



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 28, 2021

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 6:02 pm via electronic means.

PRESENT: Kaylee Chou
Winston Chow
Janice Douglas
Maeve Downing
Josie Driedger (Co-Chair)
Joseph Dunn (Co-Chair)
Sara Giron
Ceilidh Flattes
Stephanie Howell
Stephen Kosar
Kiara Lambert
Mike Lang
Mab Oloman

ABSENT: Alex Bonnesen (Leave of Absence)
Nicholas Feng, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Julia Kyi (Leave of Absence)
Katherine Moore (Leave of Absence)
Niki Taromi (Leave of Absence)
Grace Li
Eva Yueng

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Ana Denissenko, 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 Stephanie Howell
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Alex Bonnesen, Nicholas Feng, Julia Kyi, Katherine Moore, and Niki Taromi.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Stephen Kosar
SECONDED by Winston Chow

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, July 29, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Elections/Appointments

MOVED by Joseph Dunn
SECONDED by Stephen Kosar

THAT Josie Driedger be appointed Co-Chair in the age category 14 and under.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Liaison Updates

Trustee Fraser provided updates on the following, and responded to questions and comments:

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- VSB Strategic Plan
- Children's return to schools in-person
- Indigenous Education Council
- Appointment of a new superintendent

Gabe Dennis provided updates on the following:

- Community Centers operation and programs, creating safe spaces for after-school hours for the youth.
- Vaccine mandate and mask mandate, including vaccine card requirement for youth ages 12+ in places for mixed adult and youth programs such as fitness programs and gym. To attend such programs, children and youth will need to present a vaccine card but no photo ID. For equity purposes, community centers have disposable mask available, including small sized masks for children.
- Integration of equity perspective in training in child protection.

Gina Gaudet provided updates on the following, and responded to questions and comments:

- VPL adopted the mask mandate, but no vaccine passport is required for any of the programs.
- VPL continues to have registration in place to ensure social distancing.

- VPL continues with both virtual and in-person programs.

Stina Hanson provided updates on the following, and responded to questions and comments:

- Vancouver Plan youth engagement efforts, including working with community centers to hold workshops for youth.
- Updated survey question for Vancouver Plan.
- No vaccine passport mandate for open house and workshops.

3. Subcommittee Updates

Co-Chair Dunn proposed that the Committee create Subcommittees in the following areas, based on the Committee’s scope of work:

- Social Justice Subcommittee
- Mental Health Subcommittee
- Housing Subcommittee
- Sustainability and Environment Subcommittee

Members indicated their opinions in a WebEx poll. Poll results are presented below:

Question	Answer choice	Answers	Results	Percentages
How interested are you in establishing a Social Justice Subcommittee ?	A	Very Interested	4/17	24%
	B	Interested	7/17	41%
	C	Neutral	1/17	6%
	D	Not Interested At All	0/17	0%
	E	No Answer	5/17	29%

Question	Answer choice	Answers	Results	Percentages
How interested are you in establishing a Mental Health Subcommittee ?	A	Very Interested	4/17	24%
	B	Interested	7/17	41%
	C	Neutral	1/17	6%

	D	Not Interested	0/17	0%
	E	No Answer	5/17	29%

Question	Answer choice	Answers	Results	Percentages
How interested are you in establishing a Housing Subcommittee ?	A	Very Interested	6/17	35%
	B	Interested	4/17	24%
	C	Neutral	1/17	6%
	D	Not Interested	0/17	0%
	E	No Answer	6/17	35%

Question	Answer choice	Answers	Results	Percentages
How interested are you in establishing a Sustainability Subcommittee ?	A	Very Interested	4/17	24%
	B	Interested	4/17	24%
	C	Neutral	3/17	18%
	D	Not Interested	0/17	0%
	E	No Answer	6/17	35%

4. Work Plan Discussion

Postponed to the next regular meeting.

5. New Business

Co-Chair Dunn reminded the members of upcoming anti-oppression training workshops with the City of Vancouver and encouraged Committee members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Stephen Kosar
SECONDED by Josie Driedger

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, December 16, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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