

Abbotsford Child and Youth Committee Minutes

**March 31, 2016, 1:30 to 3pm
Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre, Board Room**

Chair: Eric Van Egmond, MCFD

Minutes: Louise Smith, ACYC Coordinator

Attending:

Denise Thandi	Abbotsford Early Childhood Committee/Success by Six
Bev Olfert	Abbotsford Youth Commission
Kimberley Laing	Sumas First Nation – Education and Community Development Coordinator
Kim Riddell	ARJAA
Simone Maassen	Child, Youth and Family Services, ACS
Teressa James	FVACFSS
Joyce McElhoses	Cyrus Centre
Sharon Crowley	Literacy Matters
Sarah Jo	VYPER
Karen Mclean	FVCDC
Dave Wiebe	Youth Unlimited
Lindsey Dyck	Youth Unlimited
Andrea Senft	SD 34
Pierre Welbedegt	WACC
Kathleen Praxl	CYSN – MCFD
Gurpreet Bhatti	Fraser Health
Maureen Thompson	SD 34
Brian Gross	IMPACT/VYPER

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm.

1. January 28, 2016 minutes reviewed and approved - Eric

2. Introduction activity (15 minutes) - Louise

Seven programs shared their primary referral sources to their agencies. Also discussed strategies for engaging with large institutional referral sources (e.g. School District, MCFD)

West Abbotsford Community School – SD 34 teachers (grades 1 to 3)

- Teacher recommends child to school administration
- Summer school principals
- MCFD SWs – for children in care
- Self-referrals

Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association (ARJAA)

- SD 34 and private schools
- RCMP
- Abbotsford Police Department
- ICBC
- Community referrals

Youth Resource Centre, ACS (YRC)

- MCFD/FV Aboriginal Child and Youth Services (FVACYS)
- Self-referral
- SD 34

FV Child Development Centre (FVCDC)

- Self-referral
- Pediatricians/health nurses
- Daycares/preschools

Youth Unlimited

- SD 34
- Youth
- Other faith organizations
- Counsellors

IMPACT

- SD 34
- Family/friends
- Self-referrals
- Physicians

Abbotsford Youth Commission (AYC)

- Self-referrals
- Youth workers from other community organizations

3. Updates from ACYC Committees

Abbotsford Early Childhood Ctte – Denise Thandi/Andrea Senft

- Early Learning in the Valley – April 28th
- Early Years Centre is growing rapidly – the Aboriginal drop-in will be Monday to Friday and re-located to Alexander Elementary
- A preschool will be located at Rick Hansen

Middle Years Committee – Pierre Welbedegt

- Middle Years Fair for kids and parents being planned for some time between May 24 and 27th
- Planning to talk about EDRD at upcoming meetings
- Looking to engage with SACRO staff
- Looking at question “what are the middle years” – 7 to 12 years – but not all programs can accept all the children in that age range – programs need to make that clear.

Youth Networkers – Bev Olfert

- Next meeting with talk about resources
- EDRD will be added into meetings

Special Needs Advisory Committee – Kathleen Praxl

- March 5th – Bridging the Gap was well attended and families liked the format.
- Next meeting May 18th – will be held at ACS’ STAR program
- SNAC is looking for more Aboriginal community representation at their table.

Community of Practice Table – Denise Thandi

- Meet 1st Tuesday of month.

4. Every Door is the Right Door Working Groups:

- New Employee Orientation
- Community Workshop

Each group met and developed their concepts further and set a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:00pm