



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

**Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Mathieson Centre (45195 Wells Road) (9:00-10:30am)**

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

**Recorder:** Natalie Karam (CSCL)

**Present:** Margaret Sigsworth, Kevin Craig, Karen Steegstra, Kathryn Plotnikoff, Jessica Adams-Loupriet, Melanie Voth, Steve Andrews, Andy Kizmann, Collette Bohach, Natalie Karam, Steve Dove, Brian Fehlauer.

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1. **Meeting Times Discussion – what works for everyone's schedule?**

- Do we need to have more than 1 meeting in October?  
Having meetings in the beginning of the month – would allow us to have at least 2 more meetings and then determine if more meetings are required.

2. **CHALLENGE DAY**

**UPDATES:**

A. **Accommodations:**

- Coast Hotel is Booked

B. **Venue & Parking:**

- The Venue is confirmed and will take place at CSS (somewhere).
- CSS is hosting → Communities will not be able to book the facility until January 2014
- The NLS may not be available for use... however; Brian has said that one of the gyms or conference rooms could be a back-up.
- Parking lot at CSS is slated to be completed by November 2013. If it is complete – there could be parking available.
- Parking at Christ Lutheran Church → Cathy Preibisch has followed up with the Church and the Church has authorized parking for Adult Volunteers on the 3 days of Challenge Day. They have approximately 20-25 parking spaces.

C. **Volunteers:**

- Challenge Day is advertised in the CCS Volunteer Opportunities monthly newsletter.
- August & September entries were listed as “Save the Date”
- Starting in October, the entry will be listed as “actively” seeking volunteers.
- There has been some interest from community members already.
- Adult Participation Invitation Discussion → Collette/Natalie will email letter to schools to distribute and to Karen Steegstra to distribute via her contacts.
- Collette/Natalie will email the Adult Invitation Discussion to all members.
- Parween contacted Collette and will participate in Challenge Day (1 day) and will seek out adult volunteers as well.
- School Executive will be participating in Challenge Day as well.
- Todd Lueck (City Life Church) is excited about Challenge Day and will assist with recruiting for Adult Volunteers.
- All adult volunteers will need to fill out an adult volunteer application (ie: teachers, youth matter's members). There needs to be approximately 7 school staff participating in each Challenge Day as they will be the adult contacts for the Students to remain in contact with.

D. **Food:**



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- Confirmed
- \$6.00/per person → Brian has confirmed with Terry McDougal (Foods Teacher).

#### **E. Payment to Challenge Day:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> payment was made August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (\$3,600.00) ☺ - COMPLETED
- 2<sup>nd</sup> payment needs to be made September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (\$3,000.00) ☺ - COMPLETED
- 3<sup>rd</sup> payment needs to be made October 20<sup>th</sup>, 20123 (\$3,000.00)

#### **F. Travel:**

- Natalie contacted Challenge Day to inquire if they'll fly into Bellingham or Abbotsford (suggested flying into Abbotsford to avoid detainment at border).
- Still waiting to hear back from Challenge Day.
- According to the Challenge Day Handbook – Challenge Day should be contacting Youth Matters within 6 weeks of the scheduled days. So, we should hear confirmation from Challenge Day regarding transportation around the beginning of October 2013.

#### **G. Fundraising:**

**RBC → Steve Dove mentioned that RBC may be able to assist with some donations for Challenge Day.**

- **Future Shop Grant** → haven't heard back – not looking promising.
- **Superstore Grant** → haven't heard back – not looking promising. However, closer to the event – Kelli Paddon has a connection at Superstore and will approach for gift card donation (to assist with food items needed for Challenge Day).
- **Envision Financial First West Foundation Grant** → waiting to hear back.
- **National Bank** → No confirmation – however, they seem to have already awarded their grants...so, we have obviously missed it. ☹
- **Redleaf & Nestle** → Denied!
- **Starbucks** → On board...will provide coffee for all 3 days. Approaching Regional to recruit volunteers for Challenge Day. ☺
- **Pepsi** → Providing 240 bottles of water ☺
- **Scott Paper** → Melanie Voth has email Scott Paper for donations.
- **Service Clubs** (money needs to be gone by the end of September)
  - **Kiwanis Club of Chilliwack** – may be interested
  - **Chilliwack Fire Charity** – may be interested
  - **Soroptimists** – approached, but no response

**ACTION: Natalie will contact more of the local Service Clubs and Local Businesses looking for funding and donations.**

#### **H. PAC & DPAC Funding:**



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- Believe we should request \$5,000.00 from each PAC & DPAC.
  - **CSS** → PAC Meeting Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013...Challenge Day was not on the agenda. Next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ... need to get Challenge Day on the agenda.
    - **Challenge Day will get on the agenda**
  - **SSS** → PAC Meeting Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013
    - **Jessica will find out if we can get Challenge Day on the SSS PAC Mtg. Jessica and Parween will present.**
  - **GWG** → PAC Meeting Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013
    - **Shane will present at GWG.**
- **DPAC** →
  - Last year the DPAC meetings were on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the board office

**ACTION: STEVE DOVE** Phone the board office to get contact info about the DPAC.

**ACTION: Karen Steegstra** will approach Desmond Devnich about some of their funding that they may need to get rid of.

#### **I. Youth Participants:**

- Ultimately, schools will decide which Youth will participate in Challenge Day.
- Community Services Providers → If you have Youth that you work with, and would like them to participate in Challenge Day...you can forward the "Youth Permission Slip" to the Youth (and family) and have them return the slips to you or to their school Challenge Day Representative.

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

- *Swag Items for Challenge Day to give to Youth and/or Adult Volunteers that participate*

**Next Meetings: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 8:00am (Mathieson Centre)**