

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors November 27, 2018 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Chad Hooker, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Julie Holmlund, Secretary Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Connie Epp, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:34 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region</i> Not much activity in the region. Foster Parent Appreciation Month was successful in the region with lots of events. Annual pins were distributed and long service acknowledged. Feedback from the AGM is positive.</p> <p>Vernon Branch is experiencing some issues. The President and Secretary will be meeting with the Branch and are hoping to coordinate a meeting with MCFD leadership.</p> <p>The Aboriginal Foster Parent Appreciation Event was not well attended. Christmas party planning is in the works.</p> <p><i>North Region</i> No regional report available.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region</i> Delegate not available for call.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region</i> Attended 2 partnership meetings (Nanaimo and Courtenay) North Island Branch Board has shifted Board members. Courtenay MCFD and the North Island Branch are experiencing some communication challenges. Meetings with Courtenay Team Lead was positive.</p> <p>Event is being planned in January and February in Campbell River so that foster parents from other areas are able to attend.</p> <p>60-Day Notice change is causing some major problems Upper Island.</p> <p>Over 30 foster parents and agency staff from the Island attended the AGM.</p>	

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	<p>Solutions Manager and FPSSS are jointly hosting a training in Courtenay or Campbell River in February. Topic will be around Communications and Solutions.</p> <p>Metis foster family not being considered as a possible adoption placement for children in their care. Foster parents were told that their feelings about a placement don't matter. This is part of a new standard for Indigenous children. Faster transitions and permanency plans as soon as they enter care. Foster homes are not permanent placements and will not be considered as an adoption option until all family, community and out-of-care placements are examined.</p>	
2. MCFD Liaison	<p>Looking for feedback about how the service pins are received.</p> <p>Expanded on transitions planning for Indigenous children. Family, extended family, community members and then potentially foster parents considered for permanency. Foster family has to be VERY involved in Aboriginal community for a permanency consideration. There is much criteria for a placement that needs to be met.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Acceptance of September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of September 27, 2018 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Chad/Kevin</p>
4. Agenda	No changes to the agenda.	
5. President's Report	<p>Attended the Kelowna Branch meeting. Community phone call regarding a court case in Kelowna about MCFD worker and funds taken from youth transitioning from care.</p> <p>Foster parents are being asked to speak to lawyers for complainants and are nervous to do so.</p>	<p>ACTION ED will contact BCFPPA's lawyer for analysis and advice regarding the case in Kelowna and foster parents speaking to lawyers who request interviews.</p>
6. Vice President's Report	<p>Provided summary of staff activities and office update.</p> <p>Office Manager provided a summary of her activities.</p>	
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>Financial statements are in order.</p> <p>Looks like we will have a surplus this year. If so, has several ideas for how to utilize for needed activities including additional Hydro expenses for new office, staff retreat, and website development.</p> <p>Lance will convene a team to discuss and plan for website development including: Coriana, Lance (chair), Chad, Kevin and Jayne.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the financial statement as presented. M/S/C Chad/Julie</p> <p>ACTION ED will let the Communications Coordinator know of the plan to expand the website</p>

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	<p>VP asked about the feasibility of using a Facebook page for Branch connection. Other areas of the province use Facebook for the closed group communications. BCFFPA has no standards on how the page must look.</p> <p>Treasurer was looking for an update on the Nucleus Labs database process.</p> <p>Discussion regarding conference call platforms. Discussion about using Zoom.</p>	<p>ACTION ask Michelle for an update on Nucleus Labs</p> <p>ACTION ask Michelle to explore the feasibility of using Zoom for BCFFPA’s conferencing needs</p>
<p>8. Executive Director’s Report</p>	<p><i>Community Membership</i> Discussion regarding Motion from the AGM regarding BCFFPA membership for all foster parents in BC without a membership fee to be paid. We could consider a base level membership without voting privileges and some access to Camps for Kids bursary for those who don’t choose to pay for membership.</p> <p>Informal survey indicates that Victoria is the only area who has expressed an issue with our membership fees and feel that all foster parents should be voting members with access to all bursaries without the need to pay for membership. Existing members pay for access to bursaries and voting privileges.</p> <p>Could consider a tiered access to Camps for Kids bursaries if not paying members.</p> <p><i>Agency Relationships</i> The Treasurer indicated he had conversations with some agency staff and reparation of relationships is necessary.</p> <p><i>Election for Coast Fraser and North Delegates</i> Coast Fraser Region received 3 eligible nominees. Ballots will be sent out by end of the week. No nominees came forward from the North region.</p> <p><i>AGM Locations</i> Due to wine season being in full swing, hosting the AGM in Penticton or Kelowna for room costs are extremely high. Foster parents won’t pay the rates that are being quoted. Discussed other options.</p> <p>As the AGM attendance is regularly over 100 people annually now, we may need to consider identifying 3 or 4 hotels that we can routinely rotate and who can accommodate our rooming and banquet space needs. Ronda is working with a contact for a hotel chain who is</p>	<p>ACTION bring forward Camps bursaries tiered system at face to face meeting in February</p>

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	interested in quoting on a multi-year contract. Better prices may be available.	
9. Ongoing Business	<p>Ronda noted the dates for a June face to face Board meeting and asked all to check calendars. She will confirm date once it's booked.</p> <p>Ronda asked all who will be flying to the February Board meeting to inform of travel times so that she can book.</p> <p>Office is closing December 21st and reopening on January 2nd for the Christmas break.</p>	
10. New Business	No new business.	
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on December 18 th , 2018.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.	