



**Diversity Committee Minutes – February 3, 2010
Circle Room, Fort Frances High School**

Present: Nancy Daley-Fulton, Kelly Caul, Vik Nowak, Carmen Atatise, Al McManaman, Diane Ross, Linda Plumridge, David Sharp, Jennifer Greenhalgh, Anne McCoy, Mary Jane Allen, Lincoln Dunn, Tammy Ryll, Heather Campbell, Mike Hammond

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Welcome

2.0 Approval of Minutes of February Meeting

3.0 Approval of Agenda

4.0 Mission Statement – “Working together to create communities that celebrate diversity by actively practicing and promoting dignity, respect and inclusiveness.”

5.0 Grant Proposal Opportunity

5.1 Current Funding Proposal Submission

- Anne gave an overview of the recent submission, including the support of the Substance Abuse Prevention Team, the camps for at-risk youth and for youth demonstrating leadership, support for the Celebrating Diversity Committee (its website, resources, etc.), and for Restorative Justice training and support for schools.
- Heather Campbell will write a letter of thank you to Hugh Dennis and Grace Silander on behalf of the group for their work in submitting the proposal.
- Heather Campbell will write a letter of thank you to Amanda Jourdain for her work in providing resources to the website.

5.2 Funding Wish Lists

- Funding suggestions included more resources to be stored centrally, support for the website, funding for a launch event with suggestions of participation in the Bass Tournament or other parade.
- Members were to investigate significant dates for the calendar by which the Committee could align a launch date for its website and resources for next meeting.

5.3 Media/Website

- Vik Nowak introduced Carmen Atatise, a student at FACS, who will be available to gather resources for posting on the Celebrating Diversity website - www.celebratingdiversity.ca

- Linda Plumridge provided an overview of the reports on the visits or hits to the website. Presently, the site is visited upon doing a search for diversity and has been visited from locations beyond North America.
- Discussion occurred on the contents for the website with the decision to be focused more on resources (e.g., sample equity policies) with pictures of events from organizations involved in the Committee to be also shared.

6.0 Other - Miscellaneous

- **Community Resource** – Mary Jane Allen, Nancy Daley Fulton, Christina Hahkala, Jennifer Greenhalgh, with Trudie McCormick and Kim Williamson have been working on the community resource, aligning it with the 211 initiative. A team is working on collating all present resources with work to continue through the spring.

7.0 Adjourn @ 1 p.m.

8.0 Next meeting – March 3, 2010 @ 12 p.m., Confederation College