

Community Council Meeting
February 28, 2008

Present: Cheryl-Anne Hendy, Connie Hulley, Coreen Windbiel, Jane Moon, Larry Shareski, Marie Sabine, Kris Pointon, Rachhpal Sidhu, Sandra Cottingham, Sharon Rose & Mary Toohey

Regrets: Renee Marlatt

1. Name tags are distributed.
2. Minutes are approved from last meeting.
3. Manager's Report/Update
 - Written report deferred until March 13, 2008 meeting
 - Brief review of Lori Cochrane's role in developing a Community Crisis Response. Will keep Community Council informed.
 - 26 page monitoring brief regarding services for children with special needs.
 - Marie and Sandra would like to discuss with Tom Christenson and an NDP MLA a young male with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.
4. Community Service Awards
 - It is proposed that Claudia Semaniuk is nominated.
5. Coreen will inquire if Surrey has agreed to participate in the 10 by 10 challenge. Sandra will inquire if White Rock will participate, and Cheryl-Anne will inquire about Delta.
6. Surrey School District (Sandra)
 - 64,000 enrolled in Surrey and it's only increasing in the Province. The difficulty of addressing training in such a large district is discussed.
 - Special education will make up over 50% of students by 2015.
 - More than 13,000 students are registered in ESL. Sandra is concerned about 'grey area' children whose IQ is above 70.

- The Surrey School Board 2007/2008 budget is 450 million.
 - Disabilities of all types are increasing world wide.
 - In Surrey, special education funding is determined by Surrey Special Education. Whereas in Langley, the funding is given directly to each principal to determine which services they purchase.
 - Autism numbers are increasing. Autism training for teachers and SEA's is taught separately because they have different rates.
 - The Surrey School Board indicates that Autism numbers are increasing and will soon have a large percentage in high school.
7. Crisis Support Networks are discussed.
 8. Surrey Acting Manager of QSO, Soheila Ghodsieh & Financial Manager Sean B. will be presenting at the March 13, 2008 meeting.
 9. School Act
 - All children are entitled to an over year if they turn 19 years of age the day after the last day of school.

Next Meetings:

March 13, 2008 (Thursday)

April 17, 2008 (Thursday)