

MB4Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Council Members in attendance: Michael Alty, Helen Cochrane, Amber Darling, Jennifer Guth, Madison Hass, Bradley Johnson, Jordyn Lerner, Inderveer Mahal, Jacqueline Richelle, Chris Strue, Vanja Tubin and Erin Wall

1. Introductions & Welcome

2. Healthy Living Award Discussion Group

Presenters: Brenda Hoover & Laura Morrison

- Discussed the current award process and identified areas for improvement. Council members brainstormed ways to improve the application and distribution process, potential awareness strategies and ways of making the award more appealing to youth in Manitoba.
- Council recommended providing scholarships, bursaries, awards, school banners, grants for school events or media opportunities along with the award to encourage participation.

3. Education for Sustainable Development Conference

Presenter: Christina McDonald

- Christina McDonald provided an overview of the upcoming Education for Sustainable Development Conference. MB4Youth Advisory Council members are invited to volunteer in various capacities at the event. If interested in participating, members are asked to contact Lindsay by Friday, October 10, 2008.

4. Council Business

- Terms of Reference were presented and details about travel and honorariums were discussed and approved.
- Importance of conference/event feedback was discussed and council members agreed that after each event, individual council members would write up or present a review/overview of the event.
- Council discussed the importance of recruitment to ensure that the MB4Youth Advisory Council remains a diverse group of youth. Michael and Amber expressed an interest in participating in an attraction sub-committee.

5. Council Discussion

- Council member discussed the priorities and key issues for youth in their communities. Lindsay will draft an outline of the

issues presented and distribute to council members who will each select their top five priorities. Based on majority, five priorities will be identified to be the focus for the 2008/09 council.

6. Engaged Learner Conference

Presenter: Michael Alty

- In preparation for the Engaged Learner Conference council members brainstormed potential discussion questions for the discussion groups and determined how the conference registrants will be grouped. The Council decided that in the morning youth would be a combination of rural and urban as well as grades 8 – 11. In the afternoon youth would be divided by region.

7. Closing Remarks

- Amber Darling was elected as council chair for the 2008/09 MB4Youth Advisory Council.
- Next meeting is a teleconference meeting on October 8, 2008.