



When: September 10, 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
4. **Business Arising from the minutes**
  - a. **Success by 6 funds**

Funds have been allocated to all communities. Chilliwack’s grant will go towards the spring Expo, and Aboriginal Implementation funds for Trish to deliver Capable Kids and the coordinating parent session (held at Stó:lō).



**b. Stakeholders survey**

Karen spoke with Joseph Dunn about recommended changes to the survey. Comments will be taken to and reviewed by Success by 6.

**5. New Business/other Business**

**a. Early Childhood Resource Centre**

For the grant, the expectation is to have a dedicated Early Years centre, rather than a community one. The idea of the mall presented more viability challenges. The North Sardis area would be a good location for a hub. There had been some discussion about using CCRR's premises, but the space isn't large enough.

Stó:lō's site might be a good option. Karen will meet with Tara McLaughlin to discuss further, to see if there can be a joint application, or how the Early years committee can support Stó:lō if they apply.

**b. Feedback to Provincial Office of the Early Years**

A draft response was handed out to and reviewed by the Early Years committee. Karen will email it out; comments and ideas are welcome.

Changes proposed during this meeting:

#2 – Reword “our table has representation” sentence to include the roles (ie: Counsellor).  
Reword “The Early Years is not a priority for them” to be similar to: “We would like to establish better relationships with them to raise the priority of the Early Years.”

#3 – Include: Every Door is the Right Door was a Finalist for the 2014 Premiers Award.  
Add: The Chilliwack Early Years committee believes that networking is important for.....(include examples)

**ACTION:** add standing item to Early Years agenda – issues that the committee would like to see addressed (ie:poverty), including activities to address it, and any obstacles encountered that are beyond the influence of the table members. Invite politicians annually to an Early Years meeting, and present them the information as an annual report.

#4 – Add “Our table also struggles with Aboriginal representation”, and that there is still collaboration and meetings occurring with the Child and Youth Coordinator outside of the formal Early Years meetings. Can also include comment about the Regional Aboriginal table.

#5 – Add: Our table agrees. We're feeling isolated from Provincial decision makers.  
Health is an oversight.  
Move the EDI comments to question 6.

#6 – Early Learning experiences, more than basic child care, should be funded, which will help the EDI results.  
How can the Early Years committee impact child care?  
Add that at events the Early Years agencies make child care a priority.



A comment/question to include: “What is the expectation of the Early Years table’s role and responsibility, and how does it connect to your vision?”

**c. Priority Grant**

Applications are open; funds would need to be used for Developmental Screening. There will be an Expo in fall 2015, and one in spring 2016. Priority Grant funds have been received for the fall 2015 Expo.

The YMCA is considering applying in November.

**d. Fall Early Childhood Expo – not covered**

**e. October 22: Parent Info Night / October 23 District Pro D Day – not covered**

**f. RESPs**

Dan passed out information about grants and funds available to families (ie: National ChildCare Supplement, RESP). See attached documents.

**IDEA:** agencies could direct people to the right resources, or sign them up on a computer while at an event. Income Tax Returns need to be up to date in many cases. One exception is the BC Training and Education Savings Grant.

**6. Task Group Updates**

- a. Social Marketing**
- b. Childcare Task Group**
- c. Parent to Parent Mentoring**
- d. Baby Friendly Initiative**
- e. Visioning Committee**
- f. Parenting Classes**

**7. Coordinators Report – not covered**

**8. Agency Updates**

**Chilliwack Division of Family Practice –** Profiled their Play Boxes, which contain books, play equipment, informational materials (ie: Child Development Guide. Funding from organizations and agencies is welcome, to sponsor the project. The sponsoring agency’s logo would be on the box. Each one is \$1,200. They also need to people to help monitor and restock the boxes. The locations are Central Community Park, Sardis Park, and Watson-Glen Park. The Chilliwack installations are targeted to occur in the late fall.

**ACTION:** \$1,200 from Early Years budget will be allocated to sponsorship of a box (motioned by Pauline Pigeau; motion carried).

**9. Next Meeting:** October 8, Central Gateway, Room 119, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**10. Adjournment:** 2:50 pm