



**When:** March 3, 2016, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Central Gateway Room 119

**Recorder:** Karen Steegstra

**Co-Chairs:** Karen Steegstra & Shelly Hayes

**ATTENDANCE:**

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**Action:** It was agreed that introductions would include a “question of the month”, as a way to learn more about each other and our roles.

**2. Approval of Agenda – Approved**

Discussion around the budget will be forwarded to April meeting as Dan and Darby were not in attendance.

**3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – Approved**

**4. Business Arising from the minutes**



### **Developmental Fair**

Karen reported that to book space at Walmart for a Child Expo, requires contacting Walmart's Head Office for approval. There was thought around doing a fair at Home Depot in conjunction with their kids craft events. Also suggest was using the Vineyard and having activities on the sidewalk as well as indoors. After some discussion it was decided that between Early Learning in the Valley and the Conversation, there wasn't really time to hold a Spring event. However it was concluded that we should plan for 2 events each year, one at the mall and one easily accessible to the Chilliwack Central area.

### **Healthy Kids Day**

Healthy Kids Day is scheduled for May 1. Considering the Early Learning in the Valley events taking place April 28 and 30, the Mental Health Awareness week and the Conversation, the table will not formerly be participating. Agencies that are able, are encouraged to participate.

### **Success By 6 Funds**

The City has agreed to installing the signs. Danielle and Karen will meet with the City to discuss logistics and design. Once we have a budget for this project, it will have to be approved by the Success By 6 Steering Committee.

## **5. New Business/other Business**

### **Gateway Budget**

This discussion will be forwarded to the April meeting.

Members did discuss some of the changes suggested by the School District in regards to Gateway and how this might affect Early Years programming. If needed members are willing to be proactive in preserving whatever is possible. Members also discussed the reconfiguration the School District is proposing as well as the Strong Starts. In regards to Early Years Centre's, communities successful in their applications were located in a school. While the NLC is a great facility, members are not sure it is an ideal sight for an Early Year's Centre.

### **Conversation 2016**

Karen was pleased to report that the directed studies students from Chilliwack Senior will take responsibility for promoting, mc-ing etc., for the May 5 parent night. One of their plans is to do a radio infomercial. Karen requested that in their promotional materials the CYC and Early Years be acknowledged.

## **6. Task Group Updates**

- Social marketing – Potential signage, promotion of events
- Childcare Task Group – Invitation will be sent to childcare providers and pro-d certificates will be available to those who request it.
- Baby Friendly Initiative –They will be presenting a Breastfeeding Challenge budget to the Early Years table as part of the 2016-17 budget discussion.
- Visioning Committee – not covered
- Parenting Classes – not covered

## **7. Agency Updates**

**Chilliwack Learning Society (CLS)** – Received an audio file from AD Rundle of students reading aloud. Approximately 22 people read aloud.



## MINUTES

**8. Next Meeting:** March 3, Central Gateway for Families, 1pm – 3pm

**9. Adjournment:** 2:55 pm

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