

Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Minutes

I. Call to order

Shari West & John Stellingwerff called the meeting to order at **9:00 am** on **May 1st 07** in the **School district office Board Room, Chilliwack.**

II. Roll call

Jason Beauchene conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Shari West, John Stellingwerff, Wanda Smith, Pat Clark, Alice Stein, Bobbie Jacob, Karin Remple, Gillian Youngberg & Jason Beauchene

III. Approval of Agenda

- a) The young parent program will be presented in June 5, 2007.
- b) John mentioned that we are sharing minutes with the Abbotsford Child and Youth Committee that our committees may collaborate in the future.
- a) 4.1 Green Card Committee. A discussion around the committee took place. There was a general consensus that the committee had just fizzled out. The Committee in Mission had more success because it also involved adults.
- b) Sub Committee and Liaison Committee Reports:

5.1 Youth Matters (Shari West)

- o Will be organizing a Youth Day event at Community Central Park-Victoria & Young Street, May 5th. The Event will start at 11:00 am
- o To include the entertainment of 3 rock bands starting at Noon.
- o The Bands include, The Lazy Susan, Every Black Minute & Whitey
- o There will also be presentations on Bullying, Healthy Alternatives, E-Tabs & the live version of the Asset Game.
- o There will also be a crafts table. There will also be a BBQ and guest appearances from the local Fire Fighters. Shari past out posters to everyone at the meeting.

5.2 The Early Years

The Strong Start program was set up with the school district to use school space for counseling. Watson Elm. And Little Mountain will be set up to provide the space.

June 1st there will be a Children's Picnic at Townsend Park, to include games crafts and inflatable bouncy Houses.

June 16th there will be a Fathers Day event, which will include field games, crafts & a variety of activities

5.3 Interagency Parenting Committee (Karin Remple)

The distribution of nomination forms for the Community Champ awards has been completed. The Nominations need to be in this week. The phone calls should be made 1 week before the 25th

5.4 Clinical sub Committee (Duncan)

The committee touched on integrated care management training for other agencies & Intensive community care plans.

Discussion around care teams that need to be apart of the care-plan.

5.6 Treatment Resistant Youth (Duncan)

A discussion around the amount of children not attending school.

- 120 children are said to be not attending school in Chilliwack
- Alice noted that a percentage of children want to come back to school in the spring time
- Legally it is not considered neglect, if children are not attending school.
- Children are more likely to be missing school, because drugs & alcohol, or the family environment.

6.0 Agency updates & reports

- Mental Health (Duncan)

Establishing the financial resources to establish Shift program, for sexually intrusive children 12 and under.

- City of Chilliwack (Pat Clark)

The city is ahead of schedule on the dyke work.

Pat encouraged the other agencies to make sure they have plans, in the event that you do not have access to your facilities. Pat mentioned that you can find out about water levels and flood prevention on www.chilliwack.com

- Anne Davis House (Bobbie Jacob)

In the progress of looking for a Children's Counselor. The Life Skills summer program will be starting May 18th at the Kip Centre.

- YMCA (Shari West)

The YMCA will start running its youth projects in two week blocks. The project will target children with little or no opportunity. The projects are designed to take the participants on various community outings. Children need to be referred into the program.

The Chilliwack YMCA and the Vancouver YMCA has been named as one of the benchmark cities for all of North America with regards to the research that has been done on their work asset development.

- Community Services (John Stellingwerff)

Community Services has hired two suicide prevention counselors. The Family services and Early Years programs are both stable.

- #33, School District (Alice Stein)

The district is in the process of hiring a Superintendent

- Ministry of Children and Families (Wanda Smith)

Focus is on flood planning and new budgets. This will also be Wanda's last CYC meeting.

- Karen Remple

Raising other people's Children, is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
12 to 15 families usually attend.

Safe Schools and Universities at Abbotsford

Setting up a resource Library, safety curriculum, community inventories
with resources that are hard to find

- Public Health (Gillian)

Is dealing with a Hepatitis A outbreak, and reviewing their flood emergency
plan.

The street nurse is continuing to work but is not being funded

Minutes submitted by: Jason Beauchene