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Oliver Table

Minutes

Monday, December 4, 2006

6:00pm

School Board Office- Oliver, BC

Attending: Jim Insley, Pat Buckland, Alan Helm, Andrea White, Aneta Garlinski, Hope Miller

Approval of November 2006's Minutes- no changes.

Family Centre Committee's report- Alan- Recent meeting cancelled- nothing to report

Community Facilitator's report: (See written report)

OLD BUSINESS:

Success by 6 Funding for Oliver (Pat)- At present, no applications have been made for funding. Other communities are putting forward applications- Nothing for Oliver. Alan Helm (Boys and Girls Clubs) inquired about applying for funds to address the ongoing transportation problem for low income families. Pat will forward this info to Alan to look at. Aneta noted that she would be willing to assist in writing the proposal.

Oliver CFK website (Pat)- A website has been created for CFK/ SX6. There are lots of links to different event and services. SX6 plans to launch this in January. Pat showed a copy of what it will look like. Positive feedback from the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update of Oliver Family Directory (PAT)- Table decided we would look at it in January.

Needles in the Park (Aneta)- Aneta spoke about funding that has been made available through Interior Health for a nurse to work on needle safety/ needle disposal. This is at the info gathering stages right now and they are looking at how different programs operate. Aneta will give updates as they come available.

Parenting Wisely Course (Alan)- The Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs is offering another PW course for parents. There will be two courses, one for parents with 3-8 year olds, and another for parents with 9-15 year olds. They will begin late in February and will run for 6 weeks. Ads will be run in the paper as well as circulated to support agencies. As well, there is a PW facilitator training event in January for those interested in facilitating the group. Contact Alan for more details.

Early Learning Centre (Jim)- Jim shared that the School District (53) is in the process of putting together an Early Learning Centre in two schools (Cawston and OK Falls). It will include an Early Childhood Educator on site to teach, assist and support parents in many different aspects of childhood development and school readiness. Jim will update as it unfolds.

Andrea's Resignation (Andrea)- Andrea is resigning from being the Chair of this committee due to time constraints. She intends to continue to be a committee member, however not as the Chairperson. Thanks for you time and efforts Andrea!
Aneta has agreed to take on this role for this committee. Thanks Aneta!

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 8th at 6:00pm (School Board Office)



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MINUTES

Monday Nov 6, 2006

6pm at School Board office

Attending: Jim Insley, Al Helm, Marji Basso, Hope Miller, Pat Buckland

Regrets: Aneta Garlinsky

Guest: Patricia Gregory of UEY

Approval of Minutes

Family Centre Committee's report: Al Helm – meeting on Oct 26; Aneta Garlinski, Al Helm, Roxie Van Aller of Desert Sun, Pat Buckland attended to discuss possible options;

Next meeting scheduled for Monday Dec 4 at 3pm at Boys & Girls Club

- discussion re possible space in Oliver

Standing item: “Facilitate communities ongoing gathering of data related to barriers/issues/needs/gaps” as part of CF’s workplan – on hold

New Business:

Asset Mapping: Patricia Gregory

- extensive website maps of community with flags denoting the location of assets in Oliver
- assets vary according to services for children ages 0-6 and their parents
- feedback on long list of assets/discussion of what CFK Table felt should be included and updates on existing information.

Next Meeting Date: Dec 4/06 at **6pm** at School Board office (please note change of time!)



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MINUTES

Monday Oct 16, 2006

6pm at Oliver School Board office

Attending: Jim Insley, Aneta Garlinsky, Hope Miller, Pat Buckland

Regrets: Al Helm, Andrea White, Marji Basso

Approval of Minutes

Agenda Additions:

Family Centre Committee's report: planned meeting to discuss

Community Facilitator's Report: distributed/clarification on

- Literacy Now funding if we apply must cover "cradle to grave" so CFK will partner with Okanagan College who will look at adult interests. This covers parents from CFK's perspective.
- Festival of the Tomato – lots of children; CFK Kids section – lots of crafts; Shelly Covert wants to meet earlier next year to plan for this area; Jen Jensen did excellent job of coordinating the section. Congrats, Jen, on a great job coordinating the afternoon!
- Festival of the Grape: no CFK presence this year; OK Boys and Girls had tug-of-war and van.

Old Business:

Family Resource Center: preliminary meeting planned to discuss options - date for Oct 26 at 3pm at Boys & Girls Club; Aneta Garlinski, Al Helm, Marji Basso, Desert Sun invited to attend. Committee will look at funding options that could be accessed.

Webpage: CFK Region is in process of developing a regional website and each Community Table will have its own webpage

- suggestions received from Table for inclusions in our CFK Oliver Table webpage; Table notified on what sections would be part of all Tables' webpages
- Miles Derksen is contracted to organize regional website
- community links, mapping database, meeting info, archives, goals/projects; table member contact info, parenting info, bulletin board

Success by 6 funding for Oliver – applications for Jan deadline:

- Family Resource Centre planning may look at this opportunity; suggestions to Recreation to use for programming/equipment for 0-6

Standing item: “Facilitate communities ongoing gathering of data related to barriers/issues/needs/gaps” as part of CF’s workplan – Table agreed this should be on-going item at meetings; anyone can bring issues to the Table each month

New Business: Oliver Family Directory – Aneta suggested we update after Patricia Gregory’s visit to the Oliver Table to add anything relevant from the Asset Mapping list. Updates to be considered for January – could each Table member take a page to update? Maybe revamp the layout?

Additions:

Public Health clinic: note of flu shot clinics

- for people working with children coming up
- for children up to 23 months: Nov 16 from 2-7pm – by appointment; and Wed Dec 14 for booster + will be 9-4pm by appointment
- at November craft fair between 10 and 2pm

Reminder about Clyde Hertzman’s **HELP workshop** at Osoyoos Sonora Centre on Nov 2

UEY: Patricia Gregory is invited to November 6 Table meeting to present asset mapping for Oliver

Recreation: Table would like to ask Bob Grant from Recreation to be our guest; Pat to ask Bob

Membership: reminder to have more active participatory Community Table meetings – invite others to attend our next meeting.

Ready Set Learn: discussion from last year on holding a Ready Set Learn (early literacy initiatives for 3 year olds) at the Sikh Temple. Pat to check on possibility.

Mother Goose: reinitiate possibility of a Mother Goose program at Temple

Next Meeting Date: Nov 6/06 at 6pm at School Board office (please note change of time!)



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Communities for Kids
Monday, Sept., 11, 2006
7 pm; School Board Office

Present: Jim Insley, Alan Helm, Jen Jensen, Andrea White, Aneta Garlinski, Hope Miller
Regrets: Pat Buckland, Marji Basso
Minutes from July 17, 2006 were approved.

Old Business:

Early Childhood Development Strategy:

-Deferred in Pat's absence.

Volunteer hours:

- Festival of tomatoes-Pat/Jen worked 9 hours
- 7 hours for meeting
- 12 hours total for communications
- Jim puts in at least 20 hours

Teddy Bears' Picnic:

-Andrea has not had time to organize for the fall; plans are to be made for spring of 2007

Healthy Communities Initiative/Saturday's market:

- Pat had attended farmer's market over the summer
- Update deferred in Pat's absence

Family Centers:

- UBCM funding available; Alan and Marji looking into this funding
- Senora Center has been proposed as a possible site but barriers exist in moving forward with this site
- Jim felt that rooms would be available in schools that could be booked by community partners; This has been done in the Boundary and has worked well there
- In-kameep could also be a possible site
- Sub-committee will be formed to f/u regarding family centers-Alan will organize the meeting

Facilitate communities ongoing gathers of data r/t barriers/issues/needs/gaps-- -
deferred in Pat's absence

Success by 6 funding for Oliver:

-up to \$35000 available to worthy projects; sub-committee will form to f/u this funding for family centers

Parenting Wisely:

-Alan reminded committee that classes are coming up; Oct 12-Nov.16 is for parents with children 3-8 years; Oct. 10-Nov 14 is for parents with teens.

Ready Set Learn:

Jim advised that this will happen again this year; Nov-Feb.

Next meeting date: Oct. 16, 2006 @ **6 p.m.**

NO AUGUST MEETING



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Minutes

Monday, July 17, 2006

School Board Office- Picnic Area

Attending: Pat Buckland, Alan Helm, Marji Basso, Andrea White, Jen Jensen, Aneta Garlinski

Introductions of those present

Approval of April's Minutes

Community Facilitator's report: (See written report)

OLD BUSINESS:

Early Childhood Development Strategy for Oliver (PAT)

Pat had suggested at a team meeting that they condense the six goals to four, put them on one chart and look at doing one activity per goal. Committee felt this was a good idea.

Teddy Bear Picnic (ANDREA)

Andrea reviewed the concept of the TBP (See previous minutes). Given that there is no Family Fair this year, efforts will be made to put one on in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Success by Six funding for Oliver (PAT)

SX6 has had two requests for the forms, Deb Varner from Parks and Rec, and Sheila Toth with the Alliance Church.

Family Centre (ANETA)- Aneta inquired about Family Centres in BC. She spoke about the concept of Family Centre in Ontario where she recently moved from. Marji Basso added that a Youth Centre would be a great compliment to a Family Centre. Alan noted that he would speak with OBGC area director to see if OBGC would be interested in spearheading this type of program.

Adopt a highway (PAT) Promoting CFK. Opportunity for CFK to "adopt" a piece of the highway that would promote CFK. This would require the committee or volunteers to clean this stretch of highway 2 times per year. Committee believes this is a good idea.

Farmers Market (PAT) Healthy communities market (new name) has invited CFK to attend each Saturday market during the summer to promote CFK. Pat will attend a Saturday to determine if this is a good venue to do so.

Gift Donations from Peoples Drug Store (PAT) –A left over prize from the Family Fair. Basket full of baby things was unclaimed at the fair. The Decision was made by committee to give to Aneta at Public Health to give out at the health unit clinic via draw.

Attendance at UBCM in Ocother (PAT)- Pat thought Marji could express appreciation from CFK for support so for. Marji is not going to do this as her agenda does not allow for this.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 18, 2006 at 7:00pm

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED

MAY MEETING CANCELLED



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Minutes
Monday, April 3, 2006
School Board Office

Attending: Pat Buckland, Alan Helm, Jim Insley, Kelly Moog, Patricia Gregory, Marji Basso, Blair Lischeron, Andrea White, Chris McKay

Approval of Agenda
Introductions of those present
Coordinator's report: (See written report)

NEW BUSINESS:

Success by Six- Blair gave an overview of the Success by Six program and how it originated. CFK has amalgamated with SX6 due to funding related issues and to strengthen the two committees. Given the committee was successful in assisting getting the UEY to the region, \$100,000 has been allocated for project and initiative to the region. This means that there is an opportunity for funding for projects that the CFK may want to encourage service groups to get involved in. Patricia Gregory spoke about how UEY could assist in giving info on what would be useful projects to address the EDI issues. Marji Basso suggested that some alignment with Smart Growth on the ground could be useful to avoid overlap.

UEY- Patricia Gregory passed out info sheets about what is happening with UEY. There is a call for bids to develop a SX6 website.

Directory- Pat- Tin Horn Creek Winery gave \$500 to go towards the directory development. We have about half left and Pat wanted to know if we should use the money to cover costs of the Family Fair. Committee agreed to this idea.

Easter Egg Hunt- Pat- The Rec centre is doing an Easter egg hunt this year. Anyone wanting to help out, talk with Pat.

HUB- Pat-Joanne Schroeder of CFK is looking for a list of activities/ events for 0-6 in the community that relate to child care centre. Pat will email around info relating to this.

Teddy Bear Picnic- Andrea- Andrea is still looking to put one of these events on. Tracy Palmer had given info for variations of what could be done. Looking at a fall date to run it. Andrea is not sure where it would be located. Andrea to follow up on this.

Volunteer Hours- Pat- A sheet was given out to CFK table members to track volunteer hours for CFK purposes to go towards a total of 'in kind' donations to use as a funding argument.

Safe Kid Week- Pat- Will be held in May- 10 years of celebrations.

Ready Set Learn at the Temple- Pat- We have missed the opportune time to hold this for this season. Will look to do it again in the future.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 1st, 2006