

a) co-chair position

Kristen McDonald has accepted the position as Co-Chair for the youth sub committee

b) Follow on Priorities for 2009/2010

i) actions to date

Student Leadership Council

Many of the student Leadership Council (SLC) Members were attending an alternative meeting. Mr Guy spoke to the work of the SLC.

- *Absenteeism*, SLC members felt that school is moving in a positive direction. SHSS has implemented a number of actions since the start of this term to increase school attendance.
- *Alcohol and Drug abuse*, this is not necessarily a school based issue, need to affect change community wide.
- *Bullying*, this remains an issue, looking at bringing Turtle Concepts to community again. Have had positive results the past 3-4 years SHSS has been utilizing this resource. Using incident management, asking where and when happening and what SHSS can do to help resolve, often issue is happening outside of school hours, (to and from school.)

ii) Discussion

- The youth brought forward the issue that so many kids get bullied and can't talk about it due to embarrassment & fear. They talk to friends about it but not teachers or adults. Friends can only do so much, need more skills to deal with issue, training for peer counselling/peer support.
- There is a social acceptance of drugs and alcohol in the community that needs to be addressed. Youth are blatantly intoxicated in public asking older people to buy alcohol for them. Parents, elders, community members need to step forward and make a stance that this is not acceptable before this issue can be addressed with the youth.
- Youth brought forward alcohol and drugs are an issue, they see it in their peers. Need tools to help support peers to healthier choices.
- Bullying, drugs/alcohol, absenteeism are symptoms of underlying issues, what can we do to get at root causes? Turtle Concepts works on this, brings issues to the surface and supports youth and the adults to work through the issues, but only here for a certain time, then school and community are left to deal with it on own. Need to build local resources.
- Inuvik Youth Centre has funds from GTC to hire a counsellor, hope to have in place by April 1st.
- Have local resources to put on plays regarding the issues. Need to figure out how to build in the support to deal with the healing and issues brought out. Look for support from the resources that exist in community such as: Community Counselling Services, Wellness Worker Certificate graduates, School Counsellors, Youth Centre Councillor, Ingamo Youth group programs.

- Youth suggested Family intervention teams and peer leadership training. Student leadership could go class to class, to develop a support group, peer supports.
- Need resources, look to Justice Committee MACA, Youth Meetings MACA put together a list of funders to approach. Approach Inuvik District Education Authority for support.

iii) Possible Solutions

- peer counselling
- peer leadership
- older students mentoring younger students
- Turtle concepts training local resources to support youth in their interactive methods
- Use drama, talent and resources here to put on production regarding issue
- Al-anon, Alateen <http://www.al-anon.ab.ca/index.html>
- Open gym nights and activities that give youth safe place/choices to go
- Work with wellness certificate graduates to provide support for youth

iv) Action

- 1) Silvia Koso will research youth peer programs that are working in NWT and other jurisdictions such as BUTT Head Campaign and bring forward results for next meeting.
- 2) Members will try to attend GTC workshop March 18-19 cal Victor @ 777-7915
- 3) Youth Centre is hiring Youth Counsellor with funds from GTC
- 4) Town of Inuvik Community Services is working on and expanding healthy choices options for children, youth and families.
- 5) Patricia will check MACA list of funders
- 6) Lorne Guy will follow up with Turtle Concepts
- 7) Next meeting hear from Inuvik Youth Centre on their survey

6. New Business

- a) Face Book Page – tabled to next meeting
- b) Documentary – tabled to next meeting

7. Date of next meeting April 14, 2010

8. Adjournment

Motion 03/03/10 – 3 to adjourn @ 12:55