



When: September 14, 2017, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Where: Central Gateway Room 102

Recorder: Annette Williams

Co-Chairs: Nicole Driscoll and Karen Steegstra

ATTENDANCE:

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1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved, with the addition of East Fraser Framework.
3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting** – Approved
4. **Business Arising from the minutes**
 - a. **Celebrating 20 years – a year of activities**
 Celebrations begin next week with the YMCA hosting at Central Park. A complete calendar of celebration events is attached. Attendance by agency representatives other than the hosting agency is not required, though everyone is welcome. Items purchased for the event(s) are Cloth Frisbees branded with Early Years logo and “Let’s Play”, and balls that light up.



ACTION: Sheri will contact the City for permission to use the park.

b. Success By 6 2017/18 Implementation Funds and Update

Tara McLaughlin from Sto:lo has now replaced Denise Thandi. The Early Years table has submitted their application for Implementation Funds. Karen will meet with Tara at the end of September to discuss.

The United Way Lower Mainland funding model style has been different than the Greater Valley's model. With the amalgamation of the two regions conversation about what the model will now be. More information will be forthcoming in a meeting at the end of September.

There is no longer United Way Fraser Valley office space in Abbotsford.

Those who usually receive and need Discovery Books can contact Debbie at debbied@chilliwacklearning.com, as Chilliwack Learning Society has books to give away.

ACTION: Karen will invite Kim Winchell to join the Early Years table.

c. Early Years Budget

The proposed budget, based on the United Way Implementation Funds applied for and historically received, was reviewed at this meeting. Funds are used to support the preschool at Gateway. The Child Development Guide will be updated and reprinted.

ACTION: Debbie and Dallas will work as a task team to update the Child Development Guide.

DECISION: Draft budget approved.

NOTE: Sardis Family Place has moved to Sardis Community Church.

5. New Business/Other Business

a. Office of the Early Years Provincial Updates

An Early Years Provincial Inventory has occurred, which resulted in a finding that a higher ratio of funds has been spent on coordination versus direct service. There will be a new framework pilot, in the East Fraser region. A full-time project manager will be hired for one year, to work with coordinators and outreach partners with an outcome of the development of the framework, utilizing seven key deliverable areas.

Dan will be the operationalization manager, reporting to a multi-agency committee.

b. Circle of Security

The next session will begin October 17th at Central, free admission, for parents of children of all ages. It will be an open group with no stated maximum number of participants. Registration is through Shannon, ccecoss@gmail.com. Although provision of childcare is not certain, children 10 months and under can attend with the adult(s) if need be. Sardis Doorway is offering it for their families at the end of September.

c. Child Development Guide

400-450 new students are new in the school district each year. The Child Development Guide can be used to help the students and families settle in the community. Welcome Wagon distributes the guide to new residents.



IDEAS: Perhaps the Early Years committee can draft an information sheet or welcome package to give to new families at the school district and school daycares. Another idea is to produce fridge magnets with the CYC address. Have the Guide available in public areas in schools (ie: the office).

It can be difficult to read a pdf from a website on a phone, so printed copies of the Guide are beneficial.

d. “Little Warriors”

This is a not-for-profit focused on children who have experienced sexual abuse. There will be a preventive workshop on October 4th from 10:30-noon, sponsored by SEACAT (Sexual Exploitation Awareness Community Action Team), for service providers. CCRR is also sponsoring one on September 26th, for parents and service providers.

6. Task Group Updates (Review)

Mark Klassen spoke about changes in the school district, regarding usage of space and reviewing the daycares that are on school premises. There is a perceived need for monitoring what is taught in the daycares, their program structure, and ensuring that there is clear communication about the district’s expectations. The Early Years Committee Childcare task group could assist in outlining expectations, using the Early Years Learning Framework. The BC government has an [Early Learning Framework section](#) on their website which includes 20 hours of online instruction. A certificate of completion is received at the end of the training.

IDEA: Offer training for all the preschools that are within the school district (Karen could perhaps be involved/attend).

- Social marketing – remove
- Childcare Task Group – as mentioned directly above
- Baby Friendly Initiative – still exists. Fraser Health has a provincial pilot, in which Sydney Harper is involved. There might be a future pilot in Chilliwack.
- Visioning Committee – hasn’t been meeting
- Parenting Classes – how do we ensure that parents don’t have to already be in parenting classes in order to access a parenting group?

IDEAS: Look at common values and philosophies and see if they match common research now. It would be good to have MCFD representation in a Parenting Classes task group, so that consistent messages can be delivered to social workers.

Non-Violent Communication session – a follow up to the workshop would be timely.

7. Agency Updates – not covered

8. Next Meeting: October 5, Central Elementary, 1pm – 3pm.

9. Adjournment: 3:00 pm