



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

Thursday, October 25th, 2012
9:00-10:30 AM (CSCL's Mathieson Centre)

Co-Chairs: Tim Bohr (CCS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)

Recorder: Natalie Karam

Present: Tim Bohr, Natalie Karam, Steve Andrews, Robyn Harold, Martina Bassi, Andy Kizmann, Kelly Balasak, Rebecca Horch, Wendy Main, Kathryn Plotnikoff, Jeff Gates, Karen Steegstra, Dan Bibby

Regrets: Caroline MacDonald, Jessica Adams-Louporet, Carol Petek, Cathy Preibisch

1. Youth Matter's Representative at CYC Meetings

ACTION: Tim will follow up with Shari West to confirm that she is still sitting on the CYC Committee and if she can report on behalf of the Youth Matters Committee.

NOTE: If Shari is not able to do this, Kelly Balasak has volunteered to be the Youth Matter's Rep at the CYC Committee.

2. CYC's Youth Integrated Plan

(As requested by CYC Chair – Youth Matter's reviewed Terms of Reference and Youth Integrated Plan)

- Tim provided a brief overview of the role of the CYC Committee and the Youth Matter's Committee.
- Discussion on Committee's role and approach to the plan.
 - It is a great tool and it is still relevant. Some of the recommendations on the Youth Integrated Plan have been met (ie: childand youth.com website – is a resource accessible to parents, youth and professionals seeking information about services that are in the community for Youth).
- Dan suggested the committee add another column to the Youth Integrated Plan (last column) to state Completed.

ACTION: Natalie will add a 'completed' column to the Youth Integrated Plan.

ACTION: Dan will scan and forward the original Youth Integrated Plan to Natalie & Tim.

3. Review Youth Matter's Terms of Reference

- Each member was given an up-to-date copy of the Youth Matter's Terms of Reference.
- Committee reviewed the document together.
- Steve suggested the Committee send out a reminder to the **CORE MEMBERS** (listed in Terms of Reference) that have not had representation on the committee for some time - to remind them that they are listed on Terms of Reference and that they are not currently being represented at the Committee Level.

ACTION: Tim & Natalie will follow up with the CORE MEMBERS (Fraser Health, Big Brothers, [Xyolhemeylh] – now called FVACFSS – Fraser Valley Aboriginal Child & Family Services Society), Sto-Lo & RCMP) to invite them back to attend the Committee.



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ACTION: Karen will forward a name of someone from Fraser Health who may possibly be interested in joining the committee.

- Committee discussed changing the Terms of Reference Mandate from 10-18 year olds to 12-18 year olds (up to their 19th birthday). All members of the Youth Matter's Committee agreed with this recommendation.

ACTION: Dan Bibby will present the committee's request to change the terms of reference to 12-18 year olds (up to their 19th birthday) to the CYC Committee for their approval.

- Tim requested that each member read the Terms of Reference and if any questions arise to bring their questions/concerns to the next meeting.

4. Challenge Day

Tim provided a brief explanation of what Challenge Day is all about (for committee members that have newly joined)

A. Finalize a day...

February 21st, 2013 (Desired Date determined by Committee)

If this day is not available for the Challenge Day 'Leaders' – other dates that work are Feb. 19th or 20th, 2013.

ACTION: Tim will contact other school districts to see if they are interested in doing, have already planned or have already booked to do Challenge Day

Districts to be contacted are:

- Agassiz/Hope - Wendy Coleman
- Maple Ridge
- Abbotsford
- Mission – Mark Littlefield

B. Raising Funds ...

MCFD will donate \$1000.00 to Challenge Day

Suggestions of who to approach for funds:

- Rotary Children's Foundation
- Optimist Club
- Kiwanis Club
- Local businesses
- PAC's from schools
- Contact all organizations that sit on the CYC

ACTION: Tim will contact Parveen to find out how they raised money for Challenge Day last time.

C. Venue

Suggestions:

- Sto-Lo Long House
- Cultural Centre
- City Life
- Arts Centre
- schools – as a last resort



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5. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Did CYC approve committee's request to change Terms of Reference
- Confirmed date for Challenge day?
- Letter created by committee to distribute for raising funds
- Venue for Challenge Day
- Food for Challenge Day
- Advertising for Challenge Day (Posters? Radio? Facebook? Swag?)
- Transportation for Challenge Day (Getting youth to Challenge Day)

Next Meeting:

- **Thursday, November 15th, 2012 (9:00am-10:30am) @ Mathieson Centre**
(BRIDGE ROOM – when you enter the front doors, turn left).
- **Thursday, December 20th, 2012 (9:00am-10:30am) @ Mathieson Centre**