



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

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

- Co-Chairs:** Tim Bohr (CCS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)
- Recorder:** Natalie Karam (CSCL)
- Present:** Margaret Sigsworth, Andy Kizmann, Natalie Karam, Tim Bohr, Jessica Adams-Louporet, Chris Olafson, Brian Fehlauer, Colette Bohach, Kelli Paddon, Jeff Gates, Kathryn Plotnikoff
- Regrets:** Steve Andrews, Cathy Preibisch, Wendy Main, Karen Steegstra, Robyn Harold
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**1. Brief Introductions of Committee Members**

- Cathy Preibisch, Wendy Main & Robyn Harold have all expressed that they likely will not be able to attend Youth Matter's Meetings (due to prior commitments, workloads) but have requested to still receive meeting minutes.

**2. Challenge Day – Update...**

- Dates Confirmed: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> to CSS  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup> to GWG  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> to SSS
- Committee has asked Susan Edgcombe if the School District could cover the cost of TOC coverage and bussing of students to and from the venue. Susan has responded and has directed us to get the school administrators from each school on board.
- One presentation will be presented at a school board meeting (with representation from individual school administrators, Youth Matter's Members, CYC Members and Jessica Adams-Louporet who was involved in the last Challenge Day at SSS). It would also be great to have representation from Parween Irani (who organized the one at SSS in 2011).

***ACTION: Need to get on the agenda for the April 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> School Board Meeting. Tim/Natalie will ask Dan Bibby from the CYC to try to get us on the School Board Agenda for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.***

***ACTION: Natalie will contact Challenge Day to inquire about Contract for the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.***

**Donations:**

- MCFD has increased their donation up to \$5000.00
- Kiwanis has donated \$1500.00

**Fundraising:**

- Tim reviewed the spreadsheet.

***ACTION: Natalie will send out the Fundraising spreadsheet to all committee members.***



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### Venue:

- Kelli connected with Shaaron Gaetz (Mayor) about using a City Venue for Challenge Day. Shaaron has given Kelli the contact name of the person to connect with. The city cannot donate the space – but can give a discount.
- Brian mentioned that the new CSS School will have a community/neighbourhood Hall that may be available and suitable.

***ACTION:*** Brian F will look at the neighbourhood hall space in the new CSS school and get back to the committee whether it may (or will) be available to use for Challenge Day.

***ACTION:*** If the neighbourhood hall at the new CSS does not 'pan out' then, Kathryn will approach the bands about the possibility of renting their halls (Squiala – Dave Jimmy is the Chief).

***ACTION:*** Committee needs to book the venue ASAP.

3. **Update:** Sexual Exploitation Week (March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013)
  - Karen provided a 2 page overview of how the Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children & Youth Awareness Week' went.
  - The report provided an over view of the various events/speakers.
  - Karen commented she wishes more people could have been in attendance at the events to hear the speakers. There was lots of good information and insight shared and issues brought to light that require a public response if changes are going to be made.
4. **Update:** Colette announced that there is an opportunity to have a Free Presentation of the Video "**Sext Up KIDS**", and then some follow-up dialogue on the subject to schools and organizations. Jessica Goodwin (practicum student currently at CSS) is 'giving back to the community' and wants to provide this training/workshop to youth (for free). Jessica's email is [Jgoodwin.homelife@gmail.com](mailto:Jgoodwin.homelife@gmail.com)
5. **Update:** Tim needs to resign from the Youth Matter's Committee (effective April 2013). Tim is being deployed to Kuwait in June 2013 with the US Army. Tim is taking a year's leave of absence from his position at CCS.  
Committee is now looking for a Co-Chair of the Youth Matter's Committee. If anyone is interested in stepping into that position, please let Tim & Natalie know ASAP.

***ACTION:*** Youth Matter's Committee needs to find a replacement Co-Chair for the committee ASAP.

### 6. **Agency/Program Updates:**

- **Margaret:** BC Responsible Gambling – educating kids around responsible gambling. 1 in 5 kids between 10-18 years of age is at high risk or is already at risk of gambling.
- **Jeff:** Youth Pastor. Went on an adventure trip over Spring Break. History Maker – coming over May long weekend.
- **Brian:** Vice Principal at Chilliwack Senior Secondary. New school is currently being built.
- **Jessica:** Operation X (FREE Presentation from Abby Police). Presentation about ecstasy (starts with the 911 phone call) around the two youth that died in 2011 in Abbotsford due to ecstasy. Both parents were present, friends, sisters, cousins of the two youth that died were present and spoke during the presentation. Very Powerful and impactful presentation.



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- **Kathryn:** Busy at GWG. Healthy living conference just occurred. Safe Teen Program. Busy at Sto-Lo.
- **Kelli:** BRIDGE Service with CSCL. BRIDGE is a pilot program looking to get permanent funding. Transitioning Youth (18-22 years of age) working on Employment. Looking for seasonal work, few hours/week for a few Youth.
- **Andy:** Had silent Auction that raised \$3500.00.
- **Tim:** Took a crew of kids to the river to do river clean-up. Filled up a very large metal container full of garbage, paint ball, Canuck's Game.
- **Natalie:** Planning for Summer Programs and looking to connect with other community Youth Groups.

**Next Meetings @ Mathieson Centre (9:00-10:30am) - Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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