

Family Engagement Committee

Meeting Notes Monday, June 26, 2023

6:00pm-7:30pm

Vision: People with developmental disabilities live their best life. Mission: CLGW connects people with disabilities with opportunities for them to realize their goals. Values: Nurture Potential – Respect Uniqueness – Uphold Accountability – Pursue Excellence

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS
6:00pm	Welcome	
6:05pm	FEC Business i. Ice Cream Socials/Monday Mixers Report	 A success for all who attended - positive feedback. Good turnout in Harriston, Fergus, and Guelph. We viewed the video Annie created (beautifully done Annie)
6:15pm	 Action Items Review Person-Centred Workshop – SEPT '23 ii. Housing Initiative: Lights presentation Discussion led by Cindy iii. Items in Progress: Roles & Responsibilities Chart "Show Us Your Community" Project 	 i. Person-centred workshop postponed till the fall P-C support team updates: Team is operational & now has a terms of reference PC training slides (onboarding & staff training) P-C workshops will be open to anyone: family members & the community at large Slides may be available as a pdf document and/or video link provided for those unable to attend scheduled time ii. Cindy met with Tom Gaspar who has agreed to do a Zoom session for anyone in the community interested Follow-up required as further discussion deferred in Cindy's absence iii. Items in Progress – Ongoing R&R chart ongoing & updated with staff changes "Show Us Your Community" is an extension of last summer's Piece of the Pie Project "In your own words, what does community mean to you?" (Karen will send out the original flyer for this project and gather responses from FEC members)
6:45pm	 FEC UPDATES i. Strategic Plan Roadshow Update ii. GW Family Network Grant Application NOTE: A NEW network unrelated to FEC – sharing info only iii. Plan for 2023-2024 year ahead (including Monday Mixers discussion) 	 i. Strat plan roadshow paused temporarily ii. GW network explained by Amy, Cora & Annie An "Emerging Grant" (up to 4.5k, due June 30) through the Ontario Caregiver Assoc If successful, funds need to be spent by March 2024 The GW Family Network is different from FEC, & not being led by or connected to CLGW Open to anyone interested in networking (adult focus) Annie discussed three spending initiatives: 1. Host a family picnic, mix/mingle/start sharing resources and build membership base 2. Pay for someone to be behind the scenes to do some of the work (an honorarium) 3. Hold educational events (with speakers)

		 2 virtual and 2 in-person events possibly FEC is separate from GWFN but there may be connections between the two groups iii. Plan for 2023-2024 year ahead Monday Mixers future consideration: Change the start time from 6:30pm to? Ice breakers (harder to do in big groups like Guelph) Change the day of the week (regularly scheduled, once monthly) Theme based? Apple cider in the fall, maple syrup in the spring, etc. Keep mixers informal and low-key Big and small groups A 10–20-minute talk to give a structure to the event Be mindful of importance of differentiating between community living gatherings and GWFN gatherings Agreement that GWFN is important as caregivers need information Share videos around isolated topics? TO DO: FEC members asked to think of ideas/themes (Suggestion that a fall mixer be related to Person-Centered Support Workshop, person-centred approach to problem-solving as an example)
	OTHER	 i. TO DO: Set dates for 2023/24 meetings ii. Accessible Little Library, 197 Dufferin Street - Grand opening Monday, July 10th at 10am
7:25pm	Meeting Evaluation	 Was today's meeting useful? Did we talk about all the things we need to talk about? Who needs to be aware of any of the discussions or decisions we made today and who is going to connect with them?
7:30pm	Adjournment	