



**When:** October 8, 2015, 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Central Elementary, Room 119

**Recorder:** Annette Williams

**Chair:** Karen Steegstra

**ATTENDANCE:**

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1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved
3. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting** – Approved



**4. Business Arising from the minutes**

**a. EY Resource Centre Grant Update**

North Sardis has had an increasing level of vulnerability in the Socio-Emotional area. The Early Years Resource Centre grant is \$52,000.. Recently there was conversation with Stó:lō about using their space and consideration about bringing in community partners for in kind delivery of services. Stó:lō Health has sent Karen the draft grant proposal for review; the intention would be for the Early Years committee to endorse the Stó:lō grant application for Stream 1 funding (Aboriginal services for Aboriginal families). The draft proposal was reviewed at this Early Years meeting to evaluate the Early Years partners' roles in relation to pertinent support to strengthen Stó:lō's application given the criteria of the stream in which they're applying.

**DECISION:** The proposed collaboration of services is not seen to be of benefit to Stó:lō's application, since Aboriginal programs would not be delivered by collaborators. This will be communicated at a meeting between representatives from Stó:lō and the Early Years committee on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

The grant application deadline is October 28<sup>th</sup>. If funds received, multi-year funding (4 years) is available.

**b. Priority Grant Proposal**

Through the United Way, the grant maximum is \$3,000. In the past couple of years the Early Years committee has received said grants funds for Developmental Screening.

**IDEA:** Collaborate services to make more use of Central's resource room. The recent addition of classroom space in the school has freed up rooms on the bottom floor. Some thoughts are: meeting space, resources for multiple agency information, rotating agency representation, parent workshops, to increase awareness of vulnerable families about the programs and services offered in the community, scheduled drop in for parents/families, (with signage about what will be featured at the drop-in), HeadStart. There is space for optional childcare.

**DECISION:** Karen and Shannon will discuss the feasibility of applying for the Early Years Resource Centre grant to have the space as an Early Years Centre. Could also apply for United Way funds and indicated on each pertinent grant the unconfirmed funds of the other grant application.

**c. Early Childhood Expo**

Date will be November 13<sup>th</sup>, not November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 3pm, in the Chilliwack mall.

**d. October 22 Parent Info/October 23 Pro D Day update**

The Pro-D day speaker previously hoped for is unavailable. The CYC will be doing a presentation of Every Door is the Right Door.

For the May 6, 2016 Conversation, there will be a focus on Socio-Emotional development for all ages of children and youth, and also local initiatives. This date is also a Pro-D, but it is not yet known whether the Conversation event will be accepted by the School District as a pro-D option. On the evening of May 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be an event for the parents and possibly daycare providers.



**5. New Business/other Business**

- a. Ruby Gidda shared an overview of Public Health services (see attached).

Post partum support is offered up to 6 weeks after birth, via phone calls and evaluations. After that, Mental Health is involved if more support is needed.

Fraser Health has moved to a centralized booking process, rather than local health units answering the calls. It is a brand new system that will be evaluated. Send feedback to [ruby.gidda@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:ruby.gidda@fraserhealth.ca) if clients report challenges.

Public Health is interested in visiting programs where there are vulnerable families to make connections and deliver presentations.

- b. **BFI Budget Request** – covered in 6.d.

- c. **Review Task Groups**

Task groups were reviewed to ensure there aren't too many, or to remove ones that haven't been meeting. It was concluded that the Parent to Parent Mentoring task group will not continue, unless a society is willing to host a parent to parent mentoring program.

- d. **Workshop on RESPs October 22<sup>nd</sup> at NLC**

The workshop is open to registrations. The United Way receives \$25 for every registration, which goes back into Success By 6.

Doorway has an RESP presentation coming up soon.

**6. Task Group Updates**

- a. **Social Marketing** – not covered

- b. **Childcare Task Group**

An example of an activity is the May 5<sup>th</sup> event, because people in attendance will be those who care for children.

**IDEA:** CCRR and Chilliwack Learning Society could go into the mall to talk to families and informal childcare providers about resources for them and incorporating literacy into their activities.

What about change the language to “parents and those who care for young children”, or something to that effect?

- c. **Parent to Parent Mentoring** – as mentioned in 5.c.

- d. **Baby Friendly Initiative**

At the recent Breastfeeding Challenge, Chilliwack tied for first.

Many women have signed up to be milk donors and were given bags.

The Baby Friendly Initiative is creating packages with information for businesses about how to be baby-friendly, in terms of moms feeding their babies. They are requesting that the Early Years committee fund the packages, at approximately \$6 each. Also they are requesting funding for a backdrop for the breastfeeding lounge, in which different messaging can go.

**DECISION:** Karen will ask them to submit a proposal, which will then be reviewed by the committee in the light of the budget and Strategic Plan.



e. **Visioning Committee** – hasn't met for a while.

**IDEA:** Investigate the cost for a billboard on Vedder Rd, to promote awareness of the Early Years.

f. **Parenting Classes** – not covered

7. **Coordinators Report** – not covered

8. **Agency Updates**

**Chilliwack Learning Society** – Debbie handed out new brochures that will go in the Ladybug book bins.

**Chilliwack Division of Family Practice** – On October 19<sup>th</sup> at Central Community Park the new Play Boxes will be launched.

**Chilliwack Community Services (CCS)** has a new program called Starfish Pack Program. On Fridays school-aged children bring home backpacks, which will feed their family for a weekend. The program is at McCammon and Central Elementary schools. It costs \$525 per child per school year to fill a backpack.

CCS is using an Efforts to Outcomes measurement tool, which measures demographics, to review their programs and areas of need. CCS's Sardis site is going to the Hub model, because of the need demonstrated on the north side.

**Sardis Doorway** has their annual fundraiser auction on November 14<sup>th</sup> \$10/person, the theme is Stories for the Journey (learners will share their stories).

**Central Elementary Community School's** Clothes to You event is coming up, where families receive free clothing and household items. Upcoming is also a family gathering and flu clinic (November).

9. **Next Meeting:** October 1, Central Gateway, Room 119, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

10. **Adjournment:** 2:50 pm

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