



Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Early Years Sub-Committee



When: Thursday January 5, 2012 at 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Where: Central Gateway for Families, Room 119

Recorder: Annette Williams

Co-Chairs: Dan Bibby and Barb Pressau

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome Cindy Parasiliti, new Child and Youth Coordinator.

The CYC website www.childandyouth.com is being populated. The CYC meeting minutes are now on the website.

13 people were at the Early Years sub-committee December luncheon.

2. Approval of Agenda – approved

3. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2011 – approved with wording change:

- 5b paragraph 2 should read the “Education Centre”, instead of “Youth Services”.

4. Business Arising

4.1 November 3rd Community Celebration

Congratulations to the committee and planning committee for coming through during the transition time with the CYC Coordinator departure and interviews. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated.

The goal was awareness and education and advocacy for early childhood initiatives/ECD.

Survey

Survey was emailed out the 3rd week in November. It has been emailed again on Jan 5th, to CCS recipients who previously didn't receive it. The CCS server seems to still be blocking the email, so Debbie will send via a different method (ie: directly from her email address instead of Survey Monkey).

Event attendees were more varied than initially expected. Attendance: 53, excluding speaker.

Debbie will provide a copy of the survey results.

Can we do without door prizes next time?

Speaker

Dave Parks had great information and was good on Q&A overall.

Planning for 2012 Event

2011 planning began in early May. For 2012 it should begin in April by asking for volunteers. Need to look for speaker(s) now as part of the pre-planning process.

DISCUSSION:

Have a larger event and charge a fee. Funds permitting, contract a coordinator to plan the event, perhaps from Social Marketing budget.

Windy is interested in being the paid contractor for the 2012 event.

Invite businesses and recognize them for their contributions.

Approach Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Association or similar organization to see if they would like to partner in planning the event.

Could showcase what's being done in the community. Perhaps agencies could have booths.

The word “Celebration” might be too soft to bring business. Consider something like “Showcase”.



Do 20-30 events and presentations throughout the year to showcase what we do, for instance Chamber luncheon. It can be a stretch for hours and manpower, but it's an idea.

Norris Binks (Nora ?) is a good speaker on the topic of the Early Years.

Invite the media (Shaw) next time.

4.2 February 2nd 2012 – Strat Plan Update

Background

The current Strategic Plan was confirmed in winter 2008. There was a lot of work done in 2011 to make it more relevant to the action plan. During the process it was realized that a new plan is necessary, due to changes in the landscape. Rather than making more amendments, it was decided to begin anew. One goal is for the new Strategic Plan to have more “bite-sized” actions and goals, rather than the large ones in the current Strategic Plan. A subcommittee consisting of Dan Bibby, Sherry Sinclair, Sheri Josephson and Karen McLean has been meeting over the past 4 months, and Raise and Village” from Port Alberni has been selected to facilitate the process. The facilitator names are Tammy and Tracy; one of the contractors is an Early Years Coordinator.

Mission Statements, Principles, etc. will not be updated as that has previously been done and they're still effective.

Past age of 6 should be included in discussion and Strategic Plan, even though there isn't funding for 6-9.

Timeline

Jan 23 there is a conference between the committee and the facilitators. Will confirm summary of survey results, which will drive what we're going to do at the Strategic Planning session.

The Strategic Planning day is Thursday Feb 2nd, 11am – 4pm, at the Fraser Valley Child Development Centre on Luckakuck.

Survey & Invitations

A pre-survey will be sent out via email and print copies. The recipients will be widespread, inclusive of clients who use Early Years services, as well as agencies.

Discussion ensued at this meeting concerning the survey questions, and there were a number of recommended changes to wording. Sherry, Dan and Kiran will remain after the meeting to finalize the survey content based on feedback.

Cindy and the committee will design the invitation to the session. Cindy will email out the survey link and ask them to distribute to a diverse group.

At Family Place after doing a group, hand out the invitation and survey hard copy.

Attendance Goal: 30-40.



5. New Business

5.1 Success by Six calendars distribution

There are 2 calendars, 500 Aboriginal style and 900 standard style, which will be distributed through various community agencies. They can be picked up at the front counter of MCFD on School Street.

5.2 2012 Early Years Developmental Fair Planning

History

The Fair was previously held at Evergreen Hall, 9am – 12 pm. Used to do 2 smaller ones, one in east side, but it was amalgamated into 1 bigger one, as most attendees were coming from west side of Chilliwack.

There was no Developmental Fair last year, for first time in about 7 years, partly because of the change in coordinators, no participation from Fraser Health, and Chilliwack School District (SD) being unsure of their role in it. The School District had funding set aside for it, which they still have. Ruth from SD has a planning guide from previous years.

The event budget is approximately \$10,000. Target is 0-5 years of age. Weekday is preferable. It's one more way to share information about the Early years. SD (Ruth) suggested a meeting with those involved in the planning. Nadine will assist.

IDEAS

Partner with Sto:lo (Nick Pointe would be the contact). Sto:lo's August 2011 Family Day event was great.

Partner with YMCA for their Family Fun Day (contact: Sheri Josephson). Add the Opportunities screening to this event.

In October Central had an Aboriginal Day, welcome to any nationality, 2-6pm, chili. It was successful. Ruth has a binder.

Possible Names: Early Years Fair, Party in the Park

DECISION: Working Task Group Committee members formed, consisting of Kiran, Cindy, Nadine and Barb. Sheri will be invited to the steering committee meeting to talk about the YMCA event.

6. Task Group Reports – *if available, please offer an electronic copy for the minutes*

Child Care – handed out updated brochure

Senior Partner Group: Dan – no report

Gateway Steering: Darby – no report

Mobilizations & Social Marketing – no report

Youth Parent Family Support Worker – MCFD has contracted with CCS for a full-time coordinator, based out of the Education Centre. This position is supervised by CCS Youth Services. There is a steering group. Trish is chair of the parent/community table. There have been 55 young moms identified and 45 are registered at the Education Centre. An action plan will be created for the young parents. At Christmas there was a young parent Christmas party, at which attendance was 59 adults and 71 children.



Cindy – Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to meet with her. For those who haven't, she would like to meet with you.

Cindy visited Todd Lueck of City Life Church. They have a number of community focused programs, open to anyone. Some examples are Adult Drug and alcohol recovery meetings, Community choir for children in grades 4-6, Divorce Care for Kids in grades 1-6. They also provide free after school care programs twice a week at Bernard School; they have 25 children and 25 are wait-listed. Their Touching Hearts Ministries is a husband and wife team who provide support for families in extreme need. People don't need to come to the church to participate in any programs. Contact 604-792-0694.

7. Community / Program Updates

Success by 6 printed a newsletter for local businesses, called "Becoming Family Friendly".

8. Updates

City Wide Literacy Challenge

Chilliwack Learning Community Society is hosting a community reading Challenge Feb 1 – 21, 2012. If you would like to have ballots and a drop box at your location, please contact Debbie Denault.

Foster Parents would like a box, if permitted at MCFD; poster at Family Places locations; Sherry Sinclair will forward an email to CCS' contacts; Darby might arrange one at Wellington CCS reception; Windy said that that Sto:lo will participate (Learning Skills building); also Barb from CCRR.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday Feb 2, 11 am to 4 pm

Chilliwack Early Years Strategic Planning Workshop

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Upper Fraser Child Development Centre, 45474 Luckakuck Way

*Catered lunch

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm



MEETING SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2012 – JULY 2012

February 2 – as above

March 1

April 5


May 3

June 7

July 5

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- ☑ approved item
- ☞ please note

 task for everyone

