

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS
STEERING COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010**

MINUTES

Present: Jim Insley, Christine Schwarz, Christine Davidson, Pat Buckland, Naomi Luddington, Blair Lischeron, Ted Hagmeier, Corinne Valteau, Tanya Behardien (until 1:00 pm), Deb Hardman (until 1:15 pm), Tracy St. Claire, Jen Anderson, Frances Monro, James MacNamara, Judy Sentes, Lynn Cook
Regrets: Susan Brown
Location: Penticton Chamber of Commerce

Jim Insley called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

1. Introduction of Guest

No guest

2. Additions to the Agenda

11a Enderby Children First Initiative

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION: T. Behardien/J. Anderson

That the minutes of the meeting held November 24, 2009 be accepted as distributed.
CARRIED.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence

5. Strategic Planning

a) Action Plan – Goal 2 – Report from the System of Care Subcommittee

The Subcommittee met to determine which activities should be completed by the CFK Team and which should be completed by a contractor. Susan has drafted a Schedule 'A' for the environmental scan and demographic profile portions of the work. The Subcommittee will be meeting to decide direction to be taken.

b) Goal 3 – Enhancing Family Connections

Discussion took place as to whether the intention of this goal is to create specific activities to support family connections. Many of the current activities indirectly support this goal. It was suggested that the question "How does your project support family connections?" be added to the SB6 Funding application, as well as calling for funding applications specific to this goal. Ongoing monitoring of this goal will take place.

6. Updates

a) Project Manager

No report

b) Community Team

Blair

- Supporting Princeton, Keremeos, Penticton and Summerland Tables. The Penticton Table is discussing ways to increase attendance to Table meetings.

- The SB6 funding MOU for the Community Garden in Princeton has been completed and signed and the funds dispersed.
- Requested an update from the Osoyoos Indian Band regarding the Park Revitalization Project two and a half weeks ago. No response to date. Jim Insley offered to assist with determining the status of the project.
- Will be meeting with the Ullus partners tomorrow. Final reports are due early February. Due to the unknown status of funding renewal, and although contrary to the MOU, Blair will not be asking for future proposals at this time.
- The Literacy Day Event was well attended. CFK had a display table and distributed many resources.
- Attended EDI training in Vancouver in November 2009 and conducted EDI training with teachers in School District 67 in January. Blair will be making an EDI presentation to Principals and Vice-Principals in School District 67 on Thursday.
- A team of Children First Coordinators will provide direction in the absence of a Provincial Coordinator.
- Will be attending the Early Years Conference in Victoria February 3 to 7
- Discussion took place at the Keremeos Table regarding the possibility of the Lower Similkameen Community Services Society (LSCCS) becoming the Keremeos Table, with a representative attending the Steering Committee meetings. Due to current staffing issues, and the mandate of the LSCCS, the Table decided not to proceed with this suggestion at this time.
- Pine Park – Members of the Keremeos Table are concerned with the impact material at Pine Park and requested direction from the Steering Committee as to whether involvement regarding replacement of the impact material should be by CFK Community Table, or individual community member. Discussion ensued regarding CFK re-involvement in the issue. With the exception of Frances Monro, it was agreed that CFK would not take further action. CFK stands by its previous position that the Village of Keremeos met the requirements which accompanied the funding CFK provided to support the installation of the playground. It was recommended that further involvement should take place as individual community members.

Pat

- CFK will have displays at the Ready Set Learn events in Oliver, Osoyoos and OK Falls
- The display at the Osoyoos Christmas Craft event went very well
- The Oliver Family Fair takes place on February 27. Pat will be making a presentation to the Rotary Club for funding.
- Attended EDI training and Children First Conference. Provided EDI training to kindergarten teachers in School District 53.
- The Mother Goose Program is doing well
- Oliver Family Transportation Initiative gas coupons are working well

Parenting Conference

The Committee is

- contacting potential key note speakers and workshop presenters
- working with Brenda Barber and Rob Zoppi to secure Queen's Park Elementary school as the venue. This will allow much needed child care possibilities.
- Hugh McClelland, of Laughing Yoga was suggested as a possible presenter.

7. SB6

a) Update

- Minister Polak has signed a request for continued SB6 funding. Because SB6 funding is considered grant funding, and a moratorium has been placed on grant funding, the Minister's request must be reviewed/approved by the Treasury Board. There is concern that SB6 funding will not be renewed.
- SB6 has requested that all Provincial Coordinators coordinate a letter writing campaign to the Premier, Minister of Finance and MLAs from municipal governments, agencies, etc. advocating for the renewal of SB6 funding, with copies of the letters being provided to the Union of BC Municipalities.
- The letter writing campaign is to take place this week
- Blair will provide draft letters
- Individual Steering Committee members may also wish to write letters

b) Strategic Implementation Applications

Applications reviewed by the Allocations Subcommittee

1) Oliver Table – Family Fair with Heart, \$1,950

The Subcommittee recommends approval of the application in the amount of \$1,950.

MOTION: F. Monro/C. Schwarz

That SB6 funding in the amount of \$1,950 be approved for the Oliver Table application for the Family Fair with Heart Project. CARRIED

2) Penticton Table – After School Program Washroom Renovation, \$10,000

The Subcommittee recommends approval of the application in the amount of \$10,000.

MOTION: F. Monro/C. Schwarz

That SB6 funding in the amount of \$10,000 be approved for the Penticton Table application for the After School Program Washroom Renovation, with procedures outlined in the MOU in the event that the project cannot be completed by the specified end date.

CARRIED with Corinne Valleau and Christine Davidson abstaining, and Tanya Behardien not present at the time.

Applications approved by the Executive via email due to time constraints

1) Child and Youth Mental Health CTA Training Series, \$2,000

2) CFK Communication Components, Magnets, \$500

MOTION: C. Valleau/J. Anderson

That Executive Committee approval of SB6 funding in the amount of \$2,000 for CTA Training and \$500 for CFK magnets be ratified. CARRIED

c) Strategic Implementation Funding Status

Following the approval of the above applications, the total available balance is \$9,277.79. Pending projects include: CFK Parenting Conference, \$7500; "Rejuvenate", \$1500; Penticton Table Family Support Program, \$2050; Penticton Table playground upgrade, \$2000 to \$4000; Cawston Elementary School Playground, \$10,000; Summerland-Strollers for CCRR, \$850; Summerland-printing for community directory, \$50; CFK development wheels, \$5000; CFK brochures \$800; and CFK website maintenance, \$1100. An increase in available

funds may be possible as follows: \$5,000 previously approved for fridge boards may be reallocated; \$10,000 if the Osoyoos Indian Band Park Revitalization Project does not move forward; \$6,500 of funds not yet expenses for the Oliver Family Transportation Initiative. Blair will present a discussion paper at the next Steering Committee meeting.

8. Steering Committee Initiatives

a) Membership

No report

b) Facebook

Ted Hagmeier, Christine Davidson and Christine Schwarz provided information and a demonstration of Facebook. Questions arose regarding maintenance, security and staff involvement.

MOTION: T. Hagmeier/C. Valleau

That Ted Hagmeier, Christine Davidson and Christine Valleau be requested to further investigate the use of Facebook by CFK. CARRIED

9. Communications/Public Relations/Advocacy

No report

10. Regional/Provincial/Local Linkages

a) ECD Coalition

No report

b) Member News and Updates
Corinne Valleau

- The Rock Creek Conference will take place on March 4. Corinne will provide Lynn Cook with information to be posted on the CFK website.

Naomi Luddington

- Family Literacy Workshop taking place on March 26 and 27.

Frances Monro

- The new Speech and Language Pathologist, Charlene Bradbury, will be in Summerland until the end of the school year

Judy Sentes

- Speech services are being offered in partnership with Interior Health in Princeton
- OSNS will be part of the new pilot program for children's autism services

Jen Anderson

- Lori Gillard will be retiring from the Family Outreach Program effective March 1, resulting in staff reallocation.

11. News Business

a) Enderby Children First Coalition

Frances Monro has been asked to make a CFK presentation to the Children First Coalition. To be considered for a future date.

12. Next Meeting/Adjournment

February 23, 2010 beginning at 12:00 at the Penticton Health Unit. The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.