

CPF BC-Yukon Branch Board Meeting October 7, 2014 by teleconference

Board members Present: Patti Holm, Rebecca Beuschel, Diane Tijman, Greer Cummings

Regrets: Daphne Lu

Staff present: Glyn Lewis

Guest: Doug McCall

Minutes: Rebecca Beuschel	Action Items/Timekeeper:
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1. Call to Order 7:45

2. Conversation with Doug McCall, advocate for improved and increased registrations for French immersion in Surrey School District

-What can the CPF BC & YT Board learn about effective advocacy and issues? What are the broader implications?

[Advocacy gems and looking at Surrey with lessons learned.](#)

Guest, Doug McCall, set the context:

- Crowded schools leads to lethargy in terms of expansion or diversification of program.
- Formal presentation process to the School District Board of Education is needed.
- Policy is to respond to the presentation at the next meeting not at the time of the presentation.
- FAC – limited access point for members of the public or for the parents
- FI enrolment process is telephone in competition/process but seems to be unfair, confusing and vague.
- How do the school boards report back to the Ministry re FI?
- Some boards lump all financial program reporting into the one pot.
- Some report out on differing accounting amounts.
- 8.1% of students in BC in FI is the average enrolment percentage in school districts. Surrey has 4.4%. This percentage seems low considering Surrey's size and population growth.
- Now is the time for movement towards advocacy – before budgets for the coming year are set.
- The bottom line is no more spaces have been added in the district.
- Are the needs being met for other choice schools? Not enough detail known.
- Idea to approach all the pre-schools now rather than in January or February which can be too late in some districts to gauge parents' interest in K FI enrolment.
- Lessons learned: pay attention to funding guide and grants.

Doug left the meeting at 8:27pm.

3. Follow up to Doug McCall's presentation

- The Board brainstormed next steps re collaboration with Surrey and advocacy in general.
- Staff to look at grant applications submitted – what happens in different districts.
- Prepare overview for Surrey Board of Education (sheet of 2 columns) 1) list what happened this year 2) what could be done more effectively.
- ED could pull together some ideas from staff towards early November.
- Does BC Yukon CPF need to meet with the Surrey Chapter?

4. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: MSC Diane/Rebecca

5. Approval of the September 13-14, 2014 minutes

Motion to approve the minutes: MSC Diane/Greer

6. Update on Policy Manual: During the Sept. 25 conference call, Board members reviewed and finished revising this document.

Diane commented that policy manual has been refined. Redundancies removed. Words tweaked. No huge changes. Clarification achieved on some of the policy pieces. One of the big goals was to make the document clearer and more user-friendly.

**Motion to approve the CPF BC-Yukon Policy Manual as amended at the Sept 25 2014 meeting
MSC Greer/Diane**

4. Final AGM Details – Glyn: everything is coming together. The technical pieces are in place. Table runners have arrived and each chapter will receive one.

CPF BC & YT staff, Heather, Kristy and Glyn, will be present at the live AGM in Ottawa at 6:30pm EST.

Board members asked to be in the room at 7:30pm. AGM Starts at 8pm sharp.

5. Terms of Reference: Policy and Finance – Diane: To be approved at a future board meeting (November 2014). Diane will send most recent handbook to Glyn and board members.

6. Reports on Action Items – Board members and ED: Review this at a brief board meeting with the new board members in Ottawa.

7. Other items: Glyn informed us that 19 members have said they will be present at the AGM and 5 members have registered for the on-line meeting link. Our quorum is 20 so we have enough if everyone carries through but we could all rally some members to please attend.

Motion to adjourn at 9.17pm

MSC Diane/Greer

NOTE: Probable board meeting January 16-18 – location tba – probably Richmond – meet Friday night, 7:30 for dinner and continue through until Sunday 3:00 pm

