



When: November 5, 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, with the following change.

Correction in section 8, Agency Updates: reword a portion of Chilliwack Community Services update to say “CCS’s Sardis site is going to the Hub model, because of the need demonstrated on the north side.”



4. Business Arising from the minutes

Baby Friendly Initiative Presentation – see attached

Sidney Harper and Grace Banks from Baby Friendly Initiative attended the Early Years committee meeting.

The Baby Friendly initiative is starting to be presented in a political realm rather than only the Health realm.

Sidney and Grace reviewed for the committee the presentation that will go to council on December 1st, and asked feedback.

The cost of printing and assembling the Baby Friendly Initiative Kits for distribution to businesses was reviewed. It will be distributed to retail stores, restaurants, and organizations. The Early Years committee will review their budget. An initial run of 25 is acceptable if that suits the budget better, with more required in early 2016. It ties into the Early Years Strategic Plan.

ACTION: Karen will email the funding request to the committee and will get back to Sidney and Grace with the response. Nicole will obtain a quote from the [School District Print Shop \(printshop@sd33.bc.ca\)](mailto:printshop@sd33.bc.ca), which will now print for agencies and businesses outside the school district. Their prices are very competitive, and turnaround time is good.

a. EY Resource Centre Grant Update

There was a meeting with Sto:lo grant writers, who would like to continue to apply in Stream 1 funding (Aboriginal services for Aboriginal families).

There wasn't time to put together a separate grant from the Early Years table, so will work towards applying for the next year.

b. Priority Grant Proposal

The proposal was recently emailed to the Early Years committee, and also reviewed at this meeting. \$5,000 is being requested. It has to be a matching grant. The School District is the application partner.

IDEAS: Only include programs that might be offered or enhanced, activities that fit with children 0-6. Include data collection in outcomes #1.

c. Early Childhood Expo

Date will be November 13th, 9am to 3pm, in the Chilliwack mall. Nicole distributed posters for agencies to display. Chilliwack Division of Family Practice will email the poster to physicians to post in their clinics. Karen will set up a Facebook event for the Fair, and inform committee members so they can invite their 'friends'.

d. RESP Workshop Review

[Smartsaver](#) is an easy online process whereby families can start RESPs without making contributions. The funds can be used for a variety of training and education programs, up until 36 years of age. There is a lot of money available to families in Chilliwack. It is Provincial one, which banks don't currently offer. Families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For everyone who signs up online, United Way may be eligible to receive \$25 for Success By 6.

Social Insurance Numbers for children are now very easy to apply for, and available immediately.



5. New Business/other Business

a. HELP Expo Review

Karen attended the event, which had a social and emotional wellbeing focus. She will be writing a report with the highlights.

IDEA: There is a need for workshops on parents forgiving themselves, and resiliency for families who realize they have impacted their children negatively in the past.

ASIDE COMMENT: There are about 300 copies left of Child Development Guide. Karen will check the budget to see what has been included for reproduction, or what room is available.

6. Task Group Updates – not covered

a. Social Marketing

b. Childcare Task Group

c. Parent to Parent Mentoring

d. Baby Friendly Initiative – presentation at the beginning of the meeting

e. Visioning Committee

f. Parenting Classes

7. Coordinators Report – not covered, other than HELP Expo Review (5.a.)

8. Agency Updates

Sardis Doorway – they have held a few 'Drop-in Doorway' sessions at Family Place, and have already seen success, in referring to some Chilliwack Community Services programs.

9. Next Meeting: December 3, 2015, 12:00pm at the Rendezvous restaurant.

10. Adjournment: 3:05 pm

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