



Family and Community Support Services
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AGENDA
WETASKIWIN FCSS BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2025
5:30pm
FCSS Office

Present: Jamie Park-Nelson, Emily Thompson, Leanne Axelsen, Kat MacCallum, Nancy Aikman, Jennifer LaValley, Matthew Nickless

Regrets: Wayne Neilson, Wendy Hoyle, Gail Hansen

1. Call to Order @5:30pm.
2. Land Acknowledgement-Jamie Park-Nelson
We are on Treaty 6 territory—the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, as well as the Métis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. Update Emily's review to be completed "in the Spring"
 - b. **Motion to Approve, Seconded, Carried.**
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
 - a. Add to 8.c. - Norwood Parent Council Sensory Room Unveiling
 - b. Add to 9.b. - Inclement Weather Policy for FCSS staff
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Board Policy Manual - Emily, Jamie and Leanne to commence review in the New Year. Nothing to report at this time.
6. Policy Review
 - a. No policy pulled for this meeting.

7. Director's Report; See attached

- a. FCSSAA Annual Conference update - All 4 FCSS staff attended the Conference up in Edmonton from November 26-28. Great opportunity for networking and program discussion with FCSS departments across the province. Emphasis on rural communities was appreciated.
 - i. Active board members who have served for a minimum of 1 year are encouraged to reach out to Emily with interest in attending next year's conference.
- b. Navigation funding opportunity - Emily given the go-ahead to apply for the Reaching Home Grant offered through the Rural Development Network to sustain FCSS' Community Resource Navigation Program.
- c. Update on Alberta Supports - Emily connected with the Director of Community Preventive Initiatives from the GoA at the FCSSAA Conference who relayed that FCSS' request to obtain clarification as to the level of service expected out of our local office has been received. Information pending.

8. Old Business

- a. 2026 Budget and Funding Proposal Update - Emily and Jamie presented FCSS' budget to Mayor and Council on November 24th requesting an additional \$176,000 municipal contribution for FCSS programming. Council approved \$146,000 during the first stage of budget deliberations - so exciting!
- b. Staff Christmas Gifts-Sign Cards
- c. Norwood Parent Council - sensory room unveiling update
 - i. FCSS board members attended the unveiling of the sensory room on December 1st at Norwood School. Norwood Parent Council was a recipient of the 2025 Community Grant Program and it was fantastic to see the outcome of both volunteer and local efforts.

9. New Business

- a. Confidentiality Agreements
 - i. Nancy and Jennifer to sign as new members
- b. Inclement Weather Policy for FCSS staff
 - i. Emily advised to connect with other Directors and inquire about the contents of similar policies. Emily to submit a draft to Jamie who will then distribute it to the Board for review/discussion via e-mail.

10. Adjournment @6:42pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @5:30pm