



Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Early Years Sub-Committee



When: Thursday, July 08, 2010, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Where: Chilliwack Community Services – 45938 Wellington Avenue

ATTENDANCE:

Barb Presseau	CCS – Childcare Resource and Referral	presseaub@comserv.bc.ca
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REGRETS:

Dan Ludeman	Community Manager - MCFD	dan.ludeman@gov.bc.ca
Tammy Boersma	Community Coordinator Assistant	tboersma@shaw.ca

Chair: Sherry Sinclair

Recorder: Karin Rempel

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda: approved as circulated

3. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2010: approved as amended

a) *Please note that in the May20, 2010 approved minutes,4a-i) should read:*

Karin brought the recommendation from Donna Gannon and the Joint Chilliwack Learning Community Early Family Literacy/Social Marketing Task Group as follows': (Joint and Social Marketing was added to approved minutes)

b) Minutes of June 3, 2010 approved as amended

4. Business Arising

a) **November 4 – Strategic Planning Day discussion:** content and shape of the day

i. Donna asked to add 'Collaborative action group' to the Agenda under Business Arising in regards to the Strategic Planning Day.

◇ Donna asked if the idea of inviting community supporters was in response to the recommendation brought forward at the May 20, 2010 meeting that read – *‘that the Early Years Committee assemble key stakeholders to develop a collaborative action plan for sustaining programs the EY Committee has been supporting and is being asked to again support beyond the Committee’s available resources this year.’* ?

- b) We agreed these two ideas seek to gain support for the Early Years work in Chilliwack, yet the intentions differ:
 - i. Donna identified the purpose of the **collaborative action plan meeting** is to bring together stakeholders with vested interests in Early Years Programs with unsustainable funding and who are funded in part by the Early Years Committee. This work would involve those who have the authority and the mandate to move such a plan forward.
 - ii. The purpose of the **Community Celebration** is to annually celebrate and showcase our accomplishments. We would like to invite the stakeholders we are currently connected with and new potential supporters. We will invite them to brainstorm with us and ask how they would like to be involved.
- c) After a lengthy discussion of the expression and decisions reached at the May meeting (see approved minutes of May, 2010) regarding the ‘collaborative action group’, the following concerns were expressed:
 - i. agencies and ministries are bound by their current budgets and fundraising policies
 - ii. the creation of an action group from this table is redundant and could create conflicts of interest for some
 - iii. that the work at the Early Years Committee is already done collaboratively and partnerships have been formed in order to work on sustainability for programs
- d) No decision was made in the creation of a ‘collaborative action group’.
- e) It was also suggested that the CYC may be the more appropriate body to take the lead on the stakeholders meeting so that the work is done ‘to support children and youth’ rather than it being seen as the Early Years seeking community support and working against those who work with older children and youth.
 - i. In response to this item, it was suggested that this does not fit into the current CYC strat plan. At this time, this table will not move forward with this suggestion and will not take it to the CYC.
- f) **Strat Plan**
 - i. In planning for our 2010 Strategic Planning Day, we do not need to redo our strat plan as the current one is approved to 2013.
 - ii. There are pieces of the current strat plan that need to be worked on.

ACTION: The Strategic Planning Task Group will start working on this to bring recommendations forward for October’s Early Years meeting.

- iii. Ideas for the Community Celebration, November, 2010:
 - (1) It could be a ‘community day’ to celebrate the Early Years and the good things that are happening
 - (2) We could have a format in which a business who supports the EY could speak (ie Ken from Times) as well as a parent who has benefited from a program
 - (3) A ‘gala’ with a silent auction etc. with presentations from people who have been served.
- iv. It was decided that in light of time to plan, for 2010, we will have a similar format as 2009 but will have a business speaker and a parent speaker.
 - (1) Could have a pamphlet with a tear off piece as to how they can contribute
 - (2) Could have a brain storming part where businesses can look at how they might contribute

- v. It was noted that part of the Provincial mandate is to increase community support of the early years. Success by 6 will be one of the vehicles to achieve this.

ACTION: Sherry, Trish & Pauline will meet (others are welcome) to plan day

- UFV – Trish will ask about space as well as caterers
- need to have info to give to businesses who we invite
- think of who to invite and who to have speak

- g) CYC Early Years Community Coordinator Position discussion
 - i. Sherry brought info from a meeting held in June. Dan, Darby, Mary-Anne, Corrine McCabe, the SD Superintendent and Karin attended.
 - ii. We agreed to:
 - (1) Post the Community Coordinator contract at the end of August and hope to hire in September
 - (2) Darby will develop ad for newspapers and other websites.
 - (3) A three person interview panel of Dan, as MCFD Contract holder, Sherry, as co chair and one other core member. Kiran Sidhu's name was suggested.

ACTION: Karin will contact Kiran. If she is unable, Barb Presseau offered to sit on interview panel

Note: Kiran has accepted this and will be part of the interview panel

5. New Business – None at this time

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

- a) **Child Care Task Group** – no report
- b) **Finance Task Group**
 - i. We received more than expected from Success by Six. More details to follow in the September Early Years meeting.
- c) **Gateway Steering** – no report
- d) **Mapping** – no report
- e) **Membership and Orientation** – no report
- f) **Mobilization & Social Marketing** – no report
- g) **Strategic Plan Development** – no report
- h) **Terms of Reference** – no report
- i) **Young Parent Services**
 - i. Laura has retired and Christine Mutut has been hired to take the position and will chair this task group.
 - ii. Three focus areas were identified to work on over the next year.

7. Community Coordinator Report – highlights 5 minutes

Meet me at the River & Meet me at the Park project is now complete and was a success. Karin will seek City of Chilliwack support for 2011 Parachute in the Park as a result of the joint project

Parachute in the Park starts July 13. See attached poster for dates & times

09/10 CYC EY Newsletter is now complete and ready for distribution. See attached

Success by 6 Aboriginal Engagement funds: Success by 6 (Eastern Fraser Valley) receive funds for Aboriginal Engagement. Year 1 & 2 of these funds were used to create & distribute the Granny & Grandpa kids (see www.successby6.ca website).

For year 3 & 4, we would like to hold a series of focus groups to see if this is what our aboriginal families need. Karin will work on a focus group to be held in Sept/Early Oct 2010. More details to follow.

Other:

Elaine Jackson announced that CGH YMCA Daycare has been closed. Garage sale of items on Monday & Tuesday 9am – 5:30pm at the daycare – fridges, cots, toys. Call Elaine for info.

8. Updates – please offer an electronic copy to be added to the minutes

9. Adjournment –

10. Meeting Dates:

Sept 9 1-3pm at the Chilliwack Community Services Board Room

****note this is not the first Thursday because of the long weekend.**

Enjoy your summer!

Oct 7; Nov 4; Dec 2

Symbol key



question from the table



task for a specific person



approved item



please note



task for everyone



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