**RMCCT Regular Committee Minutes**

**June 19th, 2019 - 1 to 3 pm**

**Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living**

**In attendance:**

Jenny Earley Joanna Tones Linda Szilagyi Drea Owens Susan Foster

Joanne White Liza Morris Nikki Nevison Colene Thompson Cherie Martens

Gina Berg Melanie Scarcella David Vandergugten Mahshid Ghorbani Wendy Blaine

Virginia Renaud Kristy Rogge Annette Greaves

Coordinator: Roberta O’Brien

Regrets: Shawn Matthewson; Gareth Griffiths; Elaine Yamamoto; Maggie Karpilovsky; John Heffernan; Janet Smith; Jackie Senchyna; Heather Halliday; Dorri Mahdaviani; Cauvery Sawant

Meeting was opened at 1:10 pm

* Welcome & Introductions:
* Additions to Agenda: David Vandergugten: StrongStart Presentation
* Adoption of February Regular Minutes: Adopted

**Committee Updates:**

**Liza Morris:** Summer reading program launched – has posters and card stock and needs promotions for it – for all ages! Lots of prizes and fun stuff! About 1000 kids registered but want more…research shows the summer pieces is very critical to keeping up in school. Liza will send Roberta all the pdf’s of posters to vet to committee.

**Annette Greaves:** Wanting to connect now that caught up with waitlist. Thinking about offering Circle of Security. Wendy will probably by end of year have two staff trained to be trainers in Circle of Security. Work primarily with the parents and see kids with anxiety, language issues and processing delays. Kids 0 to 19 walk in clinic from 9 to 4pm every Thursdays.

**Kristy Rogge:** Just finished accreditation last week… Joann White will give updates.

**Wendy Blaine:** all programs are crazy busy with referrals. Short staffed for all programs. Will let community know when CofS training is on. Children’s yoga training in Oct or Nov and anyone that wants training can connect with her. Working hard to do training in child care settings.

**Nikki Nevison:** I Am Awesome in July 8th to 11th 8 to 11am $86. Charity Night Out on 224th, road closed, with band and Z95, participating stores- from 5 to 9pm!

**Cherie Martens:** End of year, had a great year with 22 matches. Two new high schools on board for next year and will have more mentors in elementary schools next year. Train the trainer for mentors in I Am Awesome! Great response for Go Girls at Alexander Robinson – looking at ways to be more inclusive in this program (gender specific). Two summer camps for kids and partnering with Lions for fishing day – get a rod & reel and keep their fish. Golf tourney next week in 50th year.

**Drea Owens:** Drea will have an partner – youth connect worker. Will send job description to me to vet out, hopefully before end of school year – 10-month position for 4 hours a day (1pm to 5pm). All other programs rapping up now and planning for next year. Leaving Garibaldi and going to Webster’s. Is now an ongoing position and not year to year.

**Mahshid Ghorbani:** Multicultural Day 29th Memorial Peace Park. Family Navigator, will send promo flyers to committee. Is meeting with community to intro program and planning for SPARKS.

**Colene Thompson:** Just wrapping up Mother Goose, very good year. SS is last day and gave her a gift last week.

**Joanne White:** Family Place is unusually busy…new families each session. Lot’s of newcomer families and make good use of library. ASQ day, doing ages and stages drop in days throughout the summer with more emo/social in fall. Community Parenting super busy! Project lead for CCRR as well. Lot’s of outreach is happening and went to 4 SS’s and connected with PM library and PM Rec Centre. Big community events planned for ed and training for child care providers – pop up in the park with different themes such as children’s yoga. Affordable child care benefit application sessions in an outreach capacity. Daddy & Me still busy and carrying on – very good year and going into summer and fall.

**Virginia Renaud:** Pivot Point regional manager. Opening a new alternative ed centre called community classrooms and max out at 10 students. Heavily supported and partner with ministry of ed – so classrooms do not look like a typical classroom. Registration is open for fall. Monday to Friday 9 to 2:30pm and supports all grades. There is a parent cost and entire year is $7,000, not sure where it will be located yet but hoping a residential setting so need a yard, kitchen, bathroom etc. Work with behaviour consultants as well. Still room in Mission campus. Running a summer group in Mission ‘finding your voice through song’ for kids that are non verbal for kids ages 7 to 10, registration is July 15th. HANG helping adolescents network and grow – 11 to 16 ages, based on video games but also has a social component. Is an hour and a half for 2 hours once a week and plan their day – registration begins July 2nd.

**Joanna Tones:** SD is wrapping up, last day is next Wednesday the 26th! New role as K and 1st grade teacher. Melanie will be new EL teacher. Changing Results for Young Children still going next year. Kinder Spark is almost ready to trial.

**Linda Szilagyi:** Public Health is not wrapping up!!! Measles catch up campaign! Sent 15,000 letters to all school aged children and setup clinics to help with immunizations. Mandatory immunization reporting coming in this fall. Linda will send email to me for committee so that they can enter their immunization info at Fraser Health. Starting a new computer program system. Continuing on with regular stuff. Baby Friendly Initiative – did preassessment and received very good feedback. Real assessment will be in September. Speech drop-in on the last Thursday of the month at the library from 1 to 4pm. Enhanced family visiting program will be a little less intense but will be able to service more families – birth to 2pm. Linda is going to be a grandma!

**Gina Berg:** Indigenous Day at Memorial Peace Park, Saturday, June 27th! Staffing changes coming up.

**Susan Foster:** Still focused on planning what roles will be in community and internally. Kerry Lawson with Family Support Institute and wanting to connect with local early years table – maybe she will come in September! The table approved Susan to facilitate a strategic planning review in October.

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| Agenda Item | **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS** | Recommendations |
| **Financial Update:** **ECD****EYC** | Jenny explained she didn’t have the budget for year end, but the March 31st budget showed the only dollars left were in Contracted wages for Roberta’s pay for April and most of May.No Budget received by SD42, but David explained he would send it to the committee. |  |
| **ECD Planning**1. **RFP Updates**
 | Jenny explained that Mahshid Ghorbani is the Navigator Coordinator and that the Program Coordinator position still requires filling.  |  |
| **Early Year’s Centre** | Jenny and David explained that a contract is still in the process of being negotiated and will update in September. |  |
| **STRATEGIC PLAN DELIVERABLES** |
| **Terms of Reference** | To be continued in September. |  |

**Next Meeting:**

\*Next regular RMCCT meeting is at RMACL on September 18th from 1 – 3pm.

Minutes taken by Roberta O’Brien & Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm