

**FEDERATION OF FOSTER FAMILIES OF NOVA SCOTIA
BOARD MEETING
RODD GRAND HOTEL YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA
MAY 17&18, 2019**

Friday: 6-9 pm
Saturday: 9-3 pm

Present: Ethel, Joy, Iona, Anita, Darlene, Anne, Sheila, Wendell, Bill, Trisha, Gary

Absent: Rose Ann, Patricia

Team Agreements read and members reminded to advise if a conflict of interest arises.

1. Approval of agenda accepted by motion
2. Minutes of Board Meeting dated March 8& 9, 2019 accepted by motion
3. Business Arising- None
4. Correspondence – Board Members were asked to respond to emails requesting their input and or a response.
5. Old Business – 5.1 Board training/Strategic Planning set for June 21&22 at the Future Inn Halifax. 5.2 Winnie Grant will be invited to our October meeting giving her the option of Friday night or Saturday morning.
6. New Business- 6.1 Discussion about the role of Board Members pertaining to new Foster Parents and Board Members attending a portion of the preservice. Discussed the office (PSS support person) contacting new Foster Parents advising them that their welcome package is on the way, and their Board Member representative would be doing a follow up call to address any concerns they may have. Gary will discuss with Sue. 6.2 - DCS Newsletter – Discussion showed concern about the trial of block funding as a trial basis with the new YSE program. Board Members would have preferred discussion with DCS before this was implemented. 6.3 - Board Member Survey – New meeting surveys were handed out for the Board Members to rate the quality of our Board Meetings. 6.4 - Poem – Wendell read a poem that was written by a Foster Parents Child in Care. This will be forwarded to the committee for the Launch. 6.5 - Letter from Minister Regan – Wendell read the response to his request for follow up information of the Board meeting with her in November. There was discussion concerning the new PIC tool.
7. Perpetual Calendar – Board Training June 21/22, 2019, Members were reminded to bring a lottery ticket for the AGM lotto tree.
8. Questions for the Minister – Request a meeting. We need to focus on the current system in place of how allegations are handled and not changing the system is no longer acceptable.
9. Committee Reports – 9.1 Bursary Committee made recommendations to

change some wording a) remove the word two in how many we give, b) change the date from April 30 to May 31, c) remove request transcript of marks. Changes were accepted by Board Members and policy will have to be changed. 9.2 - Personnel – none 9.3 - Policy – none 9.4 - OHS – none

10. Treasurers Report – Accepted by motion.

11. ED Report- Gary reviewed with Board, and asked for questions.

12. Other Business – a) Reported that a DCS staff member advised a respite home a child in care smokes weed and the child will get up thru the night to smoke – Question – Why is staff supporting underage weed smoking. b) Sheila read a letter she received from a former child in care. The child was very thankful of Sheila's efforts as her Foster Mother when in her care. c) It was brought to the Boards attention that DCS is once again using video to present children for adoption.

Next Meeting June 21 & 22, 2019 Future Inn, Halifax, NS

Board Training with George Savoury

