



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

Recorder: Annette Williams

Co-Chairs: Nicole Driscoll and Karen Steegstra

ATTENDANCE:

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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**

There was no event in April.

On June 5th there will be two outdoor events, the first in the morning hosted by Fraser Health, Chilliwack Hospice Society, and the YMCA at the [Community Forest](#). The second hosted by Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) and Sardis Doorway from 12:00-2:00 at the [Browne Creek Wetlands](#). Logoed water bottles might be provided, possibly from Sto:lo. The events can be posted on the city's website.

Let's Play and Be Healthy will be on June 27th, from 10:00-noon at the [Local Harvest Market](#). Present will be:

- BC Dairy will bring their [mobile classroom](#)
- [Appetite to Play](#), which focuses on early years healthy eating and physical activity
- [Action Schools BC](#)

Karen and Etienne will help with clean up, more volunteers are requested.

Please promote widely, and include those in grades K-4. Private schools are on Karen's email list. Mark can contact his childcare providers network.

ACTIONS: Debbie will leave the CLS folding table in the lobby the day of, to be picked up. Karen and Mark will send the information to their private school and childcare providers networks.

b. **Aboriginal Implementation Funds**

Sto:lo's application for funds has been revised and is anticipated to be received by Karen imminently.

c. **Child Development Guide**

The Guide is ready to print. There will be 5,000 copies. Storage space is needed. Each agency is welcome to take some for distribution, to cut back on the storage space required.

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre (FV CDC) circulated a booklet which will replace the Kindergarten readiness guide. It incorporates the [CALM](#) program. On the inside back page is space to put pertinent contact info stickers.

Email [Nicole Misura](#) if you would to order, they are \$1.25 each.

d. **Conversation 2018 Review**

Attendance Thursday night was low, perhaps because it was the first sunny day in a long time. 60 people registered, 12 showed up. Kiran did a great job.

IDEAS: Consider having it a different day/time. It's a lot of prep and cleanup back to back with the Conversation occurring the next day. Distance it from the Conversation if the topics aren't related.



Turnout at Friday's Conversation was good, and people stayed until the end. The presentations, activities, and food were great.

The location of the resources tables wasn't as good this year. Those who staffed the booths couldn't participate in the conference during lulls, and the tables were more out of the way of traffic in terms of exposure. Chilliwack Learning Society gave away considerably less books this year, perhaps because of this.

IDEAS: Next year move it back to where it was prior years.
Consider placing CLS books on tables at the back of the room.

e. 2018/19 Implementation Funds

The same amount of funds are available as were the previous year. When the United Way. The United Way of the Lower Mainland is deciding how to divide the funds.

Funds received do not have to be spent over that year, they can be extended longer, as long as the use falls within the United Way of the Lower Mainland regulations.

Money received through Success By 6 and Children First (usually \$36,000) can be used to promote early childhood development. Each community decides what they will use it for, as long as the use falls within guidelines. Aboriginal Implementation funds are also usually available.

f. Play With Me, Talk to Me, Carry Me Update

It as a pilot project in Langley, funding through Infant Mental Health, which targeted 0-3 years of age. It complements the early years committee's Let's Play initiative.

ACTION: Karen will pursue more information about incorporating the campaign in Chilliwack.

IDEAS:

- The billboards going to Cultus Lake receive good exposure; a 12x8 sign rents for \$1,900/year. Ruth MacCann, Envision Chilliwack, is on Success By 6 and might be a good contact for Success By 6 funding conversations.
- Put a sign up on the Cheam Golf Course driving range.
- School District signs?
- Include the themes in Early Years events. Build a campaign, periodically change posters and messages, include in professional development, parenting program training, etc.
- Use the campaign theme to help guide the Strategic Plan, and be incorporated into it.
- Ask agencies to contribute funds to the campaign.
- Show /campaign materials at Cottonwood Theatre.
- Develop a curriculum - FV CDC.
- \$7,300 remaining in the School District's Early Years funds remaining, which could possibly be used for this project.

ACTION: Karin Rempel will ask Cheam Golf Course about having a sign on the property.

5. New Business/Other Business

a. Office of the Early Years Update

An Early Years Advisory was established after the Provincial Conference on Feb28-March 1. April 25th was the first conference call of this advisory. The Office of the Early Years is seeking how to best move forward as it goes through this transition year. All funding and allocations coming through Success By 6 and Make Children First will remain the same for the 2018/19 fiscal year.



The current model of local coordinators and tables is being reviewed, with a desire to see more funding going towards direct programming for parents and families. Provincially the desire is to see more collaboration between ministries of MCFD, Health and Education. The current model has been in place for 20 years. East Fraser is ahead with its partnerships and the Early Years Framework work that is occurring. Common strategies across ministries are being sought. The current thought is that regional government will assume more responsibility for Early Years planning and strategies. Regions will have a say in how they develop their model. Dan passed around copies of the booklet “Child Care in B.C. Caring for Kids, Lifting Up Families: The path to Universal Child Care”, and encouraged everyone to become familiar with the content. Here is the online link: http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/childcare/2018_Child_Care_BC.pdf.

b. Parenting Task Group Update

Nicole and Kiran are leads on a regional parenting group, which uses [Harvard University's Center on the Developing Child](#) for the framework structure. The goal is to improve outcomes for children by embedding outcome activities. They're now looking at programs that fit into regional priorities, and focus on programs and messages which complement the priorities. In their next meeting they will discuss education and training, what is being done well, and can be made stronger.

IDEA: Re-establish Parenting Task Group as a subcommittee of the Early Years table, to build on the region's work. Task group participants won't necessarily have to be at the Early Years table to be involved. Nicole and Kiran can share what they've discovered and worked on this past year.

[Alberta Family Wellness Initiative](#) – take the science and translate it in a way that can be mobilized in the community by families and professionals.

If you want to change people's beliefs about parenting, you need to recognize the beliefs they have now (Karen – FVCDC).

Karin from Sardis Doorway receives two to three calls a week asking when Circle of Security will occur again. Need to include in the next Early Years table's budget, and offer it 2-3 times/year.

There may be a one or two session Circle of Security follow up.

IDEA: Make parenting groups a priority if there are funds, and ensure there is follow up afterwards.

SD33 is running Parenting Anxious Kids. They find that parents can't commit to attending several sessions, or they don't know about it, which leads to lower attendance numbers.

It is recommended to always include barrier removal in a parenting class budget (ie: child care, transportation tickets).

c. Budget 2018/19

A copy of the 2017-18 budget was circulated, and proposed 2018/19 budget.

The closure of Downtown Family Place resulted in some funds not being disbursed.

ACTION: Invoice Dan by September, for funds from the MCFD Early Years account.

IDEA: Since there is some preliminary conversation at the provincial level to cut back on early years coordination funds, see if some current funds can be set aside to bridge the gap during transition. Another idea is to change the responsibilities of the role and position description so that it meets new criteria.



d. Regional Early Years Framework
Covered in 5.a.

e. Changing Results for Young Children

Nicole shared that the Ministry of Education has a new initiative, which was piloted in three districts last year, those being Maple Ridge, Abbotsford, and Chilliwack. In this initiative, twenty-four people will come together across several agencies to address socio-emotional and regulation skills, and provide smoother transitions from early years to Kindergarten/grade one.

The initial planning meeting will be on May 31. Kiran and Karen from FVCDC will attend. Nicole will send an administrator in her place. They will probably select Strong Starts which have a lot of knowledge in the CALM program, plus applicable Kindergarten classrooms.

6. Agency Updates

Sardis Doorway – Half of the Cheam Golf Course green fees collected on Monday's after 4:00 at the will be donated to charity. Sardis Doorway is one of the charities registered and will receive proceeds on the second Monday of each month, June through September.

8. Next Meeting: June 7, Central Elementary.

9. Adjournment: 3:05 pm

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