



November 7, 2017

Neighbourhood Learning Centre; Alumni Hall

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1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Chilliwack Connect – Trevor Wiens gave the update of another successful Chilliwack Connect event. Over 500 participants.
3. Strategic Planning – Ron Plowright
Reviewed planning process and the core business. Presented a draft of the Strategic Plan which included Every Door is the Right Door as its foundation, using ACCESS as a means for the CYC and the sub-committees to accomplish this. Karen will send out the draft so members can offer feedback.
4. October Minutes – were reviewed. Gratitude extended to Michael Suedfeld for hosting the October meeting.
5. Learning 2 Lead – Danny Gray
Danny shared the analogy of the agates and how Learning 2 Lead serves the youth “gems”, that have the potential to be lost or overlooked. It is a resiliency building program sponsored by the Federal Government targeting potentially at risk youth. Youth have weekly resiliency building meetings and monthly service projects. Activities throughout the summer. A large part of the program is the relationship building that occurs as youth extend themselves in many ways.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcOEGRE-7-g>



6. Immigrant Services – Kate Xiang, Program Coordinator

Last year 250,000 immigrants came to Canada from all over the world; 25,000 were Syrian refugees. Immigrant Services has been serving Chilliwack for 25 years. Services include English language instruction and employment preparedness. Help new residents navigate social and economic systems. All about inclusion and belonging. Try to build connections for new immigrants as quickly as possible to prevent isolation. Currently serve over 200 clients. English classes run Monday to Thursday; quality play based childcare is provided by quality ECE staff. Also have Conversation Classes to practice skills. Currently 45 languages being spoken at Immigrant Services.

7. Every Door is the Right Door

November training had 45 participants. Continues to be well received and a valuable training opportunity.

8. Agency Updates

YMCA – Youth Works has secured one more year of funding. New cohort will begin in late November or early December. The program is currently looking for an administrative assistant.

City Life Centre – Highroad is currently hosting students from Bernard as part of the Afternoon Adventures program. Gearing up for Christmas.

Immigrant Services – Multi-cultural Awareness is November 14-18

Ann Davis – Children Who Witness Abuse starting today. Children in Between will start in January.

DPAC – November 30 will be hosting presentation on the new curriculum and SOGI program

Sardis Library – Hosted “Let’s Play and Make Music” in October and will host “Let’s Play and Learn Numbers” in December

NLC – Next partners meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the value of having community partners sharing the space at the NLC. Evening administrative position is confirmed until the end of June.

FVCDC – Lots of groups and programs currently running. Looking for a pediatric physiotherapist.



Stolo Services – Reminder of the Youth Health Centre that runs on Thursdays and now includes support for transgender youth. Will be holding a gala in February to support youth services.

Cyrus Centre – Winter hours will mean more beds available. Big fundraiser November 25.

PCRS – Mobile needle exchange expanding beginning November 17. Much busier with outreach since closure of Evans homeless camp. Embarking on 1 year pilot “DEWY” which provides mobile services for youth in the Fraser East. Counselling available for youth ages 13-18 4 days a week. Looking to fill ASTRA position for maternity leave. Hopeful that Butchart House shared living will be occupied December 1. Naloxone training available at PCRS.

School District #33 – David Manuel and Colin Reed sharing what was Nathan Ngieng’s position with some expansion. Oversee ELL, ESD, and Transitions. The district reconfigurations in September may have some implications for community partners.

BC Responsible Gambling – offers education and awareness, harm reduction and prevention. Offer workshops around the 7 sacred teachings (Indigenous moral values). Have a 24 hour helpline available in 16 languages.

<https://www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca/getting-help/bc-problem-gambling-24-hour-help-line>. Currently the liaison for VOYCE.

Federal Policing – Federal priorities: fentanyl/opioids, cyber crimes, human trafficking focussing on exploitation. Will support youth events and offer education opportunities.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Chief’s Game fundraiser and West Jet fund raiser this Friday. Trees of Hope at 7 Oaks Mall. Will have annual Christmas party for those in programs and those on the waiting list.

MCFD – Have received one time funding to put towards various community initiatives.

- Building Healthy Relationships
- Health Centre
- Youth Hub Project
- Rotary
- Recreation Passes
- Middle Years Conference
- 2018 MDI
- HSCEP
- Social Workers and Mental Health Staff
- Out of Foster Care into permanent families



9. Youth Hub Update

Contract completed of environmental scan about what youth have been saying. Finalizing second contract; will explore existing youth hubs and from that determine a model best for Chilliwack. Will then move forward with other stakeholders. Very open to what a “Youth Hub” “Youth Centre” looks like.

10. Conversation Planning Meeting – Theme for 2018 is “Caring for the Caregiver”. Next planning meeting is November 10.

Next meeting December 5, 2017