



YOUTH MATTERS

A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

Recorder: Collette Bohach

Attendance: Natalie Karam, Raina Siou, Kathryn Plotnikoff, Kevin Craig, Collette Bohach

We had a small turnout at the Youth Matters meeting this month but had a few action items we wanted to get volunteers to attend to. Please review minutes and if you are able to take on any of the items please contact Natalie or Collette for details.

1. Announcements

- Natalie, Kathryn, Brian & Collette attended a planning meeting at Sardis Secondary to plan for the school board meeting. Youth will be presenting to the board on their experience of Challenge Day.
- Natalie to develop a handout for the board members comprised of feedback from youth and volunteers who attended Challenge Day. (A electronic copy will be sent to youth Matters committee members).
- **School board Meeting Presentation – Tuesday January 21st at 7:00 pm at the School board office.** The office is located off of Airport Road on Cessna Ave. If Youth Matters members can attend in support of the youth presenting that would be great!!!
- Verbal confirmation of funding approval for food for Challenge Day – MCFD
- Waiting on invoices for the food costs from CSS.
- Waiting on TOC invoice from Sardis Secondary.

2. Action Items – Youth Matters Committee Volunteers Needed

- **Action:** Thank-you cards to all the businesses, organizations and service clubs who supported Challenge Day.
 - We are hoping to get a volunteer from the committee to complete these and send out with the report developed for the School board. If anyone is interested please contact Collette or Natalie for details.
- **Action:** Challenge Day 2014- Middle schools
 - Natalie to send invite sent to all middle school administration asking for representation for the Youth Matters Committee.
 - Discussed possible dates for Challenge Day – Week of November 17th-21st
 - Should we try to have 4 days instead of 3 if all middle schools are interested in having students attend Ch. Day.
- **Action:** Grant & funding opportunities for Challenge Day 2014 –
 - Time to get started on funding opportunities for Challenge Day 2014.
 - Raina Siou has a list she has forwarded to the committee and if anyone is interested in exploring these opportunities please contact Collette & Natalie for the details.



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Adult/Youth debrief evening? (Follow-up to last Youth Matters meeting discussion).

Discussion about how can we organize and ensure this night is meaningful and relevant to both youth participants and adult volunteers. Do youth want to have an evening event?

Action: Adult representatives from each high school to approach youth who attended Challenge Day and ask if they want to have an evening to connect with adult volunteers who attended Challenge Day with them.

Updates:

Be The Change update – G.W. Graham

- Variety of youth attending weekly Be The Change meetings at the school.
- Before Christmas students were completing random acts of kindness/giving within the school and feedback was positive from both those giving and receiving.
- Students are planning more random acts of kindness for the future.
- Be The Change committee members want to organize a thank-you letter campagne and give students a chance to write a letter to a school staff person that has impacted them in a positive way.

Next Meeting @ Mathieson centre – 9:00 am – 10:30 am February 13th, 2014