



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

Thursday, February 21st, 2013
9:00-10:30 AM (CSCL's Mathieson Centre)

- Co-Chairs:** Tim Bohr (CCS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)
Recorder: Natalie Karam (CSCL)
Present: Chris Olafson, Collette Bohach, Alexis Sypes (SP??), Jeff Gates, Steve Andrews, Jessica Adams-Louporet, Andy Kizmann, Karen Steegstra, Carol Petek, Tim Bohr, Natalie Karam
Regrets: Shari West, Robyn Harold, Kelli Paddon, Wendy Main, Rebecca Horch
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1. Brief Introductions of Committee Members

2. Challenge Day - Update...

- Application was sent in by Jessica Adams-Louporet (Jan. 30th, 2013), 2 follow up phone calls in February 2013. Challenge Day confirmed that they received the application but could not confirm dates yet for Chilliwack.
- Our Preferred Dates for Challenge Day are:
November 19, 20, 21, 2013 OR November 26, 27, 28, 2013
- Challenge Day is not able to confirm our preferred dates, but they can almost guarantee that they can schedule us in for November 2013.
- Challenge Day informed Jessica, that the other two schools that will be onboard with Challenge Day in Chilliwack will need to send in a separate application for their school (Sardis Senior is not able to book the whole event). GW Graham and Chilliwack Senior would need to book themselves.
- All 3 schools information must be submitted before Challenge Day will confirm our dates for Challenge Day.

ACTION: Chris Olafson (CSS) will discuss with CSS team and encourage CSS's participation in Challenge Day. Chris will get back to the committee to confirm if CSS will participate in Challenge Day.

ACTION: Jessica Adams-Louporet will connect with GW Graham to inform them about Challenge Day and the particulars of what is required. As long as they are interested - they will need to register their school for Challenge Day.

ACTION: Karen Steegstra & Collette Bohach will connect with Susan Edgecombe to let her know that there will be some additional costs to run Challenge Day in Chilliwack (ie: food, transportation, venue, bringing in TOC's on the days, etc). Ask if there is additional funding that school district could chip in? When would be a good time to present this to the school board?



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- Note: Mission Community had their Challenge Day completely sponsored by Envision.
- Costs to Run Challenge Day: \$14,100.00 for Challenge Day + additional costs. Committee discussed that it would be best to have a bit of a buffer and aim to raise \$25,000.00.
- Committee discussed accessing DPAC and school PAC's for money.
- Committee starting generating ideas around how to run Challenge Day and make it effective and run smoothly...The ideas presented were:
 - Ensure that there is an opportunity for follow-up for the Youth after Challenge Day.
 - All group leaders/mentors need to be 'trained' and accountable adults. Criminal record checks done for all leaders/mentors, etc.
 - Have a card available that all group leaders/mentors could give to the youth in their groups that would have names and numbers of people to contact. (Ie: Brain Card...has school contact numbers and community numbers on it).
 - All group leaders/mentors have some sort of baseline training and are made aware of what to expect from their involvement in Challenge Day (ie: expected to share their own experiences, be fully participatory in the event).
 - There are two key roles for organizing challenge day and follow up after Challenge Day: **School Facilitator** (each school)→ Oversee the Be The Change Group in the school. **Volunteer Coordinators** → Responsible for screening in the volunteers for the event.

Fundraising Team:

- Tim Bohr
- Andy Kizmann
- Natalie Karam
- Kelli Paddon

ACTION: Fundraising Team will set up a meeting to start creating a schedule/calendar.

- Steve Andrews is willing to assist with writing grant proposals.
- Carol Petek will connect with Sardis PAC.
- Chris Olafson will connect with Chilliwack PAC.

3. Sexual Exploitation Week (March 11th – 15th, 2013) – Karen Steegstra

- There will be 5 Events (1 daily)→ 3 days will be at City Hall, 1 day will be at City Life, 1 day will be at Mathieson Centre.
- All events are free and open to everyone.
- All events will be selling necklaces (for a donation of \$10.00 each).

4. Agency/Program Updates:

Karen Steegstra: February was the 1st Family Day. CYC created a wall at Cottonwood Mall that said: "As a parent, I want..." The mall wants to have this as a yearly event. The 20th anniversary of the Spring Consultation (formerly the ABC consultation) is coming up on April 26th, 2013.



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Collette Bohach: Bowl for Kids Sake happened & over 100 people showed up, Chiefs and billet families came out, parents and mentors showed up. Very successful event. Young Parent Program – screening is in process at this time. BBBS is now in 2 middle schools as well.

Note: Collette will be the Youth Matter's Representative on the CYC Committee moving forward.

Chris Olafson: Gathering information.

Jessica Adams-Loupret: Things are ticking...moving along.

Steve Andrews: Still has room in a Social Behaviour Development Group ages 9-12 year olds (boys and girls). It is a registered drop-in program. Group runs 3:45-4:45pm on Thursdays. Ann Davis #: 792-2760. Support Group for Women being run at Ann Davis – talk about anxiety. It's a group for all women. Men's groups, couples groups are offered as well. Teaching the kids what they can do about bullying – Feb. 25th at the Ed. Centre, March 15th at GW Graham.

Alexis Sykes: Will present back to her classmates at University to inquire if any of them would like to participate and be volunteers for Challenge Day.

Jeff Gates: History Maker will be coming back in May 2013 at the Prospera Centre – which is open to all community members.

Tim Bohr: Nothing really new. CCS is supporting the Sexual Exploitation of Youth Week.

Andy Kizmann: Community Justice Forum - training people to facilitate a circle between offenders and victims to discuss an incident and its impact and come up with a resolution. There is still a few spaces open for the training. Call Kim McLandress if interested in doing the training (604-393-3023)

Natalie Karam: CSCL just had a fundraiser at the Chilliwack Chiefs Game selling 50/50 tickets – raised close to \$900.00. Currently looking to connect with other agencies that provide programs for youth as a way to partner together (connect my programs for youth with other community programs). Social Capital....we want to be 'OF' the community.

Next Meetings @ Mathieson Centre (9:00-10:30am) (3rd Thursday every month)

**Thursday, March 28th, 2013, Thursday, April 18th, 2013,
Thursday, May 16th, 2013, Thursday, June 20th, 2013**