

**7:00 pm**      **Call meeting to order**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

**Christmas added to agenda**

**7:05 pm**      **Review/Adoption of minutes**

04-07 September 2008      *In-Camera Minutes* (Sabine please provide)

- Elaine not Ellen, V.P. report ad ED (Debra will send) Approved

23 September 2008      *Regular Minutes* (Sabine please provide)

*In Camera Minutes* (Sabine please provide)

- Approved without comment

19 October 2008      *Regular Minutes* (Ottawa)

- Approved - Nancy and Robert were not there for the minutes please remove them

*In-Camera Minutes* (Ottawa)

04 November 2008      *Regular Minutes*

- Approved without comment

*In-Camera Minutes*

- Approved without comment

**7:20pm**      **Administration Reports:**

**Financial Report (Heather/Victoria)**

- Please see attached report for reference
- Nancy feels that the first sentence “The Board Finance Committee submits its frustration in the continued inability to prepare the finance reports in line with the Board Working Schedule”, was out of order as the financial statements were prepared and delivered to the board at the earliest date possible.
- The financial committee is of the opinion that the comment should stand as this has been an on going problem. The director is aware of the board schedule, and should seek to prepare the financial statements and reports around these dates.
- Motion to approve the financial reports. Consensus

**7:30pm**      **ED Reports:**

**(Nancy/Robert)**

- Please see attached report for reference

- It has been quite busy in the office at this time of year.
- Nancy has been in constant communication with Robert via telephone, skype, and by coming into the office, making for a smooth transition.
- The merchandise has all been located, and soon will be much easier to track down.
- Our university evening has had a great response, we have five presenters and a full crowd of interested grade twelve students.
- The newsletter is prepared, with only a few articles left to come in.
- Provincial ad hoc has a date for December 12, though there still appears to be no rural or urban superintendents.
- Rencontre on Plein Air was plagued with problems, as the organizer was impossible to contact, and the registration forms and information were improperly translated. We are uncertain if we should continue with the project as the poor execution of this event reflects poorly on our organization.
- Bilingualism Rocks is moving along according to plan and it appears as though the second tour will be larger.
- The Francophone Youth Parliament was inundated with the responses of French Immersion teens on our mailing list
- Granting for the socio cultural events was brutal, and many chapters did not get the full funding that they requested.
- The AGM reimbursement is for \$200 some chapters sent two delegates but they will only be getting a \$200 reimbursement. Chapters who received funding will be contacted via e-mail and the information will be posted in the next CRU
- No numbers are back yet for the membership drive as we are currently compiling them, they will be announced in the December 1<sup>st</sup> CRU.
- We spoke with Jim Shea who is still available to perform an ED training once Alberta has hired a new E.D.
- We are still trying to reach Radio-Canada with regards to the writing concours, however they likely will be getting in contact within the week.

- We attended the Multicultural summit in Vancouver where French Immersion was mentioned glowingly. Though there are still problems surrounding outreach to our various ethnic communities. I made contact with Channel M (Vancouver's Multicultural T.V. Station) at the event who appears interested in airing or co-producing a show for French Immersion students.
- We also attended a strategic planning session with the Francophone Association where CPF was a sought after partner.
- We had two requests for interviews have been received recently, and we are currently preparing for a meeting with the French Journalists through the Canadian Embassy.
- Registration for a French film festival, was set up and there were several interested Chapters, they may be able to get help from NFB.
- Meetings have been set with the Modern Languages Coordinator, educacentre about civic French videos, BAFF, and the French Coalition.

The board expressed a desire to receive any pertinent information that is being sent out or received that has not already been posted on the website.\

The board also gave instructions to the ED, to reimburse those chapters who sent two delegates the \$400 for both delegates as it is required by BC Yukon policy.

#### **7:50pm Strategic Planning Session Discussion**

- 24 January 2009 date has been confirmed with Peter Abrams our facilitator, he also facilitated the National Strategic plan.
- A teleconference with Peter to discuss the day has been set for 27 November 2008 at 11:00am with Victoria, Robert, and Debra
- Because of past surpluses, \$90,000 set aside if the office were to close on top of which there is a further \$34,000 surplus, we can afford to involve the chapters in the strategic plan.
- Debra spoke to different Chapter Presidents around the province about participating in the strategic plan and there appears to be an interest. We will need to limit this participation in some way so as to be cost effective, and to ensure that the discussion is manageable. Those who can not come could fill out a survey or SWAT so that everyone's perspective is included in this process. We feel that 24 people including staff and board should be involved in this project, with 12 Chapter reps from both rural areas and the Lower Mainland.

- We will require 9-12 bedrooms for this strategic plan.
- MSC Heather/Victoria that the board approve the 2009 annual strategic planning session to include the Chapter Presidents or their delegate for the date of January 24, 2009 in Vancouver.
- The cost of this session is not to exceed \$15,000. The Board directs the acting ED Robert Rother to set the process in motion.

Next face to face will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be flying in on Wednesday. Board meeting will be finished Thursday & Friday, Saturday will be the strategic plan (and perhaps Sunday morning) so please plan to be in Vancouver until 4:00pm

Robert will be in meetings with partners on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, so this will have to be our in camera portion of the meeting.

Victoria will keep us up to date on seat sales. She suspects that because nobody is flying there will likely be another one soon. So save on booking your tickets.

**8:20pm      New Business**

#### **Christmas**

- Nancy would like to do something with the staff and an office event with gifts is in the works.
- We have not budgeted for sending out cards, but will be sending out an e-greeting.

#### **Nancy's Departure**

- Nancy would like it to end December 15<sup>th</sup>. However she still needs to use up a number of vacation days, because she worked overtime. As such she would like to work until the end of December, and take all time past the 15th off.