

Community Living BC – Simon Fraser Region
400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody

Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2013, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Present: Debra Appleby, Vera Anderson, Maxine Wilson, Sue Mann, Jacqueline Jordon, Diane Bruneau, Jim Wong, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh,

Regrets: Ed Kushner, Barbara Thomas

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes – May 29, 2013 M/S/C

3. Role of Council – Discussion:

Soheila's role is to support the Council to do whatever the Council wants – funding, advocacy, etc.

If the Council wants to work on a particular initiative, CLBC can help with identifying experts, inviting families, etc.

Making clear that it's the Council's meeting.

Could focus on the general topic of inclusion...

- Council would like more direct access to CL agencies
- Important to get more representation at Council from CL agencies
- Question: what would the council do with the agency info?
- Help with information in the broader community
- Parents are experts too
- How do you get parents to collaborate

DO: Hear from families -- EMAIL FAMILIES a survey – 1600 – ask questions of what they're most interested in addressing.

Will use the 5 areas suggested in the CLBC document, (4 plus education) "Opportunities for Community Councils to align annual work plans with CLBC's key change initiatives."

Also add a section of "Other" topics they think are important, and "Comments".

Also will ask if people are interested in participating in planning more... (could be a member of a sub-committee)

Say will be a community meeting in late Oct to announce survey results and see who is interested in participating in the future...

Who writes wording of survey? Vera, Sue & Diane will work with Carol in August

Timeline:

Survey out – Monday, Sept 9

Survey due – Monday, Sept 23

CLBC Council meeting – Weds, Sept 25

Community meeting – Decide on Sept 25 (late Oct)

Survey out – survey monkey & hard copy – to all families – child care as well

- Tap into younger parents, if can
- Tell them where first meeting will be... to discuss the outcome of the survey – and further discussion – and networking opportunity
- Ask families where they would like to hold the next meeting...
- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Committee can do the booking – Carol
- Could advertise/have a table at CLBC Transition Fair – Oct 4 at Dogwood
 - o Could have another room at Dogwood – organize/piggy-back
- End October – CVS, Share, SF Society event – piggy-back
- Have a couple of people at each event
- Have hard copies of the survey at each of those 2 events

Maxine also knows other people who are interested in gathering to make change. She will lead a committee that will organize a group getting together in Sept to discuss which focus they would like the Council to focus on.

Jim will be a reference to families with IF.

Can start with a smaller committed group – meeting mid-to end Oct

Need to book facilitator

Venues – check availability of Coquitlam – Dogwood Pavilion – check into (Mike Butler) – and cost – Tues or Weds night – Soheila can help

Council will meet to discuss results first, then arrange community communications/ meeting.

Ask how can we engage families to find out their areas of influence relating to identified issues.

An opportunity to put more attention on families. Families can have power and accomplish something together.

Want to support a fundamental shift – include the parents in the reaching out & what are the services we think our children need? When the CLBC organizational board shifted so that not so many family members on the board.

IDEAS:

Networking across regions to start learning about best practices

CLBC focus is on transitioning youth & employment.

How can the Council increase awareness surrounding accessibility and inclusion?

- Want to have information to act on initiatives
- Should we build a support network with PLAN?
- Organize for a broad workshop to work on – how can we start connecting with parents – if this is useful

Suggest all teachers should have to take special education training.

4. New Business

- 3 people -- June Kang (Maple Ridge), Courtney (Tri-Cities), Dave Irving, & self advocate Peter – are interested in joining the council. Maxine will follow up with them to see if they're interested in joining.
- Need to have new Council members by January.
- Process for adding new people to the Council:
 - People interested in joining can submit a bio, and then one or two council members can take the person for lunch to determine if they would be a good fit.
 - Will explore a couple of more self advocates for the council.

5. Confirmation of next meeting date:

TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.