

CYC Minutes - Sept. 11, 2007

Present: Mary-Anne, Karin, Alice, Shari (Chair), Pat, Bobbi (Recorder), Rod, Duncan, Gillian
Regrets: John, Dan

Please note dates for 2007-2008 CYC meetings.

2007 : October 2, November 6, December 4

2008 : Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

A farewell will be held for Donna Gagnon on Sept. 27, 4:00 p.m. at Chwk Community Services, Wellington Street office.

Mailing/email list was circulated as was sign-up sheet for meeting recorders. Gentle reminder to please bring \$5 for refreshment to next meeting.

Business arising from last minutes...we did not have minutes so relied on (possibly faulty) memories.

Mary-Anne reported that funding for "Elm Street" childcare had been secured till March '08; that 2 infant-toddler spaces and 2 pre-school spaces had been added. Congratulations were offered to the Early Years Cmte and the School District on this initiative.

Shari reported on Kindercare at Little Mtn and after school care. Tremendous shortage of childcare spaces in Chwk, staffing is main issue.

Karin circulated a binder on mapping and aspects of childcare that had been completed and mentioned that the ECE-assistant program at UCFV is now more flexible than in the past.

Mary-Anne said the Middle and Secondary School review was being undertaken by Mike MacInstock and . She suggested they be invited to the Oct. 2nd meeting at 9:30 to gather info from the CYC. The new school Superintendent will also be invited simply as a guest. Both suggestions were approved.

Duncan gave out MCFD Good Practice Action Plans on behalf of Dan Ludeman, to be implemented over the next few months. Shd bring about more flexibility and there is some new language and terms. He was not sure how C&Y MH wld fit into this. Dan will discuss at the next CYC.

Consultation on Chwk's Children - was noted that we have not held one for a year and there seemed to be interest around the table to do it in May. Mary-Anne had tentatively booked the Kipp Centre for **May 16 '08**. Decided that our January meeting be used for purpose of formalizing the Consultation.

CYC terms of reference reviewed: Pat suggested inviting people to do brief presentations on programs - met with general approval. Shari will discuss with John, a calendar where some meetings will have such a guest speaker for 30 minutes. Others working in a similar

field or program will also be invited to that meeting to encourage networking. Members will be emailed for ideas on speakers/topics/programs. Was also suggested that someone from the media be invited when we have a guest speaker.

CIP-C - Karin reported that Chwk Library and Health Unit wld hold Power Parenting workshops, flyers are available. Topics and dates: Sept. 24, 7-8:30 p.m. (library) Help I need Sleep; Oct. 22 The Family Table (Health Unit); Nov. 26 Creating Family Traditions (library). This follows successful workshops from Richmond Family Place.

Announcements:

Nov. 5 - Early Years Strategic Planning Day

October 4 - Ecuador bldg trip - Y staff are building 2 pre-schools (must raise many pesos, donations gratefully received, see Shari)

Duncan: Lunch & Learn, Tuesday at Noon.

School District opened second Strong Start - at Watson School, staffed by CCS

Pat Clark is recorder for October meeting

Adjourned 10:40 a.m.