

**Diversity Committee Minutes – April 4, 2012**  
**Fort Frances Library and Technology Centre**

**Call to Order:** 12:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** tabled till next meeting

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

**Project Updates**

- *Respect Presentations* – Trudy has trained Ian, Steve and Amy to do deliver the Respect Workshops and they have done several presentations for RRDSSAB. We have upcoming workshops to deliver for Community Living in Atikokan, and DSSAB, the United Church, and Riverside on Apr 23. We will add a calendar to the website to help with scheduling. Trudy asked if there was any one else that we should be doing a presentation for and Tanner said that Dale Fortes at Boston Pizza would like some, starting with his managers.
- *CCMARD*- Anne McCoy tried to get hold of Rebecca Johnson. No answer yet.
- *Day of Pink – April 11, 2012* - Ian Simpson reported on what is being planned. He submitted an article for the Apr 4<sup>th</sup> Fort Frances Times and will be following up with 2 more articles. There is a lot going on in the schools. OECTA – Ontario English Catholic Teacher Assoc. is supporting Day of Pink and Bill 13, UNFC is having an open house at the circle of Life Centre, 10 – 3 p.m. on Apr 11, Steve wants to encourage partners to attend and see the programs that are available. Steve is taking the Day of Pink posters to everywhere he is going. The Legal Clinic is doing their window in pink. The High School asking people to wear their pink. The high school students have started the acts of kindness links – linking around the school – tying in with Rachel's Challenge. The college is making plans as well. They have posters up and doing other activities. Child and Family Services is continuing with their Day of Pink activities as reported at the last meeting.

**Member Organization Updates**

- *CMHA* Nancy reported they they have 2 new ASIST trainers. They will be doing Suicide Intervention training in Fort Frances May 31 and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Nancy can provide more information. They are also busy with Mental health first aid training, doing 1 or 2 per month, They have trained Separate school teachers and will also present to RRDSB. On May 8 – CMHA partnering with Riverside and the Family Health Team to provide a public presentation by Dr. Michael Evans, on wellness, combined with a short Health and Wellness Fair, at Townshend Theatre.
- *Confederation College* -Anne Renaud reported that Jim Lees is coming back, Wed. May 23, to do a 3 hour suicide prevention workshop. This is an introductory workshop. He will also do the Gen Y for dummies. Talking about multi-generation workplaces, from noon to 1p.m. Send email to [Arenaud@confederationc.on.ca](mailto:Arenaud@confederationc.on.ca) if you are interested in either. Today there is a Graduation for the students in the pre-apprentice program automotive service technicians program.

- *Friendship Centre* – clothing Drive – especially men’s clothing. Call ahead if you are can help. Remember the food banks, they are in serious need.
- *Safer and Vital Communities Grant* - Ian – Hate Crime Workshop is planned for May 28, Steven Camp from Edmonton, Invitations will be sent out to agencies.
- *Victim Services* On May 3 and 4 –A seminar is being offered on acute stress reactions to trauma. Sue will send information to our mailing list.
- *Assisted Living Action Group* – A strategic planning event was held last Monday as they are working together to identify needs of the community. They are planning to have a survey to help with gathering information. They are working toward a 20-30 year plan. Assisted Living meets. Last Monday of month, and SALT the last Tuesday of month with the exception of this month they will meet May 1<sup>st</sup>. 11:00 a.m. Both meetings are held at the Super 8.
- *Fort Frances High School* -Tanner – Day of Pink, Rachel’s Challenge- planning a new activity. Videos on The Matthew Shepherd story and Magic Johnson, have been offered.
- KRR - Children and Family - On April 20, a public presentation on First Place, (early identification of mental illness and psychosis)will be offered. Videos on The Matthew Shepherd story and Magic Johnson, have been offered.
- *Northwest Catholic District School Board* - Amy - gave a thank you for sharing the respect campaign presentation. She Will forward information to principals and see if they are interested. This week is Holy Week and celebrating in the schools. May 6 to 11 is Catholic Education Week with the theme of Walking in the way of Christ, Their project - Developing in peace – Raised \$ 3300. A program they offer - Rejuvenating the Native language, will be highlighted on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, with a celebration being planned. Mary Catherine A survey was sent out to all the parents and it came back that the schools were considered to be safe and caring. It is felt that all the initiatives seem to be helping

Next meeting will be May 2, 2012. Fort Frances Library and Technology Centre.12 noon. Anne Renaud will chair. It is requested that someone take minutes

Regrets, Nicke Baird, Heather Campbell, Ann McCoy, Peggy Loyie,

Attending: Steve Latimer, Ian Simpson, Anne Renaud, Sue Carlson, Tanner Bell, Karen Gregor, Tammy Noble, Nancy Daley Fulton, Amy LaFroy, Sharon tibbs, Mary-Catherine Kelly, Krista Nielson, William Perrault, Trudy McCormick, Linda Plumridge