



Prince George & Area Community Council Meeting

October 24, 2009
 Community Living Centre
 #171 – 1600 15th Avenue
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 12:45 p.m.

Present: Bonnie Fallowfield, Terry Robertson, Barb Warkentine, Pat Marshall and **Guests:** Caitlyn Sassaman, and Cliff (Start With Hi Campaign)

Regrets: Kris Zemplak, Jean Scriver, Jenny Jones, Ruth Stanton and Vickie Pigeon

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	No motions or made as there were not enough members for a quorum therefore approval of minutes was not passed.
COUNCIL UPDATES	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barb spoke about the general progress of the plans for the therapy horse riding. It looks as though land for the barn and grounds has been allocated. A relationship between CLBC and local PG media has been developing nicely regarding this goal and others. A pub night will take place tonight for fundraising Bonnie spoke about the vulnerabilities workshop; Also mentioned was the Walk-for-Talk event which had a good turnout but local dignitaries were not as present as hoped, however a few local politicians did come out and were enthusiastic – more work is needed by council to engage local dignitaries. Cliff mentioned that he was very pleased to be involved in this event. Some community members graciously donated items for this event. Bonnie mentioned on behalf of Self-advocates that they are planning a dance Terry met with a local MLA and discussed the need for a College program – they agreed the principle aim was to get Self-advocates back into the building; in the meantime a program called the Travel Club has been set up on a volunteer basis so that young adults can still be involved in a social/educational activity; the Vela conference

	<p>had a lower turnout than expected but still 25 people came to discuss what is out there – currently Vela is facing challenges as families facing crisis at a rapid rate; mentioned the Family Focus Conference as a provincial conference for families by families; there was some discussion about there being an Olympic endeavor and celebrating at Whistler Chateau; Ripple Effect – only 8 people attended this retreat but it was empowering nonetheless as attendees discussed challenges – the resurrection of Memory Garden was also discussed</p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
NEW BUSINESS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Transition of Children’s Services Update	Pat talked about the transition and announced to Council that the move to the collective office will be complete November 2, 2009. Staff transfers have been completed.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Membership	It was suggested that membership be looked at another time.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
ADJOURNMENT			
Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.			
NEXT MEETING			
November 21, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.			