



## **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 24, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.  
Oak Room, Century House**

### **NOTES**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brandon Lee	- Member at large
Ellelan Degife	- Member at large
Hannah Block	- Member at large
Hayden Goss	- Member at large (arrived at 5:24 p.m.)
Sadie DeCoste	- Member at large
Veronika Gukova	- Member at large (arrived at 5:22 p.m.)

#### **VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:**

John Cao	- Member at large
Caitlin Nault	- Member at large
Dana Radivojevic	- Member at large
Simar Saini	- Member at large
Tay Su-Jeong Kim	- Member at large
Valeria Nandayapa	- Member at large
Jelena Mitrovic	- Member at large
Kiara Dale	- Member at large
Lily Nikolova	- Member at large

#### **NON VOTING ADVISORS:**

Chuck Puchmayr	- City Council
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#### **GUESTS**

Ashley Currie	- School District #40
Andrea Mears	- District Parent Advisory Committee

#### **STAFF:**

Leslie Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Sandon Fraser	- Youth Services Coordinator
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No items.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

No items.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No items.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Election of Chairs**

Deferred to next meeting.

### **5.2 Youth Advisory Committee 2013/2014 goals**

Sandon Fraser distributed the list of Topics of Interest and Goals that were brainstormed at the Youth Advisory Committee orientation in September 2013.

### **5.2 BC Youth Parliament**

Sadie Decoste, this year's only applicant, will be attending the BC Youth Parliament on behalf of the City of New Westminster. The BC Youth Parliament is an annual gathering that takes place in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers from December 27 to December 31, 2013.

**Procedural Note:** Veronika Gukova arrived at 5:22 p.m.

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## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Councillor's Report: Councillor Chuck Puchmayr**

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, City Council representative, briefed on the Columbia Street fire that occurred New Westminster on October 10, 2013. Councillor Puchmayr noted that the city is currently in the revitalization phase, and that there are various roles for youth to play throughout the process. Emergency response is also of high priority, especially within our local schools.

## 6.2 School Board Trustee

Deferred to next meeting.

## 6.3 Community School Coordinator's Report – Ashley Currie

Ashley Currie, Community School Coordinator, provided the following information regarding her role with School District #40:

- The Community School Coordinator position entails the programming of extracurricular activities outside of regular school curriculum;
- The goal of the position is to bring the schools and community together;
- The school district was recently involved with the care exchange video competition, whereby the United Way funded youth to teach kids how to create videos on awareness;
  - Eight local youth entered the competition;
  - One video was based on child poverty and one video was based on bullying;
- There is room for youth involvement with “Rec Ed” (Recreational Education), which is a volunteer program designed for students to learn and demonstrate their training in recreation, leadership and volunteerism; and,
- The “~~Spec-Ed~~Respect Ed” program just received an award for crime prevention and is also currently recruiting.

## 6.4 DPAC Coordinator Report

Andrea Mears attended the meeting on behalf of the District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) and noted that the Committee recently distributed a district-wide survey addressing the concerns surrounding provincial funding levels, class sizes, and resources.

## 6.5 Youth Coordinator's Report: Sandon Fraser

Sandon Fraser, Youth Services Coordinator, reported that Youth Services has picked up with the start of the school year, and that the goal of the program is to expand the services throughout local elementary and middle schools. Mr. Fraser advised that the Youth Center is currently accepting applications to fill four peer youth leader positions for the 2013/14 school year.

## **6.6 Member Reports**

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- The Momentum festival Board meets next week;
- Extra-curricular sports and clubs are starting to get underway throughout the schools;
- There is a conference scheduled for December 8, 2013 at Century House regarding the BC Model United Nations (UN). Club meetings for the committee are held Monday during lunch time at New Westminster Secondary School; New Westminster hosts one of three meetings in BC
- The Environmental Club is currently working on getting paper towel composting in the bathrooms;
- There is a family event sponsored by Rotary scheduled for November 23, 2013. There will be a donation bin for winter outerwear, which will be distributed to families in need;
- The Committee expressed interest in expanding their knowledge on the school board budget and homelessness throughout the city.

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

No items.

## **8.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, November 28, 2013 at 5:00pm**

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.