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*To engage families and communities in children's healthy early development*

**Oliver Communities for Kids Table  
Minutes**  
Monday February 22, 2010 at StrongStart

Present: Laurene Sloboda, Hope Mendes, Dana Bedard, Pat Buckland

Regrets: Shelley MacPherson, Barbara-Joy Taggart, Jim Insley

Introduction: Shannon Koteles, ECE, StrongStart

Minutes approved – noted

- Business arising from the minutes:
  1. **Action:** check with Mike Safek at Oliver Elementary indicates that HUB Family Centre is on hold until decision regarding full day Kindergarten is decided
  2. **Action:** car/booster seat for Family Fair delivered

Report on <b>Funds:</b>	Balance	Evaluation funds	\$200
		Cost of tshirts	<u>174.72</u>
	Balance Feb/10		25.28

**Members' Reports:**

Boys & Girls Club: Laurene - tabled

Desert Sun: Roxie - tabled

Library: Vicky - tabled

Public Health: Barbara-Joy - tabled

StrongStart: Dana – introduced Shannon Koteles who will be covering Dana's maternity Leave until March 2011

**Old Business:**

- a) **OFTI** transportation status – Pat:  
Report to the Steering Committee on Tues:
  - 4 of the 9 partners have been using the gas coupons; 82 coupons worth \$610 have been used since Jan09; one Mother with Boys&Girls; 4 Mothers with Desert Sun; 1 Mother in the summer of 09 with MHSD and approx. 8 with Desert Sun
  - Noted that the Steering Committee may look at reassigning \$6,700 of non-issued OFTI funds
  - Discussion on volunteer driver program – notes from Kaslo and Keremeos consideredTable should consider:
  - Issues with putting car seats in and out of vehicles
  - Need a coordinator? Would parent call driver directly?
  - Should service include grocery shopping, going to the lawyer, banking, activities like going to the pool, park, library, skating?

- Should it include providing transportation for a parent ex. Attending AA which is for the well-being of the family
- Would mileage be paid by KM? What happens with return trips to a program? Does a driver wait? Kaslo provides cost of coffee and muffin.

**Action:** Pat will report to SC the results of this meeting

**Action:** Pat will meet with Roxie Van Aller of Desert Sun to discuss admin of a volunteer driving option

- b) **Mother Goose** – Shannon: Evening with Mother Goose started last week with 5 families; hopes the numbers will increase  
**Action:** Pat will connect with Theresa re MG poster to distribute
- c) **Family Fair with Heart** on Feb 27: funding approved
- 23 display will be attending
  - Draw prize for parents who complete evaluation is in – dinner at Passatempo and one might stay at Spirit Ridge
  - Spirit Dancers, Nikki Brar and HipHop will get kids up and dancing
  - Magic show 3 segments with exciting titles to draw families; Reptileguy needing 4 tables for a big show
  - Certificates of Appreciation should go out to as many supporters as possible
  - Small gifts for entertainers and MC should be purchased – video rental for kids; Firehall Bistro for MC possibly
  - Donations received from Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis
- d) **New Horizons:** funding for senior projects – the Community Garden Society is following up on the possibility of linking seniors with young children in the community garden
- e) **Books for Babies:** Kiwanis will be organizing

**New Business:**

**National Day of the Child/Sat Nov20/10** – note has been sent to Recreation re their plans for Nov 20/10

**Planning:** tabled

Next Meeting Date: Monday March 22 at **StrongStart at Oliver Elementary at 3pm**