

Penticton Communities for Kids Table

Meeting Minutes

December 16th, 2009

Attending: Christine Schwarz (ECD Hub), Blair Lischeron (CFK), Christine Davidson (Interior Health, PHN), Marijean Day (I.H., PHN).

1. Member Updates

a) Christine Schwarz. 1) Seeking speaker for the planned May 2010 Rejuvenate event. Would like an upbeat energizing speaker on a "self-care" subject. May is Child Care appreciation month. 2) Presented information on a program in Gibsons called Spark (aka Ready for Kindergarten). Reported that Spark provides parents tools and ideas to "bring kids up to speed". It is provided 3 times a year for parents of children at 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years of age. 3) Dolly Parton Library. 1 book per month is given to a registered or participating child from birth to 5 yrs of age. Christine will get more information and report back in January.

b) Christine Davidson. 1) Prenatal webpage on CFK website. The webpage was reviewed, feedback was provided. Launch date is January 2010. The \$300 marketing budget will be used for business cards that advertise the webpage. A poster may also be developed, and letters will be sent to all doctors. Stickers advertising the site to be placed on Baby's Best Chance books may be developed. 2) Christine is talking with representatives from the Oooknakane Friendship Center, PDCRS and mom's in the community re; the development of a program for 1-3yr olds. This has grown out of a desire of moms at the Baby Talk program. It may be somewhat of an extension of Baby Talk, but not delivered by IH's PHN's. May include guest speakers. Subsequent to the meeting Blair received the following information in regard to this developing program, from Dawna Erland:

"The other really exciting development to share is **Toddler Time!** This program will be up and running on or before March 2010 for toddlers. We have already got a website: pentictontoddler.com— thanks to Tamora Davy, one of the talented Mom's in the group! The site is still in development, but does contain all the information about the program we're building. This free program is parent driven and will run in the Community as a collaboration between Parents and Interior Health, Oookankane Friendship Centre, Penticton and District Community Resources and the Boys and Girls Club. Join us January 15 for our next general meeting (see website for details)"

c) Marijean Day. 1) Work is returning to normal with the end of the H1N1 clinics. Program suspended by the clinics, including Baby Talk, Prenatal classes, Breastfeeding, Prenatal wellness, Positively Pregnant, and Nobody's Perfect are beginning again.

2. Olympic Torch Day in Penticton. Blair was contacted by Laura Carlton of RBC. She is organizing an event at the Penticton Recreation Center for elementary school children on the day the torch comes to Penticton (January 25, 2010). (It is unknown if the event is being sponsored by RBC or if Laura is doing this as a community member.) Vendors could set up a display table at the event. Children from

district schools are too be bused to the center to participate in activities appropriate for children 6yrs and under. Blair would like to set up a CFK display. Please contact Blair if you are interested in either manning CFK's display or for more information.

3. Resource Distribution. Blair distributed 26 CFK tote bags to Interior Health for distribution.
4. Next meeting: January 20th, 2010, 3 - 4:30pm, Queens Park Strong Start