



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 18, 2015

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 5:45 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Yasmin Ali, Co-Chair
Nico Cullen-McKnight*
Janice Douglas
Joy Fan, Co-Chair
Lena Hozaima
Diamond Isinger
Aaron Leung
Iris Liu
Tasha Nijjar
Mab Oloman
Eric Wong
Wenying Wu
Frank Yan
Anna Zhang
Joy Zhou, Co-Chair

ABSENT:

Andrea Gatti
Alexander Gist (Leave of Absence)
Anthony Leo
Christy Lo (Leave of Absence)
Samantha Truong (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Vancouver Public Library,
Staff Liaison
Diana Guinn, Vancouver Public Library, Staff Liaison
Robyn Newton, Social Policy, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

The Meeting Coordinator took attendance.

b) Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Diamond Isinger
SECONDED by Frank Yan

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Alexander Gist, Christy Lo and Samantha Truong for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
(Nico Cullen-McKnight absent for the vote)

c) Minutes of April 23, 2015, for Approval

MOVED by Anna Zhang
SECONDED by Aaron Leung

THAT the Minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held April 23, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Nico Cullen-McKnight absent for the vote)

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

After following due process, the Committee appointed Yasmin Ali, Joy Fan and Joy Zhou to serve as Co-Chairs for the duration of the term.

3. Summer of Learning

Ms. Guinn introduced the Summer of Learning; a collaborative project developed by the Learning City and the Vancouver Public Library. Further information on this program can be found at VancouverLearningCity.ca.

4. Vancouver Public Library Updates

Ms. Guinn introduced Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Head, Children's Library.

a) Summer Reading Club

Ms. Guilmant-Smith provided an overview of the Summer Reading Club and announced that this year's theme is "Build It". Further information on this free program is available online at vpl.ca under the Events Calendar.

b) Inspiration Lab

Ms. Guilmant-Smith provided an overview of the Vancouver Public Library's Inspiration Lab. Further information on this free program can be found at the following link:
<http://www.vpl.ca/programs/cat/C1051>.

5. South False Creek Transportation Committee

Ms. Ali reported on the June 4, 2015 committee meeting and walking tour. It was also noted that she will circulate the minutes from the upcoming working session to the Committee. She requested any inquiries or concerns regarding South False Creek to be sent to Ms. Ali or Ms. Zhang, who will both be representing the CYFAC on the South False Creek Transportation Committee.

6. Living Wage

MOVED by Mab Oloman
SECONDED by Wenying Wu

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee support the concept of a living wage and send a letter encouraging Council to pursue it.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee will look into having a presentation on this topic at their next working session.

7. Youth Engagement with Civic Affairs

Mr. Wong encouraged the younger committee members to bring forward ideas on how to engage their peers in civic issues and programs. It was also noted that he would like to see this topic as a standing item on the CYFAC agendas.

8. Vancouver School Board Audit Results

Mr. Leung noted that in the recent Vancouver School Board Audit it was suggested to close 19 schools in the district.

The Committee will look to have a representative from the Vancouver School Board present on this topic at their next working session.

9. New Business

The Committee discussed the option of creating subcommittees. It was decided to postpone the conversation until the next working session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Joy Fan
SECONDED by Frank Yan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall