

COMMUNITY FOR KIDS
SUMMERLAND COMMUNITY TABLE
MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

Time and Location: 7pm, Glenfir School, 7808 Pierre Drive.

Chair: Lisa Jaager **Secretary:** Gayle Nicholson

Attendance: Blair Lischeron, Lisa Jaager, Laurie Rockwell, Vicki Warner, Leah Spanier and Gayle Nicholson

1. Adoption of minutes without amendments.
2. Leah thanks Blair for info regarding ADHD meeting.
3. Blair reminds the table of the Let's Celebrate Parenting Workshop taking place Saturday November 4th. This event will take place at the Penticton Alliance Church and is open to the public.
4. Information was forwarded from Kathy Davidson regarding a Developmental Checkup for children 18-36 months old at Giant's Head Elementary School Friday November 3rd, 2006 from 9am to 3pm. This event is free. Call the school to register and make an appointment before October 30th, 2006
5. Blair reported that the Kiwanis presentation did not take place. A rescheduling may take place in November.
6. Blair reported on his presentation to the Lion's group in Oliver. Representatives from many different South Okanagan factions were present. Blair explained the mission of CFK and opened the door to partnership with the Lion's for future projects. Further feedback may be forthcoming.
7. Blair will attend the annual general meeting of the Osoyoos Childcare Association on Wednesday September 27, 2006.

****Blair will report his findings at our next meeting.**

8. Laurie reported on his research into the local Welcome Wagon. The Success by 6 pamphlet could be distributed or our resource directory once completed as long as it met criteria. This would be distributed to parents of newborns and to families just relocated to Summerland.
9. Discussion touched in the interest of the Welcome Wagon to include some kind of give away with information whether a magnet, balloon, book or otherwise.

****Brainstorm to come up with item to include with pamphlet/directory.**

****Find out what the actual births per year in Summerland are?**

10. Blair answered Lisa's question regarding purpose, Goals and vision of Summerland CFK table: for the communities children aged 0-6
 - to promote optimum health and wellness
 - to support the 5 areas of development (physical, emotional, social, language and general knowledge)
 - to follow the process of mapping the community, conduct gap analysis and to study vulnerabilities.
11. **The next application deadline is the end of February.** The Summerland and District Credit Union (contact: Herlinda Mills) seems very supportive and eager to assist a project.

12. Discussion regarding local playground standards and whether CFK could partner with group such as Kiwanis or the municipality to provide upgrades.
13. Discussion of EDI index and results specifically in regard to Summerland. This information can be interpreted in many ways.
14. CFK website will be launched in December. Discussion regarding including links to relevant sites (example: link to Okanagan Regional Library website) chat room and parent resource guide.

****Input ideas of website content should be emailed to Blair**

15. Gayle reported on ongoing informal inquiries as to what local parents see as needed in Summerland. Arts related projects (music, dance, art play) and group daycare seem to be the most cited answers. Gayle has touched base with 10 different art organizations looking for feedback in regards to future partnerships.

****Follow up possibility of partnering with the Summerland Arts Council**

16. Bringing new members to the table meetings to boost input, ideas and energy was discussed.

****The idea of business cards was again mentioned. These would allow table members to hand out contact info as they talk to people in the community.**

17. Vicki Warner announced that she would be providing parental workshops open to the community every two weeks at the Glenfir School starting Oct. 5th at 6:30pm. These events are free of cost, but parents should contact the school to register. The topics are focused on children ages 3-5. An informal potluck of appetizers would accompany.

18. Next meeting is Tuesday October 24, 2006 7pm at the Glenfir School.

****Our next meeting will focus on actual project ideas for the February application. Bring your ideas also for fundraising ideas to support your project ideas.**

19. Meeting adjourned.