



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

MINUTES

DATE: March 2, 2011

Present:

Sandra Whalen, Rainy River Future Development Corporation

Steve Latimer, United Native Friendship Centre

Nicke Baird, Riverside

Kathy Mueller, Northwest Catholic District School Board

Heather Campbell, Rainy River District School Board

Al McManaman, Fort Frances High School

Trudy McCormick, Northwest Community Legal Clinic

Sharon Tibbs, Town of Fort Frances

Sue Carlson, Rainy River District Victim Services

Tammy Noble, Northwest Community Legal Clinic

Anne McCoy, Ontario Provincial Police

Lincoln Dunn, Office of the Chief Secretariat

1. **Call to Order:** Trudy McCormick welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 2, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Lincoln Dunn requested an addition of a seventh item to the agenda. Number 7 has been added, Create Space for Peace event.

4. **Mission Statement:** "Working together to create communities that celebrate diversity by actively practicing and promoting dignity, respect and inclusiveness."

5. **Project Updates:**

CCMARD: There has been no formal feedback received from the presentation to the Rainy River District Municipal Association meeting. We should provide a draft resolution to each municipality, and Lincoln Dunn and Tammy Ryll have prepared a draft for review. There was some discussion about the necessity of

having a separate resolution dealing specifically with the municipalities' willingness to become signing authorities. The resolutions will be drafted.

Respect Campaign: Trudy gave a brief overview to the committee members present of the Respect Campaign and it's origin as a college based program. A few members of the sub-committee met with Jim Lees who has agreed to deliver their materials for us to work us. It will not be necessary to modify the materials very much to make them community based. Nancy Daley and Lincoln Dunn have agreed to be trained as trainers to deliver the program in the community.

Funding Update – Respect Campaign: Funding is going to be required for training, adapting material, branded identifiers and publicity. Ann Renaud has agreed to talk to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation about possible funding opportunities. Heather Johnson has indicated that RBC has program funding available as well, and feels they might look favourably on an application from our committee. If any funding is received, the local branch of the CMHA has agreed to hold those funds as a charitable organization. By our next meeting we hope to have targeted a few organizations to provide training to.

Pepsi Refresh: A proposal for \$10,000 was prepared by Ann Renaud for submission to the Pepsi Refresh Project. Unfortunately, she was not able to complete the online submission as the system was full and would not take any more proposals. This is a monthly competition, and it was decided that we should wait until April to try again because the March Break could interfere with many people being available to vote every day.

Day of Pink: April 13 is the International Day against Bullying, Discrimination and Homophobia in schools and communities. Individuals are encouraged to wear pink to show their support for and shared belief in celebrating diversity - it's also a commitment to being open minded, accepting differences and learning to respect each other. Trudy shared with those who were interested the Day of Pink website and t-shirt information.

Steve advised that he brought this idea back to the staff at the UNFC following our last meeting and they embraced it. Also, Steve brought with him samples of the UNFC newsletter and invited anyone interested to call the Friendship Centre and get on their mailing list.

New Ideas: Lincoln shared with the committee an invitation to attend the Create Space for Peace event being held on Sunday, March 20 from 3pm to 5 pm at St. John's Anglican Church.

OPP Summer Students: Anne McCoy informed the group that she has applied for 2 extra summer students this year and hopes to put one in charge of website creation and updating for all of the websites associated with various community

partnerships with the OPP. Please forward new information to her so that websites can be updated.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6 @ 12:00 p.m. at the Fort Frances Public Library and Technology Centre.