

BCFFPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Teleconference Summary
June 23, 2009

1. Acceptance of Minutes April 21, 2009, and AGM with the addition of Frank Hetherington as Life and Honorary. Carried
2. Additions and Changes
 - a. Add Appointment of Executive
 - b. Add Legal Defense Fund

3. Computers for Kids

01/06/2009:MSC: (Heather Bayes) **Move to purchase 2 laptops or desk computers valued under \$600 each for foster children of members who graduate from high school in 2009. carried**

4. President's Report
 - a. The President will purchase a gift for IFCO
 - b. Meeting with the new minister has been requested. Waiting to hear.
 - c. Meeting with the critic offered. We will wait to hear from the minister.
 - d. Met L. du Toit at the FCFS meetings in Penticton. The President will be meeting with her regarding a pilot project.
 - e. Claude Cuff letter. No concerns have come forward despite several requests that they be forwarded to the board in writing.
 - f. Possible board meeting in the next few months. Some time will be set aside on the agenda to discuss their issues.
5. Regional Reports
 - a. Vancouver Coastal – no report
 - b. Fraser – no issues
 - c. Interior – This area still is trying to push through the issue of paying lower rates for sibling groups. This will be addressed in meeting with the Minister. Foster parents report the feeling that most protocols taking place in this region tend to be bullying rather than actual protocols. There are also a lot less kids coming into care. This could lead to more problems for them when they are finally taken into care.
 - d. North – still no children are coming into care. The restart of the Teambuilding meeting has been positive. Sherrie informed the board that Kathy Modahl has passed away. The Federation will put something in the newsletter. ‘
 - e. Vancouver Island – wrapping up for the summer. Training has been provided in this region by FPSSS. There still continues to be many protocols taking place with USMA.

6. Old business

- a. Executive Job descriptions – Sheila has completed and did an excellent job.
- b. AGM Motions
 - i. 1-3 Needs to come out as a position statement
 - ii. 4 – 6 Melanie
 - iii. 7 – Melanie and Louise
 - iv. 8 – Camp registration is extended to June 30
 - v. 9 – board to address
 - vi. 10 – Ellaine to address
 - vii. 11 – Debbie Drewitz to write a letter
 - viii. 12 – Melanie
 - ix. 13 – Heather Bayes
 - x. 14 – Les and Ellaine
- c. Kids Up Front – going well, however some social workers have been attempting to contact Kids Up Front directly. They have been informed that it is members only. If Lions tickets are forthcoming, Debbie would like to have a recap.
- d. Legal use of bursary funds. A group of lawyers has offered to match funds with the Federation should they start an “ACTION” fund to address legal costs for foster parents.

02/06/2009:MSC: (H. Bayes) Move to investigate the use of the GIC previously allocated to bursaries to start a legal defense fund for foster parent members. Fund to be matched by a group of lawyers. Carried unanimous

03/06/2009: MSC: (H. Bayes) Move to appoint Louise Dol as Secretary until the next AGM. Sheila Davis will act as Island Rep in the mean time.

- e. CFFA – Sheila was asked to inquiry about ride sharing from the airport to the CFFA meeting in Calgary.

Next call July 28, 2009 6:30-8:30 PM