

Whitevalley Community Resource Centre

Board Notes

January 11, 2023

Attending: Julie Pilon, Bev Danby, Wanda Johnson, Sherry Kineshanko, Curt Reimer, Melissa Yurkowski, Carmen Philips, Nick Hodge,

Regrets: Larry Thomson, Rick Fairbairn, Spencer Hornoi

Whitevalley Agenda

- *Additions to the Agenda – yes*
 - o *RCMP Strategic Planning Client/Stakeholder Meeting*
 - o *Board Training - Troy Dungate, January 26th at SharEd Meeting 7AM. Zoom*
 - *Melissa and Carmen to attend*
 - o *Strategic Report Review*
 - *Board given the 2019 report and asked to review by February meeting*
- *Business arising from the minutes*
- *November 2023 minutes approved MSC (Carmen/Nick)*

Executive Director Report reviewed – See attached

- Christmas Families: This year there was a drastic change in the sponsorship for families. Last year WCRC paid for 22 individuals (7 families) this year it was 109 individuals (32 families). Last year a total of 37 families were sponsored and this year it was 41 families. I want to give a big shout out to Craig Renfrew one of our counsellors who was able to get \$4200 in donations for our Christmas families, without these donations it would have been challenge to support all the families. Thank you card for Craig
- Staff Christmas Break: Although it was short notice, staff were so happy to have the option of taking the week off after Christmas, there were a few who came in a little bit but they are already asking if we will continue this for 2023 and if we preplan for this I think more staff will plan to have it off completely. The staff looked so refreshed and upbeat when they came back to work, I notice a huge positive difference in their demeanors.
- Seniors – We are looking at having a free meal this month as a Thank you for being patient with us as our new staff navigate the learning curve with meals.
- Board Member Documents: It appears there are some forms that have not been filled out by Board Members or they need to updated. This includes items such as Membership form, Consent to be a board member, Confidentiality and Criminal Record Check.

Finances / Proposal

- *Finance Committee updates – as per minutes MSC(Wanda/Melissa)*
- *February meeting will include recommendations for Unrestricted Funds to be moved to appropriate program deferred accounts and Audit proposals*

Policy Update:

- Over the next few months I am hoping to update and/or review each policy

RCMP – N/A

Community Updates

Seniors (Bev) – Nice to have the option to have food delivered when not feeling well.

CBSS (Melissa) – Quite like the fact that SD22 had a different Christmas break schedule than most of the province. Students are just back to school this week. December was a crazy month, we have had lots of counsellors/professionals in the building to support students and staff during that time. A shout out to WCRC support workers they were a huge help. The Grads played a hockey game against the staff in December, was great fun and the staff won. The Grads are still fundraising and will be doing a bottle drive in the future. A new semester starts in February.

Village – They had a meeting in December and the Strategic Plan is now complete. Sherry has been asked to sit Children and Youth Mental Health committee.

Carmen – Employers still need more staff. We have been doing many Lunch and Learns around recruitment and retention. Lots of mental health barriers for people looking for employment, we actually provide up to 10 free counselling sessions. We have seen an increase in older/mature workers looking for employment, could be due to the fix income no longer being sufficient for expenses. They seem to also be looking for different type of employment than what their career was. We are working with people searching for positions and how to effectively apply online, etc.

Cherryville – The rink was well used while the weather permitted. The Seniors have enjoying the monthly meal.

Julie – As of October 2023 the new CT scanner will be at the hospital. Just finished up a couple fundraisers, the Light a Bulb and Fundraising Tuesday, where a local family pledged to meet any donations raised that day. Over \$250,000 was raised, so with the matching donation it was over \$500,000.

Meeting adjourned – 4:35 (Wanda)

**Next meeting
February 8, 2023**

Signature

Date