

Annual General Meeting
October 15, 2022
08:30am
Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport

MINUTES

1. Call to order – Nancy Taylor (Chair) 8:34am

- Motion: Be it resolved to adopt this agenda
 - M: Heather (Fort St. John) S: Sloane (New Westminster) Carried
- Motion: Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the AGM of October 2, 2021 (Virtual)
 - M: Nancy (Saanich) S: Wendy (Shuswap) Carried

2. President's report – Nancy Taylor

- a. Oct 2021: former ED and BOD met with MOE Jennifer Whiteside to discuss and seek her support regarding critical teacher shortage, more online learning options, and a request for French Advisory Committees for all school districts. Met with Teri Mooring of the BCTF and raised the same issues with her, and she agreed to co-sign a letter with CPF BCYT to MOE in support of FACs, including a financial incentive for districts.
- b. Nov 2021: staff and Board met in person for strategic planning.
- c. Glyn Lewis left organization in February 2022 and BOD undertook hiring process to hire new ED (hiring process occurred during reporting year; Jason Howe's start date was in new reporting year).

3. Executive Director's report – Jason Howe and Alicia Rooney

- a. Alicia acted as interim ED during transition between Glyn and Jason.
- b. Alicia reported that the Branch:
 - i. Continued to engage youth using technology through the pandemic, which had both pros (expand reach especially in remote communities) and cons;
 - ii. Continued to support Concours virtuel;
 - iii. Continued advocacy, including a focus on FACs;
 - iv. Continued to collect enrolment numbers, which reflected systemic challenges highlighted during the pandemic; and
 - v. Continued work regarding membership and leadership: volunteers remain our strength, and though leadership saw a transition this year the teams have evolved and grown stronger.
- c. Jason reported that, since his start with the Branch:
 - i. There has been a period of change in whole of organization, but looking ahead we are excited to see results of our goals;
 - ii. The Branch recently submitted application for funding for next three years; and

- iii. Across the network, there have been discussions about how to strengthen organization and grow, including advocacy; diversifying revenues; and partnerships.

4. Auditor's Report – Manning Elliot (presented by Marco Fleury)

- a. Financials as of March 31, 2022
 - b. Revenue went up, expenses down (net approx. +40k).
 - c. Statement of cash flow: ending balance approx. +26k.
- MOTION: Be it resolved to approve the audited financial statements for the 2021-22 fiscal year as prepared by Manning Elliot.
 - M: Zhanna (Burnaby) S: Heather (Fort St. John) Carried
 - MOTION: Be it resolved to appoint Manning Elliot as auditor for the 2022-23 CPF BC & Yukon fiscal year.
 - M: Sloane (New Westminster) S: Patti (White Rock) Carried

5. Nomination Committee report – Patti Holm

The Nominations Committee recommends the following nominations to the CPF BC & Yukon Board:

For a (second) two-year term:

Nancy Taylor – [Current Board President]

Vancouver Island (Saanich) – currently in her second year, first term

For a (first) two-year term:

Alex Hughes [Appointed as Interim Director]

Metro Vancouver (Delta) – will be entering her first year, first term

Jacque Kentel – [new to the BC-Yukon Branch Board]

Southern BC Interior (Okanagan-Skaha) – will be entering her first year, first term

The following members remain on the Board for the 2nd year of their terms:

Lucie Ferrari [Current Vice-President]

Metro Vancouver (Delta) – currently in her first year, first term

Dylan Trerice– [Current Treasurer]

Vancouver Island (Victoria) – currently in his first year, first term

- Motion: Be it resolved to approve the recommended slate of Branch Board nominees.
 - M: Patti (White Rock) S: Debbie (Quesnel) Carried

6. Bouquet de Merci Report – Alex Hughes

The [Bouquet de Merci](#) is an award of recognition of the contribution by an individual or an association to the goals of Canadian Parents for French. The Board of Directors recognizes individuals or associations in BC or the Yukon which have contributed significantly to the following goals of CPF.

This year, the Board is pleased to recognize two deserving recipients: Jacquie Kentel (Okanagan-Skaha) and Sandra Arthur (Saanich).

7. Teacher Award Report – Lucie Ferrari

The [Teacher Award](#) is awarded to a new French Second Language teacher.

This year, the Board is pleased to present this award to Heidi Fenton, a Grade 2 Early French Immersion teacher in Kelowna.

8. New business

- Will the Branch office be reopening?
 - For foreseeable future, staff are working from home but have some space in La Maison for storage and ad hoc meetings; the CPF office is currently being sublet.
- Nancy Taylor: Un grand merci to Patti Holm after 8 years on the BOD, and a lifetime of involvement in French Second Language education as a French Immersion teacher and administrator, parent, and volunteer.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn 09:21
 - M: Sharon (Richmond) S: Joy (Surrey) Carried