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1. **In Attendance:** Erin Shields, Hester Brunner, Sarah Gattinger, Pat Buckland
Introductions: Karen Brough, Infant Development Program – Karen hopes to attend every third month (she will also attend Oliver and Ok Falls meetings; she is situated in Penticton)

Guest: Phil Johnson, Homelessness Committee

2. **Approval of October minutes** – approved.
3. **Community Facilitators Report.**

Guest Speaker: Phil Johnson on Homelessness in Osoyoos

- a. Homelessness survey: 44 people from Ok Falls to Osoyoos who were homeless or at risk; March and April, over 14 years old; 31 males, 13 females, common-law 9, average age 30s
- b. looked at “absolute” which was family without housing or temporary accommodation and “relative” which was not basic standards ie. Sanitation. A third one, “perilous” housing had its own group.
- c. Not a lot of young families in survey, although Phil notices a lot of young families coming to food bank; all appeared to be housed alright; drug issues more than anything
- d. Smoking; low income; pets created difficulties when they’re looking for housing
- e. Lack of knowledge about housing issues; can’t afford damage deposit often or rent – where to find info re: resources
- f. red tape to access info re: housing is a problem

Old Business:

Success By 6 funding proposal for Feb/07 –

Sarah working on playground equipment proposal- a budget is needed for final proposal

- ACTION:** 1. Sarah will check for costs with Gerald; will ask for his advice re type of equipment to install for 0-6 ;
2. Table members to check with Parent and Tot and CAPC re ideas for sort of equipment they would prefer for their children by Jan 9.

Recreation courses for 0-6: going very well; good attendance.

- low income families accessing programs – Sarah has funds for families to access programs. So far no limit per family but maybe one per child. In the New Year, Recreation may initiate Leisure Access Program.

Mother Goose: Hester and Marisa ran 6 week session at Sonora CC. Hester felt it wasn't long enough. Attendance up from 8 to 13 children. Hoping to run a MG in Oliver possibly with April MacNaughton, nurse at Osoyoos Indian Band.

New Business:

"**You Make the Difference**", a Hanen Program, will be offered in Penticton (joint venture with IDP & Interior Health Authority (Elizabeth Bell & Loretta vanHarlaam). Loretta and Hester are also considering offering this course in Sept 07 in Oliver/Osoyoos.

Webpage for Osoyoos:

- g. lots of links on www.osoyooschildcare.com website that CFK can access
- h. Celebrating Successes: Books for Babies, Next Step, playground equipment, parent conference, library programs
- i. Most day care families don't have computers so suggestion is to keep hard copy directories available to families.
- j. Learning Centre link for parents plus preschool, Ready Set Learn (anything at school for 5 & 6)
- k. Immunizations – link to Public Health – plus dental/speech and language

Roots of Empathy:

- l. successful in the Elementary school – 2 classes of K and Gr 1 participating

Next Meeting: Jan 22/07



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4. **In Attendance:** Erin Shields, Alicia Osland, Debra Hupp, Isobel Hart, Tanya Sanders, Pat Buckland
5. **Approval of October minutes** – approved.
6. **Community Facilitators Report.**

Old Business:

Success By 6 funding proposal for Feb/07 – Sarah working on playground equipment proposal. Proposal for next meeting. Table suggests promotion of bringing in young families – need to have resources in place for people coming in, to attract more families.

Let's Celebrate Again – Parent Conference Nov4 in Penticton: excellent turnout and evaluation (see attached), 52 attending (2 CAPC parents from Osoyoos and Paddy Pearson); lots of dads, grandfather. Team is looking at holding it outside Penticton next year, possibly Osoyoos. The church the conference was held in was not all that comfortable for such a large number.

New Business

Patricia Gregory of Understanding Early Years requested input on Osoyoos assets:

Asset Mapping for Osoyoos:

- Patricia presented the list of assets in Osoyoos, based on a generic template
- Patricia will delete the list items that do not apply in that community.

Kiwanis' **Share the Spirit** – Isobel suggests folk adopt a family for Christmas gifts as Kiwanis does in Oliver for families.

Next Meeting: Dec18/06



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Communities for Kids – Osoyoos Table Meeting October 3, 2006

7. **In Attendance:** Erin Shields, Cheryl Smith, Paddy Pearson, Pat Buckland, Hester Brunner
8. **Approval of July minutes** – approved.
9. **Community Facilitators Report.**
10. **Success By 6 funding proposal for Feb07** – Sarah working on playground equipment proposal.
 - Town of Osoyoos has approved in principal.
 - ACTION** – proposal needs to be completed (Sarah & Pat to complete application form & will send out to table members for input).
 - Leah Schulting wrote letter of support.
 - Erin shared Blair's recommendation to complete proposals for this funding \$.
 - CSA certified installers from company supplying equipment needs to install it/need to obtain letter of compliance.
5. **ECD/SX6** – Research into Family Centre Development.
 - Tanya has researched in Boundary, etc.
 - TABLED
 - Pat noted CFK is also looking at this in a regional way.
6. **Child Rep on Town Council**

Pat will send out letter to our table members for review (edited by Blair). Regionally will try to have C & Y portfolio recognized at town councils. Osoyoos CFK table will be requesting a town council member come to table meetings.
7. **Standing Item**

“Facilitate communities ongoing gathering of data related to barriers/issues/needs/gaps” –

 - Agreed we will review this issue at each meeting

Ex. low income housing : Pastor Phil taking lead in this committee. Tanya also participates. Pat will invite Phil to discuss this issue at our December meeting.
8. **New Business**

Patricia Gregory (SX6) will come to November 20 meeting 7:00 p.m. for ½ hour discussion re: Osoyoos assets. Pat will get relevant information out to community members prior to meeting.

Discussion of the difficulties that low-income families have re accessing programs, such as those at Sonora Centre.

ACTION: Hester will ask Sarah and/or Gerald to address this issue. Did Sarah attend workshop in Penticton (“everybody deserves to play” workshop)?

9. **UBCM Funding** – Municipal funding, time frame over. Required partnering with Town; efforts on Tanya’s part to contact Mayor Slater.
10. **Community Funding** (\$1 – 3,000.00) – Proposal due October 18.
Erin considering proposal for new trikes/helmets for Osoyoos Child Care Centre.
ACTION: Pat will re-e-mail attachment to Erin & Paddy.
11. **CFK Website** – Miles Derksen hired by contract to develop website. We brainstormed some items we felt would be good to have on the Osoyoos Table’s link:
 - Contact information
 - Meeting time & place
 - Grant information
 - Accomplishments
 - Short term goals/current issues, list guest speakers
 - Photo contest monthly (ie: prize pre-published as in centre, followed by photo newspaper article).
 - EDI/help workshop – Nov 2
12. **EDI/HELP workshop** – November 2th at Sonora Centre. All interested are encouraged to attend.
13. **Meeting times** – possibly 3rd Monday evening?
ACTION: Pat will poll and confirm.
14. **Mass Registration at SCC** – Erin present for CFK on Sept 20. Noted it was good to have a presence. Blair had provided lots of information. Thanks to Erin for manning booth!
15. **Official Community Plan** – Pat phoned Alain re: OCP and he is currently working on it.
16. **Family Needs Survey** –
ACTION: Pat will complete with CFK input and return to Sonora Centre.

Next Meeting: depends on Pt 13 and poll.

NO SEPTEMBER MEETING: PB in South Africa/ table decided not to meet.
No August Meeting planned



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Communities for Kids - Osoyoos Table Meeting July 5, 2006

In Attendance: Erin Shields, Pat Buckland, Sarah Gattinger, Deb Hupp, Alicia Oslund, Tanya Sanders (minutes)

Regrets: Isobel Hart

1. **Introductions** – everyone knows everyone
2. **Approval of Minutes** – completed
3. **Agenda Additions** – no additions to the agenda
4. **Community Facilitators Report** – received, Pat highlighted EDI Presentation coming up in Osoyoos Nov 2., Parenting Conference “Let’s Celebrate” planned for November – how can we get more parents out? and Communication Workshop-work continues on items from that day.
5. **Discussion** on getting parents out to the parenting conference – there will be funding for transportation and childcare costs. Perhaps we could look into using Rec Centre bus and applying for money to cover the cost of the gas for the trip.
To Do: Sarah will look into the cost of gas for return trip to Penticton
6. **SX6 Funding Opportunity** – came out on email, Sarah is looking at submitting a proposal in partnership with the table to purchase age appropriate (0-6) playground equipment for Osoyoos parks. Will shoot for August deadline, Letters of Support
To Do: Alicia will approach CAPC, Hester will approach some families. Sarah will look into possible matching dollars from Elks
 - Other ideas for proposals – You Make the Difference Training Program and then offering the program here, would need to find a person who would be willing to take the training and then commit to offering the program. Hester will be taking the training in Sept. Car Seats-do we want to apply for \$’s to fund having some seats available to give to families in need. Change tables in park bathrooms-concerns re: the tables getting vandalized and removed. Result of discussion – pursue proposal for playground equipment and encourage others to come up with ideas and submit proposals as well if they can tie in with the table.

7. **Fall Programs** – Hester will be offer “Mother Goose” type program in the fall at Sonora Centre and will be offering an adult Sign Language (for conversation and use with children). The Fall Rec Program will be coming out in Sept – watch for more details and programs there
8. **Family Centre Development** – Pat and Tanya shared materials on Family Centres and funding from BC Family Resource Programs, Boundary, Ontario and recent report from Child and Youth Officer. Pat has developed a questionnaire to solicit feedback from parents on what they would like to see at a Family Centre in Osoyoos. To Do: Pat will email out a draft for input, please review and send her comments.
9. **Youth Representative on Town Council** – Pat and Tanya have been working on a draft letter, Pat will make revisions and send it out for feedback to the table
10. **Literacy Now** – 2010 Legacy \$’s, CFK has submitted a regional Expression of Interest for the funding for literacy programs. Part of the \$’s will fund researchers to identify community needs and interests and then secondary funding provides the \$’s to address the wish lists of communities
11. **Parenting with Purpose** – Kelly Moog is training to facilitate the program and is able to provide it to communities on an outreach basis, if we are interested in having it here we have to contact Kelly
12. **Child and Youth Committee** meeting will be held at the Osoyoos Council Chambers tomorrow, Wed July 5th at 9:00am
13. Goals for Communities for Kids Osoyoos – we will review in fall

Next Meeting Tuesday Sept 5th 7:00pm

NO AUGUST MEETING.



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Promoting optimum health and development of children from conception to age six in the South Okanagan and Similkameen

Tuesday, June 6, 2006
7:00 pm at Public Health

Present: Pat Buckland (Facilitator), Isobel Hart, Tanya Sanders, Hester Brunner, Sarah Gatteringer, Erin Shields.

Additions to Agenda: Roots of Empathy and National Family Week by Tanya, Literacy Now by Pat.

Approval of minutes and Community Facilitator's Report: by consensus.

Agenda

Old Business:

- **Family Resource Centre** – Tanya has contacted the boundary group and is waiting back on information from them. She also found "Family Resource Programs of BC" (website: www.frpofbc.ca). Tanya will contact FRPofBC for more info on programs, funding, budget, etc. Pat will get more info on proposal from Princeton. Pat will look up survey formats, then we will draw up a survey on FRC (would parents use it, what would they like to see there, etc). Erin, Tanya and Sarah will distribute surveys at OCCC, PH and Moms and Tots when they are complete.

Needed is a dedicated space:

Possibilities: room at Sonora centre? Partnering up with school and using a classroom/outreach room? Cactus Centre? Library site down town? House and/or land donated by town?

Isobel mentioned that approaching Osoyoos Now to help sell the idea of a FRC (and the possibility of the library site) might be a good plan.

Power Point Presentation to town council, possibly in September. Meanwhile, all agreed that more research is needed.

- **Park/Playground Equipment-** Hester will take photos of appropriate equipment for the 0 – 3 age group. When grant available, Sara will fill out form. We would like to make a proposal to council regarding this issue.

We also discussed approaching council about pocket parks – Haynes Point area and Golf Course area. More green spaces needed!

New Business:

- **Speakers at Table Meetings-** tabled until next meeting.
- **Youth Representative on Town Council-** As a table, we will write a letter to council regarding the idea of a youth representative. No date specified.
- **CYC Meetings-** Pat will call Mayor of Oliver regarding CYC meetings and alternating with Osoyoos.
- **Roots of Empathy-** Lisa Macall is organizing Roots of Empathy to start in this school district in October. Ministry of Children and Family Development will fund training of facilitators of this program. They are looking for: 1) families with babies that will be 2 – 4 months old in October, and people wanting to train to be facilitators (position is volunteer). Tanya has applications (deadline June 15th). Tanya will contact the following people to see if interested or know anyone who is: Leigh from Kiwanis, Leah Schulting, Ted Crommiller, Kelly-Anne Matthews, Lil Rusch. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact Tanya.
- **National Family Week-** In October. Theme this year: Nourishing Your Family Tree. Sarah and Tanya will pair up and come up with some ideas for that week.
- **Literacy Now-** Think about what you'd like to see for family literacy in Osoyoos relating to Literacy Now funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 4th, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Public Health.

Minutes prepared by Erin Shields.



Vision

Optimum health and development of children from conception to age 6
in the South Okanagan and Similkameen

Tuesday May 2 2006 - 7:00 pm
AT THE OSOYOOS CHILD CARE CENTRE

Present: Debra Hupp, Erin Shields, Hester Brunner, Tanya Sanders, Isobel Hart, Pat Buckland

Approval of Minutes and Community Facilitator's Report: by consensus.

Agenda: Early Childhood Development Strategy

Goals brainstormed: "Ideas"

- Family Resource Center: playground, activities, drop-ins, information, fund stuff, parenting programs, literacy programs, book exchange, toy ending library
- Inclusiveness of ESL
- Better links with seniors and children
- Family literacy programs
- Improved communication between parents and service providers
- Bus system
- Parks in neighbourhoods with equipment for children 0-6
- Quality child care
- Busy active kids – places to be active
- Swimming pool

Table noted EDI stats show needs in areas of "physical health and well-being" and "communications and general knowledge"

Table decided to research the "how"s of organizing a family resource center for a long term goal; looking into providing an age appropriate piece of equipment for children's section of local park

ACTION: Tanya to check on Kootenay Boundaries efforts for family resource centers.

Pat to check with Barb Stewart in Keremeos on how they set up.

Debra will check properties around Osoyoos for status:who owns, availability

Additions:

1. Child Care Code Blue Petition: Isobel to take to Kiwanis for signatures then will pass along to OCCC for the total 25 signatures needed to pass to Alex Atamanenko NDP MP for Osoyoos to read in Parliament.

Next meeting: June 6/06 7pm Public Health





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COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS **MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday April 4TH 2006 - 7:00 pm
AT THE OSOYOOS CHILD CARE CENTRE

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:05 by Pat Buckland (Chair).
2. **Present:** Pat Buckland, Debra Hupp, Hester Brunner, Alicia Osland, Tanya Sanders, Sarah and Isabelle.
3. **Approval of Minutes and Community Facilitator's Report:** by consensus.
4. **Understanding the Early Years - by Patricia Gregory**
(Sept. 2008 Project complete)
 - Handout provided
 - Steering Committee applied for money
 - Research arm of CFK
 - Kindergarten teachers filled out EDI forms (development in all areas) (500)
 - Info goes to UBC through HELP
 - Info will create maps for 2006
 - Parents will be approached to participate in further study (info re: parents background) Oct. – Nov. 2006
 - Communities will provide info re: community assets to be mapped.
(results will provide research info to support grant application, picture of community strengths and areas of needs and/or gaps.)
 - BC Atlas of Child Development is available on-line, maps LBW, SES, Aborg. on top of EDI mapping.
5. **Mother Goose:**
No update
6. **Osoyoos Official Community Plan:**

OCP draft letter sent by Blair as template across tables in province. Kudos to us!

7. Car Seat Safety:

- Kiwanis paid tuition and gas money for Jennifer to take Car Seat Safety Tech training in Westbank. Training done by St. John's.

8. Blair Lischeron: Success by 6

- Initiative started by United Way to engage non-traditional partners to contribute to ECD to pull and motivate them to support ECD in their community.
- 2003 partnership - Credit Unions, Government and United Ways initiative called Success by 6. First 2 years 10 million in strategic implementation funds. Another fund for capacity development is in community.
- There are 17 to 19 programs, 150 plus communities with Success by 6 covering full geographic region of the province.
- Success by 6 established as joint initiative between Central and South Okanagan in our area.
- Capacity building – helping community develop plans, create strategies, and provide information to fund raise
- First 19 months didn't realize the results. CFK approached United Way to create partnership to amalgamate the two initiatives into one.
- \$100,000 allocated to Success by 6 for capacity building to support ECD projects and initiatives.

Proposal accepted and approved for matching funds.

Next Step:

- Steering Committee has to determine process for allocating the money for initiatives.
- Criteria for applying for funds will be coming to communities by the end of April.
- Steering Committee wants to encourage fundraising towards initiatives – direct dollars or in-kind donations.
- April 7 to May 10 – Success by 6 Campaign (public awareness and fundraising) i.e. posters, pamphlets at Credit Unions (Interior Savings & Valley First)
- Project likely to continue for next 2 to 4 years
- Website: regional and each community will have their own page.
- Steering Committee wants to establish open-door policy. Blair will bring message to Success by 6 that we're interested in stronger connecting. Minutes can be shared by Pat.

9. Family Fair

- 8 people with displays. Info from Desert Sun and IH program table displays.
- GOAL (Girls 10 – 13 outdoor adventure leadership will volunteer to look after children)
- Pat till ask Margie Matthews (Oliver Wine Festival) for fishing activity center.
- Kelly Ann will do a craft
- Alicia will take care of posters to CAPC

10. Family Drop in Centre

- Pat is trying to connect with Gerald

11. Next mtg. Early Childhood Development Strategy

12. Table Member's Hours

- Pat requested to estimate volunteer hours service from May 2005
- Pat will email Carol to obtain her hour data.

13. Code Blue for Child Care

- Deb provided letter from Jack Layton in response to her letter re: National Child Care Code Blue
- Deb to forward email to

14. Nobody's Perfect

- Tanya is starting in May to try to connect with Sonora Centre to obtain space.
- Looking for child minding for Tuesdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm. (lunch provided)

15. Osoyoos Spray Park

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 2nd at 7:00pm
Public Health