



Education, Policy and Programs Working Group

Thursday January 15, 2009, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Host Location: Associated Youth Services of Peel
120 Matheson Blvd. E., Ste 103, Mississauga, ON

Minutes: Charmaine Blair

Present:

Jo-Anne Cripps – Ontario Works, Sandra Payne – Associated Youth Services of Peel, Anne Burke-Gauthier – Community Member, Charmaine Blair – Peel Health, Ursula Keuper-Bennett – Mississauga Watch, Allison Van Wagner – Peel District School Board

Regrets:

Gayle Woods – Youth Justice Services, Linda Andrews – Peel Health, Bill Stewart – Peel Regional Police, Allison Lina Lacobucci– V.P Safe School, Valerie Arnold-Judge – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Adrian Adore – Peel Regional Police, Sheila Wilson – City of Mississauga Recreation & Park, Dorothy Fetterly, Peel Health

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	No introductions needed.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from last meeting approved by all present.	
3. Meeting Time	The meeting time has once again been confirmed as 1:30 to 3:30 pm.	
4. Workgroup Status	Attendees discussed whether or not the Education working group should continue as is or consider merging with another working group. Reasons for considering the change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low and inconsistent attendance for an already small 	Group will discuss the options at next meeting.

	<p>group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group purpose is challenged - the intended purpose for the group was Education, Policy, Programs with a focus on policy • Policies: Other groups are addressing some policies and others (e.g. those dictated by Provincial mandate) are not easy to change. • Other working groups such as Families target similar programs and many efforts may be duplicated, especially in the areas of educating parents and students. <p>Ursula adamantly disagrees with this option and opposes any collapse of the Education group. She maintains that the municipal policies “SUCK” and do not take the youth into consideration.</p> <p>On Ursula’s request, I have attached her comments for the group’s review.</p> <p>Ursula also commented that we have not asked the youth what they want. Charmaine confirmed that the Youth Services group has actually talked to youth by hosting focus groups and is currently in the process of forming a Youth Advisory sub-committee.</p> <p>Members that were present (with the exception of Ursula) agreed that the group would be more effective if merged as part of another working group. Families seem to be the best option if they agree to it.</p>	
<p>5. Symposium Update</p>	<p>Anne received no response from Bill about for the Square One symposium. Because of the delays in confirming the date, the target date of March 28th will not be met and another location is to be considered.</p>	<p>Anne will speak to Valerie follow up on securing another location.</p>

**6. Dorothy's updates,
provided by Charmaine**

Network Branding:

We are waiting for final approval on the website image, so we are not yet able to release the logo. On Friday January 16th, Councillor Pat Saito will present the iPod to the youth who won the prize at The Dam in Meadowvale. The youth participated in choosing the PYVPN image and his name was pulled in a draw.

Youth Gang Funding:

Funding proposal is still in the planning stages. There is a second meeting scheduled for January 21st, and the group will work at preparing a proposal.

Other funding:

As part of the budget (pending approval), the Region is hoping to give each working group between 5-10 thousand dollars each – think about how and where it will be used.

Community Development: No new update as the December meeting was cancelled.

Youth Services: Now in the process of forming a Youth advisory group and will use the feedback from the youth who expressed an interest in working with the network to determine if the focus will be programs or information for the youth.

Families :

The first part of the Parenting Program was quite a success and the group is prepared to begin the second session in mid-February at a school in the Meadowvale area of Mississauga.

Dorothy and Janette Smith met with Jim Grieve – Director of Education for the Peel –Dufferin School Board, and he expressed a keen interest in the Parenting Program.

<p>7. Viewing of Mouse Video</p>	<p>The group had an opportunity to view the “Mouse” video, produced by the Dufferin School Board and Peel Regional Police. Everyone agreed that the video was very well done and had a great impact.</p>	
<p>8. Work Plan</p>	<p>Members identified their top 3 priorities from the 3-year vision</p>	<p>Anne to summarize responses and put them into a template</p>
<p>9. Next Meeting</p>	<p>February 12th, 2009 Associated Youth Services of Peel 1:30 – 3:30 pm 120 Matheson Blvd E, Ste 201 Mississauga, ON L4Z 1X1</p>	