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

**Oliver Communities for Kids Table
Minutes**

Monday January 25, 2010 at School Board office

Present: Laurene Sloboda, Vicky White, Barbara-Joy Taggart, Pat Buckland

Regrets: Dana Bedard

Minutes approved – passed

- Business arising from the minutes:
 1. **Action:** Heather taking New Horizons funding info to Community Garden committee - tabled
 2. **Action:** confirmed that meetings will now be at StrongStart at 3pm the 3rd Monday of the month

Report on **Funds:** Balance Evaluation funds \$200

- Email feedback from Table members indicates that some of these funds can be spent on 12 CFK adult size Tshirts (6 med/6 lrg) for promoting CFK at events

Members' Reports:

Boys & Girls Club: Laurene

- Parenting Wisely for ages 5 – 12 in Ok Falls: 12 parents to start; now at 6

Desert Sun: Roxie - tabled

Library: Vicky

- Family Literacy Day event happening on Wed Jan 27 – fun time for families
- Preschool Storytime – on schedule; Vicky provided hand outs
- There will be lots of changes in the summer reading program due to funding cuts/ Rec & Read program through the schools has impacted enrollment at the library; lots of preschools in Oliver also effect attendance
- Possibly may organize a program for 5-11 year olds for the summer
- The library is providing pamphlets from the libraries' partnership the People's Law Society – topics are rights as parents, child custody, caring for your child, separation, child support and they're in English, Punjabi and Spanish. Very popular with the community.

Public Health: Barbara-Joy

- Nobody's Perfect is scheduled for May – funding to provide manuals must be paid in advance; PH will circulate posters closer to start date; criteria for attendance is low income, isolated, young, single, lower education – parent needs to meet only one criteria to attend

StrongStart: Dana - tabled

Old Business:

- a) **OFTI** transportation status – Laurene: no new long distance medical, car seat needs have slowed a bit

Mother Goose - note from Theresa indicates 12 parents(4 dads, 2 grandmothers) at OIB still going strong; a second proposal for this was cancelled because OIB had enough funds to run it. Evening with Mother Goose under the first proposal will be running this spring.

- b) **Family Fair with Heart** on Feb 27: budget & proposal for SB6 funds up to \$1,950 has been approved by the committee; goes to Steering Committee for final approval on Tues
 - Funding for booster and car seats provided by Johnson Meier (total cost) and Echlin insurance (\$100 for 3 way car seat) for draws**Action:** Laurene will pick up one of each at Walmart; Pat will refund
- c) **HUB:** Mike Safek at OES will be speaking to his teachers about the possibility
Action: Pat has yet to follow up
- d) **Books for Babies:** PH has 49 left to distribute to new babies, Kiwanis is keen to support again; Vicky indicates that the Women Of Oliver For Women Society (WOW), who as the Soroptomists used to do B4B before 2001, would be interested in supporting as well.

New Business:

National Day of the Child/Sat Nov20/10 – is there anything we would like to set up for this date? Idea for reflection.

Planning: suggestion from Vicky - have a presentation at the last Mother Goose session in hopes of encouraging parents to be part of CFK

Early Development Instrument (EDI): update - because the required number of students (35) were not available in the OES or TEN catchments, there are no statistics available for 08/09; Jim Insley had inquired of the EDI staff if it might be possible to amalgamate the numbers but they would prefer to keep them separate because of the make up of the areas: TEN has a large First Nations number and OES has a large number of Indo Cdn Ks. Because the EDI will be completed every year now, next year's input will bring the numbers up to those required to give us EDI results

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