

Keremeos Communities for Kids Table

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 15, 2009

Attending: Blair Lischeron (CFK), Lynda Alkestrup (Cawston Strongstart facilitator), Linda Thiel (Cawston Elementary Principal), Catherine Noeth (Parent), Linda Partington (Interior Health Public Health Nurse), Anda Brockhoff (Cap-C facilitator).

1. Previous meeting minutes.

Anda gave a review of her notes from the previous meeting; including a note that the Gazebo has been a tremendous boon to the center; allowing more children to attend the family Center's programs.

2. Member Updates

a) Lynda A. Cawston Strongstart, in its second year of operation, is open Monday - Friday 8:45-11:45am. Strongstart numbers were down due to the flu, but its returning to normal and more children are registering. Lynda does support work at Tee Pee Tots to cover for Diane Stewart. A LEAP program and Sharing with Santa project are happening. Lynda is taking a Hanen's Learning Language and Loving it course, and a literacy training course. Elizabeth offers Baby yoga once a month at the Strongstart. The region's Strongstart facilitators meet monthly to share ideas, experiences ,and resources.

b) Linda P. Busy with flu clinics. Hopes to do a Mother Goose program in March, and a Nobody's Perfect program sometime in the spring.

c) Anda B. Cap-C runs 5 programs on Anda's 20hrs per week of operational funding. Participation has really slowed down due to the flu. Mom and Baby yoga is ongoing (2 of 4 sessions completed), very popular, will want to run the program again. There is volunteer child minding provided at yoga. Laugh and Learn (an arts and craft program) is ongoing. Lunch program, each Thursday ongoing. Tumble Bumble happens on Tuesday and Thursday. Prenatal support program for expecting and nursing moms is ongoing.

3. Funding

a) CFK Funding opportunity. Blair told the Table there is approximately \$20,000 left in the regional CFK budget, and Tables are eligible to apply. A number of possible projects from Penticton, one from Oliver, and one from Summerland are in early development stages and may result in applications. Blair encouraged the Table to apply for the Cawston Elementary playground project (see below).

b) The Table discussed the funds it has in the bank. The Table received \$200 from Success by 6 for participating in the evaluation in 2007. Blair used \$11.99 of that to purchase pizza for today's meeting; leaving \$188.01. The Table discussed the funds donated to the Table by the Keremeos Play School when it closed. No members knew how much funding was donated or where these funds are. Blair said he would find out. Subsequent to the meeting Blair discovered the donation was in the amount of \$1,874.70, and the funds are held by the CFK Steering Committee, and can be accessed by a request to Blair. The total amount of funds available to the Keremeos Table, to be spent at their discretion to support their work, is \$2,062.71.

4. Cawston Elementary playground project

(Linda Thiel) Cawston school is planning to install a playground adjacent to the Strongstart entrance, that is age appropriate for Strongstart and kindergarten students. The PAC is fundraising for this project, and other sources are being sought. The District would install and maintain the playground. They have approximately \$10,000 of \$20,000 secured. The playground would be available to all children in the community. Linda plans to begin working on the application in January 2010.

Action Item; Blair will send Linda T. photographs of the new playground equipment at Memorial Park in Summerland as an example of one age appropriate structure.

Action Item; Blair will send Linda T. a copy of a previously completed playground project application to use as a guide.

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5. Pine Park

The Table discussed the park. Catherine noted she will not take her son there because the bark mulch impact material causes slivers. Blair provided a bit of history on the park and noted that the CFK Steering Committee has written to the Village and Mr. Eichmuller noting CFK is no longer involved in the park. Blair indicated that if the Table or individual members wished to act in regard to the park they were free to do so and Blair would lend support (if asked).

6. Resource Distribution.

Blair distributed CFK tote bags, brochures, and bookmarks.

Blair will try and secure some Ages and Stages Development Wheels for Lynda A. for the next meeting.

7. Meeting Schedule.

The Table decided to meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:15 to 1:45 at the Keremeos Family Center.

8. Next meeting: January 19th, 2010, 12:15-1:45pm, Keremeos Family Center