



When: May 12, 2016, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Where: Central Gateway Room 119

Recorder: Annette Williams

Co-Chairs: Karen Steegstra & Shelly Hayes

ATTENDANCE:

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



4. Business Arising from the minutes

a. Healthy Kids Day feedback

Representatives from the Early Years committee were from Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, Chilliwack Learning Society, Chilliwack Division of Family Practice, and CYC Coordinator (Karen). It was a very nice day; attendance was lower than in past years. Representatives were able to have conversations with people who attended. Early Years bags were well used. Advertising for the event was not prominent.

b. Parent Night and Conversation Feedback

There were quite a few childcare providers in attendance; there were fewer parents than desired. The speaker was very good.

Feedback for the May 6th Conversation was positive, with over 250 participants. Quite a few attended from the School District. The dice game went well. Pro-D certificates will be sent to those who requested them. Evaluation forms were completed, which are yet to be reviewed.

c. Gateway – Looking Ahead

Discussion continues regarding operations at Gateway. It is hoped that the preschool will stay. It appears that Chilliwack Community Services programs will stay throughout 2017.

It's time to submit a Success By 6 funding request.

The daycare at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre is closing as of July 1 2016. Some funds in the Early Years budget were set aside to reserve daycare spots there for the Young Parenting program, so the closure will change the anticipated expenditures in that area.

DECISION: Review whether the current Early Years strategic plan should be revised to reflect changes in need and priorities.

IDEAS:

- Use a company (ie: Vantage Point)
- Do it internally
- School District has some funding which might be used for a parent evening café used for feedback and discussion. Perhaps one of the cafés could be used for an early years feedback opportunity.
- Survey parents at after school pickup
- Host a table at the mall and survey parents.
- Use City Life's leadership students as volunteers.
- Use Child and Youth UFV students. Give them the demographics and let them think about how to find the people to survey.

ACTION: Karen will locate the original survey, which will be modified as pertinent at the June meeting.

d. Signs for Playboxes

The sign design has not yet been finalized.

The YMCA has the equipment from the Central Community Park play boxes, and is hosting Play Box in the Park nights, in conjunction with Central. At the moment the



Central Park play box doesn't have equipment in it, while the Division strategizes ways to manage security, as there has been vandalism and items have gone missing.

The Chilliwack Division of Family Practice is looking for champions to help monitor the play boxes. Shannon will talk to Central Elementary School Society's PAC, and Second Day staff, to see if they can assist in monitoring the Central play box.

The play boxes are part of a bigger picture, Live 5-2-1-0. The Division would appreciate other organizations and community committees joining in promoting, sharing, and taking a part of Live 5-2-1-0 to keep it alive and vibrant. There is a request for the Early Years committee or Child and Youth Committee to take it on as one of their (sub)committees.

The Division is considering having a regional Play Box coordinator.

- IDEAS:** Run a newspaper article about the boxes and request champions for them;
 Facebook event page.
 Create attraction to portable play box in the park nights in various communities.
 Profile the boxes and entice users to adopt one in their own neighbourhood.
 Early Years committee currently has \$8,000 in community events grant funds, received through Success By 6. Some ideas for these funds are:
- Purchase play boxes for other locations.
 - Purchase equipment that is usually contained in play boxes, and create portable play box events.
 - Have play boxes and little libraries at the same location(s).

- ACTIONS:** For the June 2nd Early Years meeting, Katrina will assemble info regarding how people help with 5-2-1-0.
 Committee members will brainstorm play box options and discuss at the next Early Years meeting.

- 5. New Business/other Business**
- a. Gateway Budget –not covered
 - b. EY Budget 2016-17 – not covered

- 6. Task Group Updates**
- Social marketing – not covered
 - Childcare Task Group – not covered
 - Baby Friendly Initiative – not covered
 - Visioning Committee – not covered
 - Parenting Classes – not covered

7. Agency Updates – not covered

8. Next Meeting: June 2, Central Gateway for Families, 1pm – 3pm

9. Adjournment: 3:05 pm

