



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

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**9:00-10:30 AM (CSCL's Mathieson Centre)**

**Co-Chairs:** Tim Bohr (CCS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)

**Recorder:** Natalie Karam (CSCL)

**Regrets:** Steve Andrews (Ann Davis), Robyn Harold (SD33), Cathy Preibisch (SD33),  
Wendy Main (MCFD), Carol Petek (SD33), Kelly Balasak (MCFD)

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**1. Brief Introductions of Committee Members**

- Collette Bohach (Big Brothers, Big Sisters)
- Jeff Gates (Chilliwack Baptist Church)
- Rebecca Horch (FV Distance Ed CYCW)
- Teela (Youth Counsellor Ann Davis)
- Jessica Loupret-Adams (Counsellor, Sardis Senior Secondary)
- Kelli Paddon (Chilliwack Society for Community Living)
- Andy Kizmann (Youth Restorative Justice)
- Karen Steegstra (Chilliwack Child & Youth Coordinator)
- Natalie Karam (Chilliwack Society for Community Living)
- Tim Bohr (Chilliwack Community Services)

Need representation from Chilliwack Senior Secondary School on this committee.

**ACTION:**

- **Jessica** will ask the Counsellor at CSS to join the committee.
- **Rebecca** will ask the Youth Worker from CSS to join the committee.
- **Karen** will contact Susan Edgecombe to notify her that it would be beneficial and necessary to have a representative from CSS on this committee (as one of the days for Challenge Day would target CSS).

**2. Challenge Day - Update...**

Challenge Day responded back with the available dates that they could offer their service in Chilliwack. The dates were a 1day event (April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013) **OR** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

The details for Challenge Day are (as sent out via email before Christmas 2012):

- MUST be booked by a school through the challenge day website
- Usually requires a minimum booking of a 3 day event @ a maximum of 2 Locations
- We might have the opportunity to piggy back with the Agassiz Community (they expressed an interest in a Challenge Day...but we have not made contact with Agassiz yet). If we could piggy back with Agassiz, we could offer 2 days in Chilliwack and 1 day in Agassiz.

**UPDATE:** Agassiz is interested in Challenge Day, but they are already working on and committed to bringing in a Motivational Speaker (Keith Hawkins) before the end of this school year. So, no opportunity for Chilliwack to partner with Agassiz.

**UPDATE:** Hope is interested in Challenge Day as well...but they are thinking about hosting it in the Fall. So, no opportunity for Chilliwack to partner with Hope.

- Only 2 schools can attend to the same event (so we would not be able to invite students from all schools to attend).



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- Cost is a bit higher than we thought...
  - \$3200.00 (per event) -
  - \$1500.0 (per day) - travel, accommodations, food for Challenge Day People

**Thoughts from Committee:**

- ✓ Challenge Day is a Transformational Event (not just inspirational).
- ✓ Committee is very committed to this project.
- ✓ Offering Challenge Day in April or May 2013 and trying to fundraise for it will end up competing with all the School Grad Fundraising events currently happening, and sports team fundraising events that are currently happening.
- ✓ Committee agreed that offering Challenge Day would be better suited for November 2013. This way, students could attend, be inspired, and have lots of time to put their learning from Challenge Day into action (ie: this is what makes Challenge Day transformational).
- ✓ Offering Challenge Day in November – would allow the Committee to request money from various funding sources (ie: school PACS, DPAC, RCMP, etc)
- ✓ Suggested that a proposal for funding be created and then presented to the school board.
- ✓ Committee agreed that offering Challenge Day in November would provide enough time to raise the necessary funds to put it on for a full 3 days in Chilliwack (Cost: \$14,100.00) + venue, food, transportation, advertising, etc.
- ✓ Committee agreed that it would be best to offer Challenge Day at a neutral/central location (community venue) and offer 1 day each to Sardis Senior, GW Graham & Chilliwack Senior. With the option of also offering it to 3 other schools who could 'join' in on 1 of the days.

- CONFIRMED DONATED FUNDS (to date):
  - \$1000.00 (MCFD)
  - \$1500.00 (Sardis Kiwanis Club)
- WRITE PROPOSALS/APPLY FOR FUNDING TO:
  - RCMP (up to \$5000.00),
  - DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council)
  - School PACS (GW Graham, Sardis Senior, Chilliwack Senior) – specify an exact amount of money committee is seeking (ie: \$5000.00).
  - Anti-Bullying Campaign

**3. NOVEMBER CHALLENGE DAY:**

- Contact Challenge Day to see what dates are available in November 2013.
  - Ideal Dates are:
    - November 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013
    - November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**ACTION:**

- **Tim** will contact Challenge Day to see if either of these November dates are available.
- **Tim** will confirm if Challenge Day requires a deposit when booking the event.
- Once confirmed: **Tim** will email out the dates that are available to all committee members.
- Individual schools will have to book the Challenge Day Event using the Online Application.

- Once dates are confirmed, Committee will form a smaller “fundraising team” to manage the Fundraising Projects (Tim, Natalie, Andy, Kelli, 1-2 additional members).
- Fundraising Team will create a calendar of what is happening over the upcoming months, what needs to be done, etc.
- Committee members are open to being told what tasks/jobs need to be completed.



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**4. Sexual Exploitation Week (March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013)**

- Organized by the Clinical Committee (Sub-Committee of CYC)
- There will be 5 Events (1 daily) 1 at City Hall, 1 at City Life (some in afternoon, some in evening)
- Purpose: Making the community aware of Sexual Exploitation
- All speakers and venues have been booked. (2 speakers will be sharing their stories)

**ACTION:**

- **Karen** will present more details about Sexual Exploitation Week at our Next Meeting
- **Youth Matter's Committee members** agreed that we could support the event by attending and possibly volunteering.

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

- **Jessica:** Two deaths in the New Year. Students were impacted by deaths. Things are going OK now. Moving into Semester 2. Lots of sickness in the school.
- **Teela:** Busy...lots of referrals coming in. Girls Group starting up (3:30-5:00pm) for Grade 10-12, one day/week at Ann Davis.
- **Kelli:** Optimistic that the service will be funded ongoing after June 2013. One Individual is looking to move out on her own. Kelli is doing Happy Work.
- **Andy:** Doing OK. 171 referrals in 2012..keeping busy. January & February are quiet months for service hours (especially for those under 16 years of age). Currently in the middle of their 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser (Pub Night...March 16<sup>th</sup> @ Best Western – St. Patty's Theme...50/50 tickets, silent auction). Raised \$5500.00 before Christmas from the raffle.
- **Natalie:** Busy. Programs/Services just started up for the New Year...always hectic with families and teens trying to get back into their daily routine and structure. Offering lifeskills programs, singing/drama/dance programs and transition programs.
- **Karen:** Working on the CYC consultation (managing the working committees). Her position entails Early Years and Youth (recently gave a presentation at VanCity to provide them with information). Position is to educate the community about the CYC and what is offered in Chilliwack for Children & Youth. Middle Years Committee has started last week. Position was overwhelming at first...but Karen is now loving her position.
- **Collette:** 100 years that BBBS has been around. Bowl for Kids Sake (Feb. 7, 2013). Chiefs will be coming out to bowl with the kids. Starting a New Parenting program for young parents – lots of people coming forward and wanting to help with this program. Going through Accreditation.
- **Jeff:** Youth Pastors meet monthly together to talk about what's going on with their individual churches, talk about events that are coming up. Looking at Rights of Passage for Males → people just don't know what it means to be a man. Meeting with male youth and talking about what it about to be a man.
- **Tim:** Christmas Dinner was the biggest turn out (over 100 youth attended). Group of teen moms with their partners came out (CCS wanted to support them as a family), CSCL Teen Clubs attended, Cathy Preibisch brought a group out...very well attended and enjoyed. The village (Housing) is going very, very well. There's been lots of illness – lots of sick staff.

**Next Meetings @ Mathieson Centre (9:00-10:30am) (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month)**



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Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013