

Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

Draft Minutes

Place: School District Office Board Room
Date: February 2, 2010 from 9:00 – 11:00 am
Co-Chairs: Mary-Anne Smirle and Rod Santiago
Minutes: John Stellingwerff
Regrets: Bobbi Jacobs, Julia McCaffrey
Present: Gretchen Hoff, Lisa Demanchuk, Alice Stein, Mary-Anne Smirle, Rod Santiago, Lee Anne Hanson, Scott Street, Shari West, Karin Rempel, Pam McIntee, John Stellingwerff,

1. Introductions were made and brief updates provided.
2. Alice Stein, on behalf of the CYC, thanked Rod for his 3.5 years of dedicated service to the CYC and to families and children of Chilliwack, presented a framed certificate and wished Rod well in his new position.
3. Minutes of January 12, 2010 meeting were received with no comments made.
4. Gretchen Hoff and Lisa Demanchuk presented on the MCFD ðChildren and Youth with Special Needsö program (formally CLBC); specifically highlighted transitional challenges; challenges for youth öaging outö; funding challenges.
5. Updated Action Plan ó Reviewed Draft #3. Rod led us through an overview and into small group work to review goals and outcomes. **Action: Each discussion/review group is requested to provide feedback to Lisa Ball who will rewrite the action plan document for further discussion at the March 2 meeting.**
6. ABC Update:
 - i. The Thursday evening (prior to the Friday consult) event sponsored by the City of Chilliwack is not proceeding.
 - ii. Diane Janzen (City of Chilliwack Counselor) is taking responsibility for ensuring that each School Parent Advisory Group is invited to send at least one representative to the ABC consult.
7. Central Gateway presentation (Darby Wilkinson). Darby provided an overview of the Gateway program (see separate documents attached for more information). Darby notes that Central Gateway is currently operating at 40% capacity and they are looking for more programs to operate out of the facility. Anyone interested is welcome to attend an orientation and promotional event February 11, 2010, 1:00 ó 3:00 pm at Central Gateway.
8. Co-chair positions: Due to internal restructuring of SD #33, Mary-Anne Smirle is no longer able to continue as co-chair. Effective immediately Shari West and John Stellingwerff are transitioned out of co-chair retirement and are assuming co-chair duties through to August 2010. Yeaahh!!

Dates to Remember

1. Next CYC Meeting - Tuesday, March 2, 9:00-11:00
2. February 9, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm: Farewell lunch for Rod at CCS Wellington ave board room)
3. February 11, 2010, 1:00 - 3:00: Central Gateway for Families (see pasted email below)

2. School District Community Budget Forums

X Feb 18, April 15, April 22

X Location: Kipp Conference Centre Time: 3:30 - 5:00

Hello,

My name is Darby Wilkinson and I am the Early Years Director at Chilliwack Community Services. I am emailing all of you to request your attendance at the Central Gateway for Families Programs and Partnerships Initiative. For those of you who aren't sure what Central Gateway for Families (CGfF) is, I shall provide a brief explanation.

CGfF opened six years ago in Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School. In partnership with the School District, CGfF was created to become a neighbourhood hub of services that would provide a variety of prevention and intervention supports for people of all ages. Its purpose is to link programs and services together and to offer individuals a "one stop-shop" in accessing a variety of community-based resources.

CGfF has run in close partnership with Chilliwack School District #33 since its inception. CGfF is also run in partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley, Fraser Valley Child Development Center, Fraser Health, the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Chilliwack Community Services. These community partnerships have helped to ensure that current CGfF programs are enhanced from the talents and resources of various agencies, program staff, parents and volunteers.

The intent of the Central Gateway for Families Programs and Partnerships Initiative is to meet with other community service providers that could potentially offer programs and / or services at CGfF. At this meeting you will be provided with a tour of the facility, learn about current CGfF programming, identify gaps in current service delivery, and discuss the possibility of delivering a program or developing new partnerships through CGfF.

The CGfF Programs and Partnerships Initiative will be meeting:

Date: Thursday February 11th, 2010

Time: 1:00 . 3:00 pm

Location: Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School (9435 Young Road)

Room: Central Gateway for Families, Room 119

RSVP: Darby Wilkinson @ (604) 793-7217 or via email at wilkinsond@comserv.bc.ca

Please feel free to forward this invitation to other community service providers that may be interested in this opportunity. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Thank you and hope to see you there!

Darby Wilkinson | Early Years Program Director