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

**Communities for Kids Table
Minutes**

Monday January 18, 2010 at Sonora Community Centre

Attendance: Sarah Gattering, Brittny Vieira, Hester Brunner, Pat Buckland

Regrets: Erin Shields, Starla Braithwaite

Approval of Minutes: passed

Action items: Sarah will contact Janet after Olympics re gymnastics

Signage: Pat's connected with Gerald re apt to discuss – March at earliest

Funding and telus info forwarded to Erin

Community Facilitator's Report: noted

Balance of Funds: Balance Dec 30'09 \$35.89

Expenses: Santa's Workshop CFK supplies \$32.10

Balance: Jan18'10 3.79

Members Reports:

StrongStart: Starla - tabled; please remind everyone of the Feb 18 Ready Set Learn party.

Infant Development: Karen – tabled

Osoyoos Child Care Centre: Erin - tabled

Public Health: Brittny

- PH offices will be moving to the old Sage Brush Lodge at 89th – lots of rooms for sessions
- Verla Strawn, new health nurse, is starting in March
- Prenatal series running with 5 couples

Speech: Hester

- large case load with high needs
- plans to host Osoyoos Mother Goose in the fall
- UBC Speech-Language Pathology student will be working out of Oliver PH in May

Recreation: Sarah

- still looking for volunteers for the Olympics
- from 12 to 2:30 most days the gym at SCC is very quiet – would anyone be interesting in utilizing for occupational therapy sessions?
- Nutrition and ADD session will be held on March 16
- Soccer nuts for 3 to 5 year olds: 12 registered and 6 on the waiting list.
- Shooting stars: new program for 3-5: 6 registered; multiple sports that kids can try out

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- Cooking classes for 6 yrs +: only take 6 at a time and are booked
- Parent and Tots still going – numbers have increased over the last couple of months; discussion on value of gross motor skills opportunity at this program and how to encourage parents to recognize that

Old Business:

Parenting Sessions: Hester/Sarah: final report requested by SB6/CFK – decision not to try to reschedule;

Signage: appointment with Gerald to be set up in March.

CFK Plan Objective: table til more members attending

Success by 6 funding: projects possible: discussion regarding equipment for Parent & Tot foam blocks for gymnastic and balancing beam

Action: Sarah will check costs of blocks; Pat will forward balance beam info to Sarah

Parent Committee: tabled

Invitations to prospective Table members:

- Sample letter sent; persons to contact are Kathy Burton regarding Friends of the Library; Lisa McCall re StrongStart committee. Amanda represents the parent committee for the Osoyoos Child Care Centre.

Love of Reading Booklet for B4B kits:

- Saskatchewan Literacy Network is not allowing us to adapt their booklet to our needs as they'd done in the past; possibility that Literacy Now may look at producing

New Business:

National Day of the Child – Sat Nov20/10: thoughts on celebrating this; everyone will consider

Early Development Instrument: newest information for 2008/2009

- 39 Kindergartens' EDI completed for Osoyoos
- Improved vulnerability from the wave 2 results: moved up from 37.3% vulnerable to 17.9% vulnerable – still in highest percentile as possible results of changes in social policy such as cutbacks in child care, programming, etc.; once the EDI has several waves under its belt the results may show less of this extreme fluctuation
- Communications skills was the only domain in the “red” for Osoyoos at 15.4% vulnerable compared to the previous 24.1%.
- Vulnerability in the areas of Physical Health& WellBeing, social competence, emotional maturity and language & cognitive skills have not increased markedly and are below the 15% that BC would like to see for the province.
- HELP in partnerships has produced a publication called “15 X 15” – the goal is to have only 15% of children vulnerable by 2015.

Next Meeting: Monday February 15 at 7 pm at Sonora Community Centre

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