



## YOUTH MATTERS

### *A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee* Meeting Minutes (Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014)

**Co-Chairs:** Collette Bohach (BBBS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)

**Recorder:** Natalie Karam

**Present:** Michelle Reilly, Kathryn Plotnikoff, Bill Sheridan, Salvina Sharp, Margaret Sigsworth, Raina Siou, Collette Bohach, Natalie Karam, Cathy Preibisch, Brandy Carlo, Karen Steegstra,

**Regrets:** Kristy Vanderstarren

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## Welcome & Introductions

### Updates

#### 1. CYC – Conversation on Chilliwack’s Children (discussion & feedback)

- Positive feedback for the most part.
- Professional event, content was great, great food.
- Really enjoyed the Youth Engagement portion
- Not much enjoyment with Laurie Throness Presentation
  - i. Adult participants were thrown off by his presentation
  - ii. Youth who were present at the event – were very upset about what the MLA had to say.
- Youth Engagement presentation ( Youth Matters Challenge Day)
  - i. So nice to hear what the Youth had to say about it – very proud moment!
  - ii. Youth tried to get feedback from all students who participated in Challenge Day on video (to show at the presentation). The video developed a virus and in the end, the video was unsalvageable. ☹
  - iii. Most of the Youth had never spoken in front of an audience before and they were extremely stressed out and nervous...but they pulled it off.
  - iv. The Youth who presented on Challenge Day received an Honorarium – (\$150.00). The collectively decided to spend the money to purchase a water cooler for SSS and purchase items for the Breakfast Program at SSS.

**Recommendation:** A few days/week after Challenge Day, go to the schools that participated and video tape the Youth and ask them what they thought about Challenge Day.

**Recommendation:** Make the WHOLE event more Youth Friendly (not just the Youth Engagement Component). (Consensus from the group)

**Recommendation:** Have a Youth Speaker/Presenter

**Recommendation:** Have more Youth Focus in the morning and the afternoon more adult focus.

**Recommendation:** Participants should have an opportunity to attend 2 breakout sessions (not just one).

#### 2. Update on application for Middle School Challenge Day

- Do we need a 4<sup>th</sup> day? What is the cost for an extra day → Committee has decided that a 4<sup>th</sup> day would be beneficial. Cost for an additional day is \$3,300.00

**ACTION:** Kevin will contact Challenge Day and try to book Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as an additional day in Chilliwack.



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- Challenge Day has confirmed that it is OK to have two Middle Schools share the same day – but have requested us to do some ‘homework’ beforehand. They want us to create an opportunity for the two schools who will be sharing a day to connect together once before the event and connect together for one day after the event.

***ACTION: Collette will call Challenge Day to connect with them and explain Chilliwack's situation with the two middle schools that share a day and explain that the two middle schools will be feeding into the same High Schools.***

### 3. Funding and Finances for Challenge Day

- **Banking** – YM account update → The Committee has been granted permission to open up a bank account for Youth Matters.

***ACTION: Karen Steegstra will follow up on the process of opening up a bank account for Youth Matters.***

- Letter sent to schools about the \$150.00 towards project (update).
  - Heard back from SSS as to what they want to do with their money.
- **Grants**- Update
  - Collette and Natalie have reviewed some grant applications
  - Raina met with Vyper...and they were very interested in Challenge Day.
  - There appears to be two grants that the committee could apply...
    - Vyper Grant (Feb. 2014 – Aug. 2016 → distribute \$128,000.00 during that period).
    - Coast Capital Grant

***ACTION: Raina Siou will forward the contact information for Vyper to Collette/Natalie.***

- **Middle School PAC presentations** – How do we approach middle school PAC for support (Youth & school rep present together?)
  - Discussion around when to approach the PAC's. Might be best to approach the PAC's before the end of this school year.

***ACTION: Natalie to create a package to use to present to the PAC's and distribute to Sal, Kevin, Kathryn, Michelle, Cathy, Jan, Marie (will be distributed by early May to Middle School Members)***

***ACTION: Sal will contact Jan & Marie to let them know that they will be given a package to present at PAC's.***

***ACTION: Middle School Representative's will connect with their school PAC's to inform them about Challenge Day.***

- **Letter to previous funders** asking if they are willing to support us again. (School District, MCFD, Service clubs etc...) Update
  - Letter has been written, signed and almost ready to be mailed out.

***ACTION: Natalie will send the letter to previous Challenge Day Funders/Supporters by May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.***



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**Action Items**

1. **Thank-you cards to community supporters** – funders- Completed by Karen Steegstra ✓
  - Karen reported that she received a “Thank You” back from one of the supporters/funders for our Thank You.
2. **Middle schools invited to Challenge Day** – Completed and all schools on board. ✓

<b>Rosedale</b> – Approx 50 students to participate	<b>Vedder</b> – Approx 50 students to participate
<b>Sto:lo</b> – Approx 15 students to participate	<b>Chance</b> – Approx 25 students to participate
<b>AD Rundle</b> – Approx 50 students to participate	<b>CMS</b> – Approx 50 students to participate
<b>Mt. Slesse</b> – Approx 50 students to participate	<b>GWG</b> – Approx 50 students to participate

3. **Venue discussion** – What venue should we have Challenge Day at? Discussion required, as we’ll likely need to book well in advance.
  - Perhaps look at Chilliwack Alliance Church as a possible venue (as they are looking to be more community minded).
  - Perhaps look at the Coast Hotel regarding Venue, accommodations, food

**ACTION: Natalie will connect with the Coast Hotel about a Package Deal.**

4. **Robb Nash** – Bringing him out to Chilliwack on May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to present to Chilliwack Youth (we have 2 days booked). They perform for free...but welcome donations. Committee feels that a \$3,500.00 donation would be appropriate.

**Next Meeting:** *(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE FOR JUNE’S MEETING:*  
**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (9:00am-10:30am)**  
**@ Community Services (7112 Vedder Road)**