



YOUTH MATTERS
A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 28th, 2013
(9:00-10:30am @ CSCL's Mathieson Centre)

Co-Chairs: Collette Bohach (BBBS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)
Recorder: Natalie Karam (CSCL)
Present: Kelli Paddon, Brian Fehlauer, Andy Kizmann, Collette Bohach, Natalie Karam, Kathryn Plotnikoff, Cathy Preibisch, Teela Allen, Chris Olafson, Carol Petek
Regrets: Steve Andrews, Robyn Harold, Jeff Gates, Margaret Sigsworth,

1. Youth Matter's Co-Chair

- Tim Bohr has officially stepped down as Co-Chair of the Committee.
- Collette from BBBS has stepped into that role.
- Welcome Collette!!! ☺
- Natalie & Collette will Co-Chair the committee.

2. Brief Introductions of Committee Members

- Who's "at the Table"
- Going to invite a school board trustee to get involved with the Youth Matter's Committee.
 - Collette (YM Rep on CYC – will inform the CYC that we are going to invite a School Board Trustee to sit on the Youth Matter's Committee).
 - Committee Agreed

ACTION: *Collette will present to the CYC that Youth Matter's would like to have a School Board Trustee get involved with the Youth Matter's Committee.*

3. Challenge Day – Update...

- **Dates Confirmed:**
 - Nov. 19th → CSS
 - Nov. 20th → GWG
 - Nov. 21st → SSS

Discussion:

Each day, two schools are allowed to be present in Challenge Day. It was suggested that the **Ed Centre and FV Distance Ed** and be given some spaces for their students in one of the days.

- Committee has agreed that the **Ed Centre (piggy back with GWG)** and **Fraser Valley Distance Ed Students (piggy back with CSS)** be invited to a Challenge Event.
- Committee has agreed that the Challenge Day events for this year be for High School Students (gr: 10-12) and next year will focus more for Middle School (Gr: 7-9).
- Kathryn will connect with the New Youth Worker at the Distance Ed Centre to let her know

ACTION: *Kathryn will connect with the New Youth Worker at Distance Ed to let her know about Challenge Day and to invite her to attend the Youth Matter's Committee.*

- **Contracts have been received.**
 - Schools have signed off on the contracts.
 - Youth Matter's has signed off on the contract.
 - Will be forwarded back to Challenge Day by end of April.

ACTION: *Natalie will email the signed copy of the contract back to Challenge Day (Mariela by April 19th, 2013)*



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- **Invoice has been received**

- Cost is less than originally anticipated. (\$9,600.00 US)
- 1st payment/installment required Aug. 21st (\$3,600.00 US)
- 2nd payment/installment required Sept. 20th (\$3,000.00 US)
- 3rd payment/installment required Oct. 20th (\$3,000.00 US)

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THEIR TRAVEL COSTS, ACCOMODATIONS, ETC.

- Recommend that Challenge Day fly into Bellingham and get a rental car – more cost effective.
 - Or fly into Abbotsford – Kelli Paddon has a connection with a car rental company and can get us a deal (likely)
 - WHAT TYPE OF VEHICLE DO THEY NEED TO RENT?
- Carol reviewed the Challenge Day Budget from 2011 from SSS.

- **Venue**

CSS Neighbourhood Learning Centre/ Training Hall can be used. (Brian checked it out and it may work). Logistics still need to be worked out and implemented (ie: booking the hall). If the neighbourhood learning centre does not work – the new school has 2 gymnasiums and one of the gymnasiums could be booked for the 3 days for Challenge Day.

- School Rep's met with Susan Edgecombe.
 - Susan did commit to \$5000.00 from the School District.
 - Did not talk specifically talk about bussing.
 - They did discuss about meeting with the PAC's from each school as well. They will need to be presented in September at the PAC meetings.

ACTION: Carol will follow up with Susan to confirm if the \$5000.00 is for the committee to use wherever needed, or if it's assigned to anything specific (ie: bussing, TOC Coverage).

- **Presenting at School Board Meeting**

- Not good to put the board on the spot to approve money (requesting money at a board meeting is not what the meetings are about). Brian met with a board member (Evelyn Novak) – if we present, it would be best to present Challenge Day to the board as an informational meeting (so they are aware of what it is). Brian asked about getting it on the agenda... Evelyn would take it to a board planning meeting and request Youth Matter's can get on a May agenda.

ACTION: Brian will follow up with Evelyn to see how the planning meeting went and if the Youth Matter's Committee did in fact get on the Agenda for the May School Board Meeting.

- **Inviting Students to help with Fundraising for Challenge Day**

- Possibly Leadership Students?
- Duties for Students could include: Hanging up posters, making announcements over PA systems, preparing snacks, etc.
- Youth Matter's Committee could present at the CSS Leadership sleepover in June – about Challenge Day – to get the buzz going.
- 2 reps from each of the schools would be ideal.
- Discussion around which Students to invite to sit on the committee...

There was a brief discussion on how the schools will determine which 100 students from the various schools will be selected to participate in Challenge Day. Committee will need to discuss this further and focus on the process of who to invite to Challenge Day and how we will do it.

- **Donations received from**

- \$5000.00 (MCFD) – increased their donation to \$5000.00 (now that we are offering a 3 day event)
- \$1500.00 (Kiwanis Club)
- \$5000.00 (School Board)



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- **Fundraising Team Sub-Committee**

- Have not met since March.
- A marketing letter has been forwarded to the CYC Co-Chairs (Dan Bibby & Susan Edgecombe) to sign off on. Once signed off – the letter can be distributed to community businesses for their support of Challenge Day.

ACTION: Natalie will follow up with Dan Bibby to establish if the marketing letter has been signed by CYC Co-Chairs (Dan & Susan).

4. **Reminder**

CYC Spring Consultation – April 26th, 2013 at City Life (8:30am-3:00pm)

- Can register at www.childand youth.com . If registering more than 1 person – send Karen Steegstra an email letting her know who you're registering.
- 2 keynote speakers – Kelly Anderson ("Nothing About Us Without Us") from the FORCE and the Honourable Steven Point ("Making a Difference Wherever You Are")
- There will be lots of booths from various service providers.
- Group work (approx. 10 people per group) – given scenario's, and looking at services that are available in the community and looking at barriers that are present in our community.

5. **Updates:** Agency/Program (*if we have time*)

- **CSS** – Grad dinner Auction is tonight. Tickets are still available (\$15/each), 5:00pm start.
- **Bowls of Hope Fundraiser** in Friday, May 3rd, 2013 (5:00pm) @ Evergreen Hall. If you want tickets you could call Mike Csoka. Also, Laurie August (Aboriginal EA at CSS) is involved with Bowls of Hope.
- **Big Brother's Big Sisters** – new pilot program – young parents mentoring program. Made 1st match and have screened in 3 mentors.

6. **Additional Agenda Items**

- Request if the committee could begin meetings at 8:30am.

Next Meetings @ Mathieson Centre (9:00-10:30am) - **Thursday, May 16th, 2013.**
Thursday, June 20th, 2013