



FPA Meeting

September 21, 2014 6-8pm

PRESENT: Norah Savard, Bonnie Brewer, James Savard, Christina McNay

In Attendance:

North Bay - 14

Parry Sound - 0

Burks Falls - 1

Special Presentations:

- 2015-2016 Goals: a roundtable of goals was reviewed; items addressed included: website training site, advocacy program, training by FPA, Kids in Care Duffels, seasoned foster parents completing PRIDE, eliminating access visit during school hours. It was determined the following would be addressed as discussion items with FPA executive during regular meetings but would not be declared goals for the year: PRIDE attendance and eliminating access visit during school. It was discussed that seasoned foster parents could be invited to PRIDE sessions as space allows or have them complete the DVD series. In addition it was discussed that it would be challenging to eliminate access during school due to the complexities of scheduling. As a group we all felt that based on child's needs if access during school is disruptive or child has learning disabilities that options for access outside of school hours be followed if possible. The goals that were unanimously supported include:
 - Website Training Site
 - Advoacy Program
 - Kids in Care Duffel
 - Continued Training: (ideas: dental hygiene, cyber safety, Hands, Eary Years, Court procedures, medication policy, aboriginal topics)

Committees:

- LOFF Update:Upcoming meeting October 16-19: Norah, Christina and Paul will be attending the semi annual meeting in Alliston; update after meeting with me reviewed
- LDF Update: Director Update (Norah Savard): Review of work toward an insurance policy model; next meeting scheduled for the fall; Norah to attend annual general meeting in the spring.
- CAS Update (Lissa Clowater): Lissa attended the meeting and presented updates on work on the disability tax credit; update on the shift in the number of kids in care; discussed brain based learning series occuring again as well as ONLAC as being upcoming
- Mentor Program: Norah gave an update that the mentor program was up and running and new foster homes were being contacted. More to report later.

New Business:

- Christmas Social: Date – North Bay: December 8; Parry Sound: December 9; Burks Falls: December 10; the school auditorium has been approved for use; discussion over purchase of gifts and idea to have foster parents bring a wrapped gift for their child to be distributed to them; the foster parent would present FPA with the receipt of the gift for reimbursement.
- Donation Boutique: discussed the new hours of operation (Tuesday 10-12 and Thursday 2:30-4) at old St Paul Elementary, 140 Elmwood St.
- Christmas Presents: discussed conversation with Krystal Parks that coordinates donations to all children in and out of care; reviewed plan to have foster parents complete the Dear Santa form and turn into Krystal, Resource Worker or Child Care Worker as soon as possible. In addition it was discussed that presents would be organized by foster home rather than Child Care Worker to assist in the equal distribution of gifts. Foster parents discussed desire to assist in any way needed including transportation of gifts for delivery.

Old Business:

- Kids in Care Duffels: Norah discussed need to organize a committee to move this project forward.

Round Table Discussion:

- Joan Restoule: mentioned the back pack program and how much appreciated it was to have that all organized for kids in care right before school.
- Norah Savard: reminder that we have executive positions available including – secretary, 2 North Bay Representative and a Parry Sound representative.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, October 19, 2013 from 6-8 pm