



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

Thursday November 7th, 2013
Mathieson Centre 9:00-10:00 am

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

Recorder: Natalie Karam (CSCL)

Present: Collette Bohach, Margaret Sigsworth, Steve Andrews, Martina Bassi, Jessica Adams-Louporet, Natalie Karam, Jeff Gates, Raina Siou, Kathryn Plotnikoff, Kevin Craig, Chris Olafson, Lynette Schramm

Absent: Brian Fehlauser, Steve Dove, Shane Wiseman, Cathy Preibisch, Melanie Voth

Who's At the Table?? Brief introductions of who we are and who each of us works for.

Challenge Day - Updates

Update Adult Volunteers:

Collette presented that it has been a wonderful experience connecting with the adult volunteers.

- CSS → 40 adult volunteers (maximum number reached)
- SSS → 35 adult volunteers (can accommodate 5 more volunteers)
- GWG → 26 adult volunteers (can accommodate 14 more volunteers)

Jessica updated the committee that Rohan Arul-pragasam (Chilliwack School District's Assistant Superintendent) and Evelyn Novak (Chilliwack School District Superintendent) will each be attending a ½ day on Nov. 20th (GWG Students).

ACTION: Jessica will contact Sharon Gaetz (Mayor) and invite her to attend Challenge Day (or observe a ½ day).

Update Food:

- Chilliwack Water Store → is donating large water jugs (water stations) for the 3 days. If we need more water throughout the days, we can bring the empty jug back to the store and replace it with a full one. Someone from the committee will need to stop by the Water Store to pick up the water jugs ahead of time.

ACTION: Chris Olafson (CSS) will look after picking up the water jugs to ensure they are present at CSS for the morning of Nov. 19th.

Discussion: we may be able to have our food costs covered by MCFD. In order for this to occur, MCFD will require the names of all the people (youth and adults) who receive food over the three days. Committee discussed if there would be any reason for this to be an issue/problem (releasing the names of students...is it a confidentiality issue?). Committee agreed that it should be fine (parents have given permission on slips for their child to be photographed, interviewed, etc).

ACTION: When all the names of the youth and adults have been forwarded to Natalie/Collette – they will write up a clause on the invoice they forward to Dan Bibby (MCFD), stating that the names listed are not to be used for any other purpose other than to assist with attaining additional funding.

Update Travel:

Challenge Day pays upfront for their expenses (ie: airfare, car rental, hotel accommodations, etc) and then they invoice Youth Matter's after the event.

Update Challenge Day Hours:

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| CSS (Nov. 19 th) → | Event starts at 8:45am-2:40pm
Adult Volunteers (8:00am-3:15pm) |
| GWG (Nov. 20 th) → | Event starts at 9:00am-2:00pm
Adult Volunteers (8:15am-2:30pm) |
| SSS (Nov. 21 st) → | Event starts at 9:10am – 2:10pm
Adult Volunteers (8:30am-2:45pm) |

NOTE: All students should have a name tag on when they arrive at the venue.



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Update Advertising:

School District: Kirk Savage was sent a Press Release to use.

Newspaper: Collette has spoken with Rob Lees about an article in the paper about Challenge Day. Ideally a 3 part article would be great...1) What is Challenge Day and how it's coming to Chilliwack 2) The reporter attending part of the day and writing about their experiences and observations at Challenge Day 3) The reporter interviewing adult volunteers and youth that participated in Challenge Day and how it impacted them and the community.

Karen suggested contacting Ken Goudswaard from "The Times" Newspaper – as he often writes about community events.

Radio: Natalie will be speaking to 89.5 (The Drive) radio Station about Challenge Day. They seem to be interested in Challenge Day and what it is, and may want to interview Natalie/Collette about the event.

Update Fundraising:

- School District- **\$5000.00**
- Kiwanis Club of Sardis- **\$1500.00**
- Chilliwack Lions Club - **\$200.00**
- DPAC - **\$500.00**
- Kiwanis Club of Chilliwack - **\$100.00**
- Stellar Jay's Lions Club - **\$600.00**
- Mertin's GM - **\$250.00**
- Mount Cheam Lions Club - **\$150.00**

These funds have been received

- MCFD - **\$2500.00**
- CSS PAC - **\$1500.00**
- SSS PAC - **\$3500.00**
- GWG PAC – *will donate something – unsure of amount. Will know Nov. 18*

These funds have NOT been received yet

Total Funds Promised: \$15800.00
Paid Out: \$10000.00 (approximate)
Remaining Amount: \$5800.00

(This will be used to cover costs such as air fare, hotel accommodations, car rental, etc.)

We are still anticipating more funding for Challenge Day.

Suggestion: If we can get into a Rotary Club Meeting to present on Challenge Day – to invite a Youth who has already participated in it to speak about its impact on them.

Suggestion: Inform Sto:lo about Challenge Day and our need for more funding. Sto:lo may want to assist with some of the funds.

ACTION: Raina Siou will send RCMP Superintendent of the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment (Deanne Burleigh) information about Challenge Day.

ACTION: Karen will email Natalie the contact information for Sonja Mussell (Sto:lo).

ACTION: Natalie will then email Sonja information about Challenge Day, who we've received funding from and how much more we're looking for – in order to successfully 'pull off' Challenge Day in Chilliwack.

Next Meeting: December 10th, 2013 @ Mathieson Centre (9:00am-10:30am)