



**When:** January 11, 2018, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Room 102, Central Elementary

**Recorder:** Annette Williams

**Co-Chairs:** Nicole Driscoll and Karen Steegstra

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda – Approved**

Early Years survey link wasn't re-sent because it was available only to agencies funded by the Office of the Early Years

**3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – Approved, with the change below**  
Move Debbie Denault's name from the attendance list of names to the regrets list.

**4. Business Arising from the minutes**

**a. Let's Play updates**

The School District hosted Let's Play and Learn Numbers in December, just prior to the school break. Six children attended. The School District is interested in doing it again. They were going to host it on January 11<sup>th</sup>, but since it's the first week back to school they will rebook.

Fraser Health has contact BC Dairy about a May or June date instead of March, as that will be a better timeframe for the farm. Sheila will follow up, and ask for June specifically.

June 5<sup>th</sup> is Let's Play Outside, at the Community Forest in the morning and Blue Heron Reserve in the afternoon. Sardis Doorway for Mothers & Children is hosting in conjunction with Chilliwack Hospice Society.

Let's Play at a Chilliwack Chiefs Game is on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, hosted by Chilliwack Learning Society. Please email Debbie any ideas. Fifty hand clappers are available to be given out. February is the City-Wide Literacy Challenge, so something about reading might be included. Debbie will ask the Chiefs to make announcement that the Early Years is there and see what kinds of things the Chiefs might be able to do to incorporate the theme into the evening, such as a book draw, or have the crowd play Simon Says (led by the mascot). If a video is preferred it has to be no more than 15-20 seconds in duration.

**b. National Child Day at City Hall**

Let's Play and Celebrate National Child Day was held at City Hall in conjunction with the annual celebration. Among those present were 13 preschoolers and 4 children from Learning to Lead, as well as grandparents and parents. The Snakes and Ladders game was popular (because of the big dice). There was a 10 minute presentation to city council about the importance of play, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Summit, amongst other items.

**c. Child Development Guide**

The Guide was reviewed at this meeting, and possible revisions discussed. The last update was in 2014.

There was conversation about whether the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice will retain the entire back page and back cover as in the current version, or whether that will be replaced. They were instrumental in the creation of the Guide, but their focus has now changed and they are not as involved in the committee.

Organizations that are part of the Early Years table do not have to pay to be included in the Guide. Others will pay a fee of either \$100 or \$250, depending on the size of the logo and ad. 5,000 copies will cost just over \$6,000 to print.

They're given out to all Ready Set Learn kids, which is over 1,000 people.



**ACTIONS:** Karen circulate the update form via email, for people to submit in response. She will also ask the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice if they still would like to be in the guide. Sheila will send a link to Fraser Health milestones information to see if the concerns are consistent with current standards.

**IDEAS:** Include what to do if you have “concerns” about a child’s development. Move resources to the front, or say “Local resource information inside” on the front cover. To the bottom of all Concerns checklists, add a comment about going to the Resource section for help. Ask Family Literacy class to review content for changes. Lana Hergott could ask some of the mom’s in her program (pre-natal to months); Doorway could perhaps ask some of their moms.

**ACTIONS:** MCFD will fund the Child Development Guide; Karen will invoice them.

**d. Circle of Security**

Sessions begin on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Central Elementary. About 16 people have registered; people will not be turned away if they want to register. Childcare will be paid for by the Early Years table.

There was discussion about parenting programs used in the community. Circle of Security seems to be different than what is currently being offered. Nobody’s Perfect, also being used in the community, has benefits. It incorporates the developmental milestones of a young child, which isn’t covered in many parenting programs.

**IDEA:** invite Susan Foster to a meeting to discuss the programs and trainings available for use in parenting classes.

**5. New Business/Other Business**

**a. Aboriginal Implementation Funds**

\$33,926 in previous Implementation Funds was given to Gateway in December. There is about \$14,819 in Aboriginal funds remaining to be received and allocated. Tara McLaughlin from Sto:Lo was previously notified about the funds so that she could decide how to allocate, but she has now moved to a different job and organization. Karen has recently found out that the Early Years table can make the decision about the funds. It is expected that community tables have Aboriginal representation, so the tables can speak to it.

The Aboriginal Regional Network is discussing whether they would like the model to change so that they receive the funds and decide about disbursement.

**IDEA:** Early Years contribute to Many Voices, One Mind.

Decision about the funds must be made by the end of March.

**ACTION:** Will discuss at next Early Years meeting. Jenn will talk to Sto:lo to garner ideas.

**b. Priority Grant**

The application deadline is the end of January 2018. Funding pot is \$100,000 less than last year, which translates to \$69,000 for the whole region, which will fund about 12 projects. Focuses are Poverty Reduction, Homelessness, and Early Years.



Sardis Doorway might apply for a Priority Grant for transportation and child care for 8 sessions of a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Workshop.

Chilliwack Learning Society and Chilliwack Healthier Community are discussing applying in the category of Poverty, to use for financial literacy.

**ACTION:** Rather than applying as an Early Years table, an organization's application will be sponsored.

**c. Review Strategic Plan**

Not covered.

**d. 2018 Consultation**

The theme is Care of the Caregiver.

Deborah MacNamara will present on technology and the Middle Years. Her main focus is Early Years and play.

**DECISION:** Invite Deborah MacNamara to be Thursday night's keynote speaker.

**e. Early Years framework project**

The regional meeting is on February 6<sup>th</sup>, at which will assemble higher level representatives from the School District(s), MCFD, the Provincial Office of the Early Years, Fraser Health, United Way, First Nations Health Authority, PHAC and more. This is the project steering group which meets quarterly, overseeing the framework development. They will be looking for some common threads between organizations in the delivery of services.

MCFD is allocating an additional \$70,000 to the Early Years in the various regions.

**f. Middle Years conference**

The conference is February 7<sup>th</sup>, and includes the topic of the importance and value of the EDI. Capacity is 200; there are currently 100 people signed up.

**g. United Way Transition**

Karen met with Alison Bledsoe of the United Way at the end of November, and learned that the Lower Mainland has much more staffing and money than the East Fraser did. One of the items they talked about was the possibility for United Way of the Lower Mainland to help finance a marketing strategy that includes messaging and billboards. A plan with goals and benchmarks would need to be submitted.

**ACTION:** Karen will invite Alison Bledsoe to speak at an Early Years meeting.

The United Way is giving \$5,000 for the Middle Years conference catering.

**6. Task Group Updates (Review)**

- Childcare Task Group – not covered
- Young Parents Task Group – not covered
- Baby Friendly Initiative – not covered
- Visioning Committee – not covered



- Parenting Classes – not covered

## 7. Agency Updates

**Neighbourhood Learning Centre** – Mark talked about the location transition challenges, and general information about a second site.

**ACTION:** Karen will draft a letter that the CYC co-chairs will sign, that there be an early years learning component on site at the future Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

**CLS** – The City-Wide Literacy Challenge materials almost ready, produced by Fraser Valley Regional Library. The Challenge is to read 20 minutes per day for the month of February, and check off each date of participation on the calendar provided. Alternate methods such as magazines, audiobooks, and comic books are included.

**8. Next Meeting:** February 8, Central Elementary

**9. Adjournment:** 3:20 pm

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