

**Report on Minutes of Education Finance Board
15th April, 2010**

Date	Topic	Decision
15.4.10	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 16th March 2010 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2010 were adopted.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16th March 2010 were circulated at the meeting and were noted.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
	<p>Matter arising from the Minutes The Board was informed that the Annual Report 2009 had been laid before each House of the Oireachtas and was now published on the website www.educationfinanceboard.com as laid down in the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005.</p> <p>The Board was also informed that the Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2009 were now with the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) in preparation for the annual audit. The Chairperson thanked the Secretary for meeting all the required deadlines for both documents.</p> <p>The Board was informed that there would be a delay in arranging a meeting with the Minister for Education and Skills until the new Minister, Mary Coughlan, T.D. had settled into her new position. It is planned to use the meeting to inform the Minister of the current financial position of the EFB and the continuing education needs of the former residents and their relatives.</p> <p>The Board was advised that arrangements will be made to meet with former residents of the Women's Survivor Support Network in London after the visit to Ireland of the Chairperson of the Network.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The Board will revisit this idea at a later stage in the year.</p> <p>Noted</p>
	<p>Notification of Motions No Notices of Motions were received for this meeting.</p>	
	<p>Correspondence Letter from the Adult Education Guidance Association of Ireland inviting a member of the Board to their conference "<i>Providing Leadership, Vision and Hope for the Future</i>" on 26th April in Cork.</p> <p>A flyer notifying the Board of the International Survivors Conference Family Weekend in Gowran Race Course, Kilkenny, on 3rd and 4th July.</p>	<p>It was agreed to contact the organiser to find out the costs of exhibition space at this event.</p>
	<p>Approvals, Appeals and Queries There were 88 approvals in respect of 81 applicants to a total value of €71,127.32. The breakdown of the approvals is as follows: former resident 19 (21.59%); child 39 (44.32%); grandchild 25 (28.40%); spouse 4 (4.55%); stepchild 1 (1.14%). The country analysis is: Ireland 59 (67.05%); UK 21 (23.86%); USA 4 (4.55%); Sweden 3 (3.41%); France 1 (1.14%).</p>	
	<p>Criteria It was agreed that the Board would look at a date for the review of the Criteria at the next meeting.</p>	
	<p>Publicity This matter was dealt with under Item 4 of the Agenda : Correspondence</p>	
	<p>Finance</p>	

	<p>The completed Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2009 as sent to the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) on 31st March was presented to the Board as per the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005 paragraph 31(3)</p> <p>NTMA Report: The total Fund value on 28.2.10 was €4,054,359.09</p> <p>There was no request for a draw-down from the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) to CDVEC.</p> <p>City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC) Financial Statement to March 2010.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	<p>Annual Report This matter was dealt with under Item 2 of the Agenda: Matters arising from Minutes.</p>	
	<p>IT and Communication Requirements In light of the forthcoming visit of the C&AG a discussion ensued over access to the EFB server and the implications of this as regards security and confidentiality. It was agreed that the implementation of this action would increase security as no information would be transported in laptop computers and this is now standard practice in many organisations.</p>	
	<p>Staffing It was agreed to look at putting in place a new venue closer to Frederick Court as a possible meeting place for those former residents and their relatives who wished to make an appointment with staff.</p> <p>It was agreed to start the process of contacting the counselling services in order to put in place a mediator for former residents and their relatives. This counselling service would act as a second opinion in cases where EFB staff had given a negative response to requests from former residents and their relatives.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 20th May 2010 at 14.00 hrs.</p>	