



When: April 5, 2018, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Where: Room 102, Central Elementary

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Co-Chairs: Nicole Driscoll and Karen Steegstra

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- 1. **Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved.
- 3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting** – Approved

4. **Business Arising from the minutes**

a. **Let's Play updates**

March's event was at Sto:lo, Building 10. Dancers did activities with the kids, there were also games.

There will be no event in April, it was moved to June.

In May FVCDC will host Let's Play for Mental Wellness, at the Eco Market. They will have an information table at the event.

On June 5th there will be two outdoor events, the first in the morning hosted by Chilliwack Hospice Society and the YMCA at the Community Forest and the second hosted by Chilliwack Community Services and Sardis Doorway from 12:00-2:00 at the Blue Heron.

ACTION: Karen will create a poster for both June events. Participating organizations will send Karen the information and their logos.

b. **Aboriginal Implementation Funds**

Tami met with Jennifer to update the application. The completed application will be sent to Karen before submitting. The submission deadline has been postponed.

c. **Child Development Guide**

Edits have been sent to the graphic designer for review, quote, and completion.

d. **Conversation April 26 Event**

Posters were circulated at this meeting. For an electronic copy see www.childandyouth.com (April 26th [poster](#); April 27th [poster](#))

[Register](#) soon. 40 people are currently registered for the Thursday evening event and 84 for Friday.

The theme for the 26th is self-care; it is a celebratory element. There will be a magician, and perhaps some self-care rooms (ie: 10 minute massage, bunnies to pet).

5. **New Business/Other Business**

a. **UFV Infant Toddler Program**

UFV has applied to run an Infant Toddler program. There are 12 students registered; 25 are required to run it so they are at this time unsure if they will be able to deliver the program in September 2018.

b. **Outdoor Study Tour – Monique Goertzen**

See attached.

There are several outdoor schools in BC; one of the questions is how to license them. For example, they can't use language commonly used in other schools, such as circle time or preschool.



IDEAS: Create an outdoor Strong Start and outdoor Family Place.
Invite Nadine Nelson from Leap for Joy to speak at an Early Years meeting.

c. “Carry Me, Play With Me, Talk to Me”

Talk to Me, Play with Me, Carry Me is a campaign that Langley Infant Mental Health Cooperative has launched. They have created posters and a [video](#) which has been posted on YouTube. They have given Karen permission for the material to be used and adapted for Chilliwack. It may possibly become a Success By 6 regional strategy.

Deborah MacNamara (Raising Children in a Social World) says that kids aren't developmentally ready for social media until they're at least 15 years old.

DISCUSSION: Nicole said there may be some funds to create a similar campaign in Chilliwack, particularly a video.

ACTION: Karen will have further conversation with Langley, and talk about it at the April 13th regional Success By 6 meeting. It fits well with the Chilliwack Early Years strategic plan and focuses.

ASIDE CONVERSATION: Strollers can be taken on BC Transit buses as long as they don't exceed a specified width, which some double strollers exceed. It has resulted in some Sardis Doorway participants not being able to attend the program due to being declined bus access. Karen will have further conversation with BC Transit about the issue.

IDEA: This may be a future conversation for the Early Years committee, regarding advocacy and support for gaining access to transit in the these situations.

d. Truth and Reconciliation Workshop

The Child and Youth Committee and Chilliwack Healthier Community are holding a one-day Truth & Reconciliation workshop for service providers, May 30th, in Sto:lo's building 10. Stephen Point will open the day and talk about the Truth & Reconciliation document that he contributed to creating. There will be personal stories and breakout sessions. A save the date has been created, registration is not yet open. There will likely be another one in the fall. Funding has been provided by MCFD.

e. 2018/19 Implementation Funds and Application Process

New funds available are \$34,000-35,000. Funds have typically been given to Gateway for their preschool. Something to consider is whether that is still the direction. The Provincial Office for the Early Years is moving towards a focus on programs offered for parents.

ACTION: Discuss further at the May 3rd Early Years meeting.

During the amalgamation of the United Way Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland, Success By 6 had over \$200,000 remaining. There is conversation about what to do with the funds. One idea is to train parent program facilitators.



Karen will be circulating a list of parenting programs in the CYC Friday newsletter. Some parenting programs that can be offered in the area are:

- Kids Have Stress Too (Jackie Ayer)
- Little Champions (Sto:lo) - parents learn how to work with their children who have anxiety. Offered on a limited basis currently, but Pauline Pauls will be offering it as well. She is a counselor at PCRS who also does contract work for PCRS.

6. Agency Updates

Sardis Doorway – They will once again be running When Love Hurts, an 8 week for women who have experienced abuse and trauma in a relationship, whether that be as an adult or as a child. Doorway received funds from a grant and MCFD, and will offer phase one and two, Monday morning with childcare, and Wednesday evening with no childcare, with the partnership of Restorative Health. Contact Karen at sardisdoorway@shaw.ca if you know someone who wants to register. It is free of charge, and registration is confidential.

Child and Youth Committee – The CYC 2018-19 Strategic Plan was circulated. The acronym ACCESS is being used. It stands for: Advocacy, Collaboration, Community Engagement, Education, Systems Approach, Supporting. When the Early Years committee reviews its Strategic Plan, this acronym can be used to check that the plan meets the priorities of the CYC and its subcommittees.

ACTION: The Early Years committee Strategic Plan will be reviewed at the May 3rd meeting.

8. Next Meeting: **May 3, Central Elementary.**

9. Adjournment: 2:55 pm

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