

**Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 25, 2011  
Paradise Canyon Golf Resort - Lethbridge**

**Attendance**

Cathy Needham, John Willms, Donald Johnson, Anja Langstraat, Terry Michaelis, Garth Bekkering, Wanda Luchia, Richard Sheen, and staff G. Pratt, M. Iwaasa, B. Drewry and Linda Hashizume.

**Absent**

Bob Jones

**Call to Order**

G. Bekkering called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

T. Michaelis moved the Board adopt the agenda as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Minutes**

C. Needham moved the minutes of the January 5, 2011 regular FCSS Board meeting be approved as amended.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Resolution

G. Bekkering reported he contacted J. Carlson, FCSSAA regarding the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Resolution. G. Bekkering reported J. Carlson indicated the FCSSAA Board will be meeting with the Ministers to pursue the resolution.

Planning Day Feedback

G. Pratt asked the Board for feedback on the Planning Day.

The Board members responded it was one of the best we have had.

**Correspondence**

Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) – FCSS Storybook

G. Pratt reported he received the FCSS 2010 Storybook. If any of the Board members would like to review the Storybook, please let Greg know.

FCSSAA – Resignation of Vice President

An e-mail was received from Jeff Carlson, President, FCSS Association of Alberta regarding the resignation of FCSSAA Vice President Heath Stromquist.

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FCSSAA – Approved Resolutions

An e-mail was received from Sharlyn White, Executive Director, FCSS Association of Alberta regarding the FCSSAA approved Resolutions for 2010. At the February 2011 meeting the FCSSAA Board will determine follow up actions for each resolution and President Jeff Carlson will forward a summary of the disposition of resolutions to you.

G. Pratt has copies of the resolutions if any of the Board members are interested in reviewing them.

FCSSAA – Board Introductions

The FCSSAA Newsletter for December 2010 was received. The newsletter introduced the 2011 FCSS Association Board.

C. Needham moved the Board receive and file the correspondence as presented.  
**Carried Unanimously**

**Reports**

**Director**

Mastercard Statement

The Mastercard statement for December 2010 was presented.

J. Willms moved the Board approve payment of the December 2010 Mastercard statement.

**Carried Unanimously**

Date for All-Councils Meeting

The date for the All-Councils meeting is set for March 17, 2011 at Luigis Pizza & Steak House in Taber.

Early Childhood Mapping Grants

G. Pratt reported on the Early Childhood Mapping Project being funded by the Minister of Education.

The overall purposes are to:

- measure how well our children are prepared for school versus other children across the country
- improve community services that will assist children to develop to levels at least equal to national averages.

In February and March of 2010 kindergarten teachers were asked to complete a questionnaire called the Early Development Instrument (EDI) on every child in the classroom. The results were tabulated by school division and those results have been presented to school personnel. The next step is to analyze the data according to community and that data will be useful to begin our analysis.

In cooperation with our community partners including schools, health, and a variety of others, we applied for and received approval for a grant of \$50,000 in the County of Lethbridge area and \$50,000 for the M.D. of Taber / South County of

Warner area. The funding will be used primarily to hire staff over a two year period to:

- gather and analyze data
- gather research information
- compile inventories of services available in each community
- use the information to determine what services children need to increase their competencies
- provide educational sessions to parents and to the public
- provide information to and mobilize the public to improve outcomes for children.

The time frame for the grant will be from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013.

G. Pratt commented if any of the Board members would like to sit on the Steering Committee for the Early Childhood Mapping Project, please let him know.

C. Needham asked if Westwind School Division has bought into the project.

G. Pratt commented that Westwind School Division has bought in, but has not yet completed the EDI.

#### Vehicle Replacement

G. Pratt reported we currently have 7 vehicles that we lease through Alberta Health Services (AHS). Three of those vehicles are 2009 and the other 4 are either 2003 or 2004 models. G. Pratt presented information regarding the current lease costs and the costs to lease new vehicles. The new vehicles have newer technology and are safer and more economical.

D. Johnson asked what Company's G. Pratt approach regarding the lease costs.

G. Pratt stated he spoke with 5 different vendors. The best price was offered by Toyota.

J. Willms moved the Board authorize Administration to replace four vehicles as deemed most advantageous to the organization.

**Carried Unanimously**

D. Johnson moved the Board accept the Director's report as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **Accounts**

A list of expenditures for the month of December 2010 and January 2011 were distributed with the agenda.

R. Sheen moved the Board approve the accounts for December 2010 and January 2011.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**Financial**

G. Pratt reported Alberta Health Services is currently working on preparing for the audit.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2011.

**Adjournment**

A. Langstraat moved the meeting adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

  
Chairman

  
Director