



April 5, 2016
Neighbourhood Learning Centre

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1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Review of minutes. Minutes approved and will be posted to website

3. Review of Egg Drop event hosted by City Life. Great event.

4. Agency orientation calendar. Chilliwack Society for Community Living will be hosting April 27. Are requesting attendees RSVP.

5. School District Strategic Plan – Nathan Ngieng

It is a 5 year plan spanning 2016-2021. Nathan shared some of the highlights of the plan. Priorities included improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction. Strengthening meaningful relationships within and across schools, district and community to support success for students. To review the strategic plan in its entirety see <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/district/profile/plan>

6. Youth Adult Facilitator Update

Review of the successful pilot project in which Sophie Smit held YAP position. From the learnings it was obvious there was great potential to engage youth. A handout was passed to members of the new job description. Funding has been secured through CSCL, MCFD and the Chilliwack Division. A CDI grant is being submitted to the City. Application submission closes April 15. Hopefully be able to introduce new facilitator by next CYC meeting.

7. Chilliwack Local Action Team and Health Clinic Update – Katrina Beppele

“Stone Soup” approach – lots of agencies working together to make the it possible. Focusing on a Health Centre campaign to create awareness around this resource. LAT is



sponsoring cultural awareness on line training. Pediatrician is on site at the NLC which enables rapid access. No care card required. Update on mental health awareness partnership with Chilliwack Chiefs. You tube video created and produced by local youth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CxQZmXM25Y&feature=youtu.be>

LAT coordinator Maggie Aronoff was introduced to members. She is also the coordinator for Fraser Cascade.

8. childandyouth.com – Website has been updated. Members were asked to explore the changes and offer feedback. Still some tweaking and updating to take place.

9. Human Services Career Program Service Learning – Chris Rietsma

A three year course of study geared for natural helpers focussed on Human Services. First cohort is completing grade 10 this year. Required academic courses with a focus on psychology as well as off timetable skills training. Have done training in peer counselling and mindfulness. Students are paired with mentors from UFV. Will provide community based work experience. During grade 11 year will do some work in the elementary schools and in grade 12 want to provide meaningful opportunities within agencies. There are numerous benefits to the program which include school and community engagement, potential for increased school completion and informed career decision making. The cohort is diverse drawing from all in the school population. The challenge has been finding meaningful work experience for students for a variety of reasons. The ask of agencies is that they start to plan for the 2017/18 school year on how they might create a job description for these students. The benefit to agencies is an informed youth perspective, the work experience is unpaid and WBC is covered. There will be information sessions to learn more.

10. Conversation Update

A request was made to members for workshop hosts and door prizes. Promotion materials were made available. Registration is now open.

11. Sub-Committee Updates

Youth Matters – Inside Out has been secured for all Middle Schools except Slesse.

12. Mental Health Awareness Week

A number of activities will be taking place May 1 – 13. A calendar will be created to help promote all events. A community showing of Beneath the Surface will take place May 13 at the UFV theatre.



13. Agency Updates

United Way – Smart Saver banner created. Any agency wanting to promote the Smart Saver RESP program can borrow the banner from Karen. United Way has lots of donated candy that they would like to unload. Karen requested that some be available for the Conversation.

MEND – Program for children with weight issues, low activity or poor nutrition. Next session begins April 23. Participants receive a 3 month gym pass.

Next Meeting, May 3
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