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Communities for Kids Table

Monday February 15, 2010 at Sonora Community Centre

Attendance: Starla Braithwaite, Erin Shields, Brittny Vieira, Pat Buckland

Regrets: Alicia Osland

Approval of Minutes: passed

Action items: Pat forwarded balance beam info to Sarah

Community Facilitator's Report: noted

Balance of Funds: Jan18'10 \$3.79

Standing items: website updates – Starla will forward SS's May schedule and newsletter for the website.

Members Reports:

StrongStart: Starla -

- Ready Set Learn scheduled for Feb 18
- StrongStart conference in Kelowna on Mar 25/26 – SS will close
- Early Learning Team formed at Osoyoos Elementary for continuum of care for ages 0-6
- SS closed for spring break from Mar 5 to 21
- PALS program happening in April
- High numbers (4 Indo Cdn families) - expecting help from H.S. work experience student
- Family Literacy Day posters completed by SS families – any information on this?

Osoyoos Child Care Centre: Erin

- Working on infant-toddler program for Sept with qualified staffer; will renovate space once staff member is confirmed (1 staff member plus 4 children for this age for up to 12 children ages 0-3 possible with enough staff)

Public Health: Brittny

- Osoyoos families will be able to access Nobody's Perfect program starting in Oliver in May

Speech: Hester - tabled

Recreation: Sarah - tabled

Old Business:

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

CFK Plan Objective: revisited 09 list of objectives

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1. Car Seat Training: Pat will continue to monitor for next training opportunity
2. Santa's Family night : very successful; plans for 2010
3. Children's art show: successful hosted by Art Gallery from Feb 6 to 20 Tues to Sat 12 to 4pm - for all ages from OCCC to high school age artists
4. Community bulletin board – tabled
5. School newsletter for CFK column – tabled
6. Presence in parades: CFK has an invitation for Apr 3 Easter parade – SS and OCCC will discuss with their respective groups
7. Community calendar in Times and on Cable: Pat to be more consistent with submissions.
8. Displays: at mass registration for recreation and Ready Set Learn – completed
9. New objective: new table members – see Old business Invitations

Success by 6 funding: reminder that funds are available

Parent Committee: Starla in process of developing email list

Invitations to prospective Table members: intent to have 2 new Table members by April; possibly have an “appie” evening on April 19th.

- Invitation will be extended to Maureen Potter (retired teacher); Elizabeth Ryder (assistant at preschool) and Lisa McCall by Starla
- Pat to check with Friends of the Osoyoos library re their participation in CFK

New Business:

National Day of the Child – Sat Nov20/10: sample of events noted

Early Development Instrument: newest information for 2008/2009

- Review of EDI for those who hadn't discussed in Jan meeting

Additions:

- 750 SB6 calendars OCU ordered were distributed to the Osoyoos Credit Union member
- Fundraising through BC Gaming:
- Could CFK hold a raffle? – rules re the # of tickets, cost/ticket and the purpose of the raffle; guidelines include a license B for existing programs. Would that support a CFK winter carnival event? Brief discussion of Oliver's Family Fair set up.

Action: Erin will have OCCC send info re Gaming to us

Pat will check with Team & Steering Committee re legitimacy for CFK

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

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