



Vancouver Family Child Care Association
*Empowering members to provide
quality child care*

VFCCA Report to BCFCCA (February 20, 2015):

1. Many thanks to BCFCCA's for providing the workshop funds to support VFCCA members in the following professional trainings:
 - a. **Circle Time Gala** by Robb Weaver on November 15, 2014 (Saturday) at 726 West 16th Ave., Vancouver (Extra Steps Learning Centre). We had 28 /30 participants attending the workshop. The workshop registration and snack preparation ran smoothly with the support of BODs and committee. Robb's presentation was very inspiring and creative. He used a lot of pops to draw children's attention at the circle time. He made learning in such an interesting way. The feed back were very positive from the participants.
 - b. **Alpha Children: Reclaiming our Rightful Place in their lives** by Dr. Deborah MacNamara at Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood House –800 East Broadway on January 17, 2015. We had 50 participants attending the workshop. The room setting, workshop registration and snack preparation ran very smoothly with the support of BODs and committee (more than 15 volunteers). The workshop ran out 15 mins and it was a bit rush at the end. I recommend this workshop should be at least 3.5 hours to 4 hours. The workshop was really welcome by the caregivers and parents. Deborah's presentation was very inspiring and practical as usual. The strategies of handling Alpha behaviour were very useful to put into practice at daycare and at home.
 - c. **Literacy Learning with young children** by Carol Turner at 191-650 West 41st Ave., Vancouver, Oakridge Library in Oakridge Centre on March 25, 2015 (Wednesday evening) **Carol Turner** is an experienced ECE instructor with an M. Ed. (UBC), in Early Learning over 30 years. She has a passion for Literacy and how teachers/caregivers can support Literacy Learning with young children in a natural way that supports communication within the context of relationships. We are looking forward to attending Carol's presentation.
2. The January Newsletter has been published by Soonock Suee Lee, our Newsletter Director and the newsletter was sent out to our members at the beginning of January, 2015 and to other member groups through BCFCCA office as well.

3. Many thanks to Jessie Zheng, our Public Relationship Director for organizing another network meeting in February 28, 2015 at Luz Elena Raschella's new home. The theme of this network meeting is about **Friendship** – “friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together” by Woodrow T. Wilson. Thank you to Luz for holding the pot luck party at her beautiful house.

4. Many thanks to the BODs for their hard working especially Luz Elena Raschella, our Membership Director tries her best effort to encourage family child care providers joining VFCCA, BCFCCA and CCCF. We have forty-eight members and six of them are new members.

5. Isolde Hager, Vice President and I were invited to attend the Round Table Discussion on the City's Role in Family Child Care at 2:00pm to 4:30pm on the 10th of February, 2015 – “the purpose of the Round Table is two-fold: 1) to gather input from a diverse group of early childhood stakeholders (Operators, Support Organizations, Networks, Educators, Researchers, Neighbourhood Houses, etc.); and 2) to inform them on the findings of a recent study of City-assisted family child care units. We hope this Round Table will help inform future policy directions on ways to best address the ongoing community needs for child care and housing”. It is an ongoing process to gather the input from a diverse group of child care field.

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