



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2021

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 6:03 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Ashini Dissanayake
Janice Douglas
Maeve Downing
Joseph Dunn (Co-Chair)
Sola Ebina
Rylan Huckabone
Mab Oloman
Priya Singh
David Zhang

ABSENT: Aleks Besan (Leave of Absence)
Tyler Doucet
May Fan (Leave of Absence)
Matthew Kyi (Leave of Absence)
Angie Osachoff (Leave of Absence)
Simrit Sandhu (Co-Chair) (Leave of Absence)
Anthony Santelices

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Gina Gaudet, Assistant Manager, Children's Library,
Vancouver Public Library (Staff Liaison)
Erica Mark, Recreation Services Coordinator, Vancouver
Parks Board
Stina Hanson, Child & Youth Engagement Planner,
Vancouver Plan

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

Co-Chair Dunn acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by David Zhang
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Aleks Besan, May Fan, Matthew Kyi, Angie Osachoff, and Simrit Sandhu.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Ashini Dissanayake
SECONDED by Sola Ebina

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, February 25, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Communication to Mayor and Council

Postponed to Subcommittee Updates.

2. Liaison Updates

Gina Gaudet provided updates on the following:

- BC Summer Reading Club
- Children's Library Virtual Programs
- Outdoor in-person programming

Stina Hanson provided updates on the following:

- Vancouver Plan scope and deliverables
- Vancouver Plan youth engagement efforts

Erica Mark provided updates on the following:

- In-person parks activities
- Hiring for Kitsilano, Champlain, and West End Community Centres
- Youth-prepared newsletter: www.vancouveryouth.ca

Janet Fraser provided updates on the following and responded to questions:

- Board decision on the future of the School Officer Liaison program will be made April 26
- VSB undertaking public engagement on the use of the south portion of the Fleming Elementary School site at Knight St. and 49 Ave E
- Quarter 4 for secondary schools will have increased face-to-face instruction time; changes meet all VCH health and safety requirements
- Two-semester schedule for 2021-2022 school year

3. Subcommittee Updates

a) Mental Health Subcommittee

Katherine Moore, Mental Health Subcommittee Lead, gave an update on the Child and Youth Mental Health Survey.

b) Housing Subcommittee

MOVED by David Zhang
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to Mayor and Council, identifying concerns regarding housing for Children, Youth and Families in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Engagement and Education Subcommittee

Ashini Dissanayake provided an update on Subcommittee activities, noting that the incoming Committee may be able to work with the following groups to determine issues for the Committee to address:

- Vancouver School District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)
- Vancouver District Students' Council (VDSC)

Ashini provided a link to a recent report by the DPAC on child and youth education, as well as a link to the Subcommittee's distribution list. Ashini also suggested that in the future, the Subcommittee could look into the ways extracurricular activities (arts, sports, clubs) have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

d) Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee

Maeve Downing and Mab Oloman provided an update on the Subcommittee, which identified the following issues for research and action over the course of the term:

- Climate change
- Single use plastics
- Plastic waste
- Loss of urban forest
- Noise pollution
- Light pollution

Mab suggested that this work be shared with incoming Committee members, to help with determining next steps.

4. Recognition of Advisory Committee members completing their term

Co-Chair Dunn thanked outgoing members for their service on the Committee, and members commented on their experiences on the Committee.

5. New Business

Co-Chair Dunn suggested ways that outgoing members can stay connected to the Committee and voluntary work with the City.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ashini Dissanayake
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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