

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Attendance

Cathy Needham, John Willms, Don Heggie, Merrill Harris, Don Holinaty, Barbara Edgecombe-Green, Bill Martens, Laura Ross-Giroux, Ian Glendinning and staff Brett Drewry, Milton Iwaasa and Linda Hashizume.

Observer

Sel Golding, Village of Barons

Call to Order

C. Needham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

J. Willms moved the Board approve the agenda with the following additions:

6 b) FCSSAA Provincial Highlights

8 c) Personnel Updates

Carried Unanimously

Minutes

B. Martens moved the minutes of the February 10, 2016 regular FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

Joyce Mellott, Senior Manager, FCSS, Alberta Human Services

An e-mail was received from Joyce Mellott, Senior Manager, FCSS, Alberta Human Services, thanking B. Drewry for the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Report to Municipalities he sent.

"This is very timely as I always get requests for information about FCSS programs and your program covers a diverse cross-section of the population. Very interesting programs as well."

C. Needham reported at the FCSSAA Provincial meeting FCSS organizations were encouraged to send in their success stories. It was pointed out that B. Drewry is excellent at sending in success stories every three months.

Ken Dropko, Executive Director, FCSS, Alberta Human Services

An email from Ken Dropko, Executive Director, FCSS, Alberta Human Services was received confirming the distribution of the additional funding for FCSS. Funds will be distributed through a separate grant payment in the last week of February 2016.

MLA's – June 8, 2016

B. Drewry reported a copy of the Report to Municipalities was sent to our local MLA's as well. He invited them to attend one of our Board meetings. Mr. Schneider and Mr. Hunter will be attending the June 8, 2016 Board meeting.

D. Holinaty moved the Board receive the correspondence as presented for information.

Carried Unanimously

Reports

Director

MasterCard Statement

The Alberta Treasury Branch MasterCard statement for February 10, 2016 was presented for information and approval.

B. Edgecombe-Green moved the Board approve payment of the Alberta Treasury Branch February 10, 2016 MasterCard statement.

Carried Unanimously

Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Financial Summary

B. Drewry provided an update on the additional promised funding for FCSS.

B. Drewry reported the NDP government promised additional funding for FCSS in the amount of \$25 million provincially. This represents an increase of 33%, going from \$76 million to \$101 million.

After several reviews of the documentation provided to us and conversations with the Finance office for FCSS provincially, Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Administration have concluded the following:

- BEW FCSS will receive a 28%, or \$312,552, increase to its funding.
- In 2016, this will come from a combination of lump sum monies and permanent increase. Only the permanent funding will need to be matched. Current municipal "matching" contributions more than cover this initial permanent increase.
- An initial installment of \$103,688 received in 2015 will also need to be expended by the end of 2016 and does not need to be matched.
- We are told that starting January, 2017 all funds within the increase will be permanent and will need to be matched. At the 2015 rate of municipal fund contributions, we will be short in matching funds by \$627 in 2017.

The Board discussed the FCSS regulation review.

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C. Needham reported there is talk that there is the potential for some FCSS grant dollars in the future will be tied to poverty reduction, homelessness and other provincial initiatives/priorities.

B. Edgecombe-Greene indicated if the Government is going to link the funding to specific outcomes, she would like to see specific goals set and enough notice so we have time to develop a strategic plan related to the goals. She also expressed concern about diverting funding from its original, intended purpose into other areas.

C. Needham reported that the FCSS Regulation is currently under review, but we do not yet know if we will be given the opportunity to provide feedback.

D. Heggie moved the Board approve the Director's Report.
Carried Unanimously

Accounts

A list of expenditures for the period of January 26, 2016 to February 25, 2016 was distributed with the agenda.

The Board asked for clarification on a number of the expenses.

L. Ross-Giroux moved the Board approve the accounts for January 26, 2016 to February 25, 2016.

Carried Unanimously

Financial

B. Drewry reported 5% of the budget has been spent for 8% of the year as shown on the financial report. The budget presented is based on the 2015 budget as the 2016 budget has not been finalized. The Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS budget ordinarily follows the provincial annual budget announcement and the completion of our audit.

B. Drewry reported 80% of the Parent Link budget has been spent for 83% of the year as shown on the financial report.

M. Harris moved the Board approve the financial report for January 2016.
Carried Unanimously

New Business

All-Councils Meeting 2016

B. Drewry reviewed the agenda for the April 6, 2016 All-Councils meeting.

FCSSAA Provincial Meeting Highlights

C. Needham reported on the FCSSAA Provincial meeting highlight.

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- \$18,000 revenue was reported on the 2015 FCSS Conference
- There is \$500 available for the South Region meeting. Send a request to Deb Teed for the funds and parameters for their use.
- It is the 50th Anniversary of FCSS this year. The actual anniversary date is July 1st. The Provincial FCSS Board is currently working on celebration ideas.
- Met the two new Early Childhood Development Community Liaison representatives
- The Directors Network asked to be brought under FCSSAA umbrella as a subcommittee. Currently they are separate entities. It appears for this to happen it will need to be brought to the FCSSAA Conference as there will need to be a change to the FCSSAA bylaws.
- Discussion around a province wide 211 information system. Anyone could call 211 and be directed to the appropriate service provider in their area. Concern expressed regarding who is responsible to keep the information updated.

L. Ross-Giroux suggested we could do interviews with the local newspapers regarding the 50th anniversary.

C. Needham suggested maybe we could also include how Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS ties in with the 50th Anniversary.

B. Edgecombe-Green suggested maybe an article in the Lethbridge Living magazine.

J. Willms left the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Closed Session

D. Holinaty moved the Board move in-camera at 5:47 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

B. Edgecombe-Green moved the Board move to regular session at 6:05 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

D. Heggie moved the Board extend a letter of offer for the position of Director, Barons-Eureka-Warner Family and Community Support Services, to Zachary Morrison.
Carried Unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be April 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Heritage Inn, Taber.

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Adjournment

L. Ross-Giroux moved the meeting adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

Chairperson	<i>Spedham</i>	Director	<i>Beth Drey</i>