

February 5, 2019

Neighbourhood Learning Centre; Alumni Hall

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1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Review of January Minutes.
3. Connecting Youth to School – Alyson King, SD #33

Shared a scenario which identified a gap in services. The School Board saw the need and a team was created. Students may be eligible for an adult Dogwood; the requirements are less stringent. Students need to complete 5 courses. They are then eligible for post-secondary education, however in some cases may require some upgrading courses. Three types of support offered. 1) Medical Homebound Support which includes students homebound for medical reasons 2) In School Alternate Support – students are in classes with less students and more adult support 3) Homebound Support – those not attending for various reasons.

Not registered not attending attending part time attending fulltime

When discover youth who are not registered in school, will reach out to service providers to work on a plan.

Grade 9 seems to when there is increased absenteeism. One of the reasons the District's Mental Health strategy focuses on grade 9 students. In Middle Schools there are "inclusion" teachers which support students through the transition.

4. Community Updates

McCreary Adolescent Health Survey will be administered in the School District. Last time data was collected was 2013. Valuable information is gleaned from the results. The Youth Health Centre of a service that was provided to fill gaps identified in the survey.

The MDI is currently being administered in Chilliwack. MCFD shared the cost with the School District. Another survey with valuable information to help direct services and resources.

Family Resource Guide – Dan distributed the 2019 version of the Guide

5. Transition Planning

Karen was acknowledged for her work with the CYC and presented with a beautiful gift. Members shared kind words.

Dan shared how Collette, Karen and him met to review Karen's role within the CYC and the sub-committees. Annette, who currently provides support to the Early Years committee and the website will step in to provide admin support for the CYC and complete the weekly newsletter. At this time there is funding until June. Collette's term as co-chair is also coming to an end. Will be looking for a new co-chair by June to be in place for September.

6. Escape Rooms – Rick Joe, SD#33

Rick Joe shared his vision to create an escape room which would teach youth about the services available to them. The first step would be to create an actual physical room and then to create a virtual escape room. The CCS school library has capacity for this. Will be meeting with Stolo this week to talk about the concept and how it can become a reality. Agencies wanting to participate should contact Rick; Rick.Joe@sd33.bc.ca. The concept fits in nicely to the Every Door is the Right Door initiative.

7. Conversation 2019

This year marks the 26th annual Conversation on Chilliwack's Children. Ideas from discussion at the January CYC meeting were collated. One of the themes that stood out was around less use of devices and more time playing, being connected and enjoying the outdoors. The steering committee is hoping to build on this theme. We have also been awarded to host Cities Fit for Children in Spring of 2020. The hope is to align the 2. After May event will put together a steering committee for Cities Fit for Children. The next Conversation Planning meeting is February 22, 8am at the Royal. Contact Dan or Collette if you would like to be part of the steering committee.

8. Agency Updates

CSCL – Hockey Fundraiser, Feb.23. Chilliwackers verses the Boston Bruins. Posters were distributed.

Cyrus Centre – “Coldest Night of the Year” fundraiser walk. Feb.23, 5pm; a 5km walk to raise awareness and funds for Cyrus Centre. Some organizations have already registered teams. Go to CNOY.org to register and for more information. All funds raised in Chilliwack, stay in Chilliwack.

Public Health – Overdose Alert! Non-regulation Xanax has been distributed in the community.

School Board -the new school campus at the former UFV site will be an integrated arts school for students grade 8-12. This will be a school of choice open to all students throughout the district.

DPAC – White Hatter presentation coming in March. Everyone welcome to attend. Further information will be in the CYC newsletter.

Ann Davis – Connect Parenting begins in April. Contact Ann Davis for more information.

Youth Works – will be finishing March 29. YMCA is scheduled to be open Feb.18

Next meeting March 5, 2019