

**BCFFPA Board of Directors
Teleconference Summary
October 20, 2009**

1. **Acceptance of Minutes of September 22, 2009** – H. Bayes/L. Dol – carried
2. **Additions or changes to the agenda**
 - a. Add Kids Up Front
 - b. MCFD Liaison
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Federation is approximately \$7,000 in the black at present.
4. **President's Report**
 - a. Period of Purple Crying media release – President to attend. Provided a quote for the Press Release
 - i. This is new training around Shaken Baby Syndrome
 - b. Rights Document will be signed off by October 30, 2009 with a press release going out. President and Vice President to attend legislature for signature.
 - c. Conference Call October 26th with Jane Cowell to discuss Rights. The Board was requested to get their input back to the office as soon as possible. This document is subject to change and additions as necessary going forward.
 - d. Foster Parent Appreciation events – Reps from BCFFPA attended in Coquitlam and Vancouver events and will attend the media release for the Period of Purple Crying.
 - e. Once again the Federation is doing a membership draw, this time for a lap top computer. The membership mail out of 2008 encouraged new and returning members from years past. Foster parents who are current members can participate in the draw if they pay another year of membership
5. **Regional Delegates**
 - Vancouver Coastal – Peter Dueck**
 - The board will look at paid lifetime memberships
 - Attended the FAFP AGM and feels that there may be some things around processes that the Federation may want to borrow.
 - The foster parent appreciation dinner is taking place October 22nd
 - Fraser – Debbie Drewitz**
 - Lots of protocols still taking place in Fraser
 - Attended the Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents as a member.
 - Kids Up Front will be charging a \$150 membership fee starting January 11, 2010

01/10/2009: MSC: (D. Drewitz/S. Jones) Move to pay \$150 for 2010 membership in Kids Up Front.

All foster parent members need to be informed that the tickets for Kids Up Front are available to them.

This will be discussed in the next face-to-face meeting.

Interior – Marcia Perron

- Lots of Protocols taking place throughout the region
- There was a good turn out for the Foster Parent Appreciation events taking place throughout the region.
- Foster Parent meetings in Kelowna will resume October 21st
- Concerns have been raised by foster parents regarding information contained in their files and the difficulty viewing that information.
- Penticton MCFD is working on a new format for Partnership Meetings
- Having problems getting information from Kamloops
- Williams Lake homes still continue to experience overages

North – Sherrie Jones

- Foster homes continue to close as less and less children are being taken into care, yet it is reported that there are 60-70 youth couch surfing on any given night in the Dawson area.
- Chetwyn has only one foster homes
- Only newborns are being taken in
- No kids, no protocols
- Sherrie reported difficulty getting information from the North West
- MCFD in Dawson hosted an appreciation event. 11 foster parents and 20 social workers attended.
- There is discussion around claw backs taking place. Groups are advised not to hold unused funds.

Vancouver Island - Sheila Davis

- The Island is not providing the required 60 days notice to cancel contracts. In a lot of cases they are waiting until the contract expires and then renewing for a lower number of beds.
- It appears that the number of Level II beds also on the decline. This has already happened to the Level III beds.
- A foster parent appreciation event was held in Nanaimo
- There is a concern that kids are being returned home too early and may be unsafe. Sheila will keep the office updated

6. Old Business

- a. Iezzi – waiting for legal draft.
- b. Insurance Training – Ellaine provided insurance training in Nanaimo, Port Alberni
- c. Melanie will draft a letter to the Coalition of Concerned Caregivers asking them for their issues in writing.
- d. The board was asked to consider January for a face-to-face meeting. All agreed that January would work. Date to be decided. Not sure of the location yet