discussion around the 60 day notice policy.</p> <p><i>Foster Family Appreciation Events</i> Attended the Foster Family Month Appreciation at the Legislature on October 19, 2015.</p> <p>Had the opportunity to attend the Surrey MCFD, Coquitlam MCFD and Vancouver/Richmond MCFD Foster Family Appreciation events. Foster parents felt heard and appreciated at each event.</p> <p><i>Secretary Position</i> Heather Bayes has been appointed to the position of Secretary. The vote was held by email.</p> <p><i>Regional Delegate Applications</i> There was discussion around the applications for Coast Fraser Regional Delegate.</p> <p>Motion was brought forward to invite Tanya Tagmann of Prince George to join the Board of Directors as Northern Delegate.</p>	<p>MOTION that Tanya Tagmann be invited to join the Board as Northern Delegate.</p> <p>*M/S/C Heather/Tamara</p>

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	<p>Motion was brought forward to invite Chad Hooker of Courtenay to join the Board of Directors as Vancouver Island Delegate.</p> <p>Two applications were received for the Coast Fraser 2nd Delegate position. A motion was brought forward for an election to determine who will hold the position.</p> <p><i>Mileage Amount for Board of Directors</i> President proposed a mileage increase from .46 cents to .51 cents. There was discussion about an increase. The topic will be revisited at the February 2016 Board of Directors meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION that Chad Hooker be invited to join the Board as Vancouver Island Delegate. *M/S/C Heather/Tamara</p> <p>MOTION that an election is held for the Coast Fraser 2nd Delegate position. *M/S/C Heather/Monica</p> <p>ACTION to review actual expenses and budget available for potential increase.</p>
5. Vice President's Report	<p>Contract Administrative position has been filled.</p> <p>A temporary receptionist has been hired to fill the position while full time receptionist is away on Medical EI.</p> <p>Motion was proposed for a Provincial Office closure during the holidays, December 23, 2015 – January 4, 2016. Staff will be required to used sick or holiday days to cover 5 non stat days.</p>	<p>MOTION to close the BCFFPA Office from December 23, 2015 – January 4, 2016 inclusive. *M/S/C Tamara/Monica</p>
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer provided a general summary of the financial statements. Was noted that the Membership Fees are low however renewal season has just started.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the financial statements as presented. *M/S/C Lance/Heather</p>
7. Executive Director's Report	<p>Previous MCFD liaison is leaving the Ministry. A farewell is planned for November 10, 2015 in Victoria. Executive Director felt it was important that a representative from BCFFPA attend in support.</p> <p>Executive Director and Community Network Manager attended the Leadership 2020 Reunion on October 22, 2015. Was a good learning event and time to catch up with attendees of previous cohorts.</p> <p>Attended Education Meetings on October 27 – 28, 2015. Committee work moving slowly. A commitment has been made to have the 1st draft of the Resource Worker Training completed by March 31, 2016.</p> <p>Executive Director and President are scheduled to attend the Adoption Permanency Summit in Ottawa November 3 – 6, 2015.</p>	<p>MOTION for Executive Director and President to attend Farewell event in Victoria on November 10, 2015. *M/S/C Heather/Monica</p>

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	Executive Director is in the process of reviewing and updating BCFFPA policies.	
8. Ongoing Business	<i>Protocol Committee</i> Draft of the Caregiver Support Service Policy has been distributed for review. When reviewing the policy there are a few concerns about changes. There is a concern of how policy will be handled versus standards and that foster parents will not all have access to the new policy manual.	ACTION Executive Director to forward proposed policy to all Board Members for review and comment.
9. New Business	Executive Director and President have had a meeting with Anne Clayton about a possible pilot project in Surrey SDA. It would involve a BCFFPA representative to provide support well before a crisis point. MCFD & BCFFPA are discussing the mechanism that would bring BCFFPA to the table.	
10. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on November 23, 2015.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.	