

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Attendance

Cathy Needham, John Willms, Heather Caldwell, Terry Michaelis, Garth Bekkering, Wanda Luchia, Anja Langstraat and staff B. Drewry, M. Iwaasa, and Evelyn Florence-Greene.

Absent

Don Johnson, Bob Jones

Call to Order

G. Bekkering called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

- A. Langstraat moved the Board approve the agenda with the following additions:
- IV. (h) FCSSAA South Region minutes
 - (i) Letter from Greg Pratt
 - VI. (b) Raymond Counsellor
 - VII. (d) Meeting with Palliser

Carried Unanimously

Minutes

J. Willms moved the minutes of the November 2, 2011 regular FCSS Board meeting be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Business Arising From Minutes

Mastercard Annual Fee

B. Drewry reported Administration met with the Bank of Montreal regarding the annual Mastercard fee. The Bank of Montreal has reversed the fee.

Coaldale Community Wellness Association Cheque Presentation

B. Drewry reported the cheque presentation from the Coaldale Community Wellness Association was held on December 5, 2011 here in Coaldale. Chairman G. Bekkering received it on behalf of the agency, with A. Langstraat also present.

Coaldale Parent Link Centre

B. Drewry reported he is working with the Town of Coaldale regarding the contract for rental of the space for the Parent Link Centre.

A. Langstraat provided an update on the progress of the facility, including the projected grand opening Family Day weekend.

Correspondence

Town of Coalhurst

A letter was received from the Town of Coalhurst appointing Heather Caldwell to the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.

Town of Coaldale

A letter was received from the Town of Coaldale appointing Anja Langstraat to the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.

Town of Taber

A letter was received from the Town of Taber appointing Garth Bekkering to the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.

Village of Warner

A letter was received from Lisa Carroll, CAO, Village of Warner providing notice that effective January 1, 2012 the rent for the space we currently lease for the Warner Parent Link Centre will be increasing to \$300 per month.

Tamarack Events

An e-mail was received from Deborah Hopkins, Senior Manager of ECD Initiatives Alberta Human Services regarding Tamarack Events 2012.

Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta will be offering two workshops – “Collaborative Leadership and Community Engagement” and “Collaborative Action and Collective Impact”.

FCSSAA will be offering the training to staff of FCSS Programs and Parent Link Centres, through the FCSS/PLC Education Bursary. The full brochure/workshop agendas and information about the process for registering for the events will be forwarded early in the new year.

FCSSAA 2011 Annual Report

B. Drewry reported the FCSSAA 2011 Annual Report is available for review. If any of the Board members would like to review the document, please contact Linda Hashizume.

FCSSAA South Agenda Package

B. Drewry reported the FCSS Association of Alberta South Region Meeting was held November 16, 2011 in Edmonton, during the FCSSAA Conference. Copies of agenda are available for review.

FCSSAA South Region Meeting Minutes

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BND

Letter from Greg Pratt

B. Drewry read a letter from G. Pratt stating his appreciation for the card and delicious food basket sent by the Board. He indicated the treatments he is receiving are helping him to feel better.

T. Michaelis moved the Board receive the correspondence as presented for information.

Carried Unanimously

Reports

Director

Mastercard Statement

The Mastercard statement for November 8, 2011 was presented for information.

H. Caldwell moved the Board approve payment of the November 8, 2011 Mastercard statement.

Carried Unanimously

Professional Development Report

Janet Fekete and Jackie Fiorino submitted a professional development report on the "Parenting Simplified with Marlene O'Neill Laberge" workshop they attended.

"Within the workshop, Marlene offered strategies for dealing with problem behaviours such as lying, stealing, controlling tendencies, sleeping, impulse control, tantrums, regressive behaviour, social boundaries, incessant chatter and self sabotaging.

We are so glad to have been chosen to attend this workshop. We both have had a few 'aha' moments while listening to Marlene's presentation; on both a personal and professional level. We have certainly gained some new tools to add to our toolbox to better support the families that we are working with."

New Years Party

B. Drewry reported the New Years Party has been set for Jan. 21, 2012 at Luigi's Restaurant in Taber. Please RSVP to Linda Hashizume by January 18, 2012 if you will be attending.

H. Caldwell moved the Board approve the Director's Report.

Carried Unanimously

Accounts

A list of expenditures for October 26 to November 25, 2011 was distributed with the agenda.

A. Langstraat moved the Board approve the accounts for October 26 to November 25, 2011.

Carried Unanimously

Financial

B. Drewry reported 71% of the budget has been spent for 83% of the year as shown on the financial report.

B. Drewry reported 50% of the Parent Link budget has been spent for 58% of the year as shown on the financial report.

H. Caldwell moved the Board approve the financial report for October 2011.

Carried Unanimously

New Business

FCSSAA Conference Feedback

B. Drewry requested feedback regarding the November 2011 FCSSAA Conference.

The Board felt it was a good conference.

The Board requested the Director to provide the following observations to the FCSSAA Conference organizing committee.

- The presenters were well received and the conference was considered a success and very worthwhile.
- Strong recommendation to start Wednesday morning. Those coming from a distance ordinarily come in Tuesday evening and would like to see the excellent offerings begin the next morning.
- There was also a suggestion for more program sharing opportunities.
- The Board requested the Director investigate the possibility of obtaining Marilyn Smith's book featured at the Conference.

Raymond Counsellor

B. Drewry reported Margie Hartley was the successful candidate for the Raymond Counsellor position.

B. Drewry reported we are currently advertising for the Taber Counsellor position.

Closed Session

C. Needham moved the Board move in-camera at 6:50 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

W. Luchia moved the Board move to regular session at 7:10 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

T. Michaelis moved the Board approve a one-time payment of \$500 per employee for in-scope and out-of-scope staff employed at November 30, 2011, pro-rated for permanent part-time staff according to their full-time equivalent positions at November 30, 2011 and pro-rated for casual staff according to the hours worked since January 1, 2011 and who have worked regularly in the last three months, excluding all grant associated work hours.

Carried

BWD

Date of Next Meeting

January 4, 2012

Adjournment

C. Needham moved the meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Chairman

Director