

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS
STEERING COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009**

MINUTES

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

Jim Insley called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

1. Introduction of Guest

No guest

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the September 22, 2009 meeting were accepted as distributed.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence

5. Updates

a) Project Manager

No report

b) Community Team

Blair

- The Penticton Table met on October 23 with few in attendance. Blair will create minutes and post on the CFK website. More members are needed. Child care is a barrier. Christine Schwarz will talk to Brenda Barber regarding use of the StrongStart room and advise Christine Davidson. Blair is encouraging the Table to consider projects for SB6 funding.
- Attended a social enterprise workshop in Kelowna. A social enterprise is a non-profit organization that is involved in a business that returns profits to a community agency/organization. Funding is available through "Enterprising Non Profits". Applicants must be registered non-profit societies, and matching dollars in funding or in-kind is needed. Blair was asked to research further, and to contact SB6 and Children First regarding possible conflicts.
- Attending Clyde Hertzman presentation in Kelowna on November 5
- EDI training on new procedures takes place on November 25 in Vancouver. Annual surveys will be conducted online.
- Blair will be discussing possible SB6 funding for the Cawston Elementary School playground with Linda Teal, Principal at Cawston School, and members of the Keremeos Table.

- Blair will respond to the Village of Keremeos letter accepting the resolution to replace the gravel impact material originally placed in the Pine Park playground with an engineered wood fibre material, and commending the Council for the work done on this project. .
- The next Literacy Now meeting will take place on October 29
- Attempting to set a Summerland Table meeting for mid to late November. The Community Directory project is still underway. Blair will encourage the Table to use the \$200 SB6 Evaluation funding.
- CFK will have a display table at Penticton Parks and Rec Gymboree Day on November 21.
- Blair, along with other Team members, attended the CAPC celebration on October 1

Pat

- Pat presented a request from the Oliver Family Transportation Initiative for a further \$2,000 to be transferred from the gas coupon portion of the Project to the car/booster seat portion, as there is approximately \$500 left to support the purchase of car seats, which would purchase only 3 seats. Pat reported that the gas coupons are only being used by the StrongStart program. The gas coupons do not help parents without a car or unable to find a driver. A volunteer driver program is being considered.

MOTION: C. Valleau/C. Davidson

That approval be given to transfer \$2,000 from the gas coupon portion to the car/booster seat portion of the Oliver Family Transportation Initiative budget.

CARRIED

- A portion of the HELP report entitled “15 by 15” appeared in the South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, which is received by 350 subscribers. A link to the Executive Summary of the Report was also provided in the Newsletter.
- The SB6 Action Report will be completed by all three communities by November 15
- Literacy Now held a task group meeting in Oliver last week.
- CFK is participating in “Scareview” in Oliver and the OK Falls Christmas event
- A tour of a Boundary school family centre took place in Rock Creek. Discussion continues regarding a possible family centre in Oliver Elementary School.

c) Parenting Conference

- Jim Insley thanked the Planning Committee on a very successful parenting conference. Jim in turn was thanked for his help, along with Ted Hagmeier.
- There were 82 participants, approximately half were parents and half were child care providers

MOTION: C. Davidson/J. Anderson

That \$250 of the Parenting Conference budget be allocated for a donation to the Parkway Elementary School for hosting the Conference. **CARRIED**

6. SB6

a) Update

- The document summarizing the SB6 projects in our Region will be updated as needed and distributed in information packages, etc.
- The Provincial meeting will be held November 8 and 9

- There is approximately \$41,000 of unallocated SB6 Strategic Implementation funding remaining
- Blair is attempting to determine the status of the Osoyoos Indian Band Park Revitalization Project.
- The application for the Credit Union Grant is being reconsidered on a province-wide rather than a regional basis.

b) Princeton Application

An application has been received from the Princeton Table for \$20,000 for a community garden project. The Subcommittee will present their recommendations at the next Steering Committee meeting.

c) Evaluation Survey Result and Response to Action Report Questions

Blair was directed to answer the questions on the Community Action Report based on the results of the SB6 Survey, the CFK Strategic Planning process and the CFK Action Plan. The draft Report will be distributed with the Steering Committee agendas and discussed/approved at the next Steering Committee meeting. It was noted that the November 15 deadline would not be met.

7. Strategic Planning

a) Action Plan

MOTION: C. Valteau/T. Behardien

That the CFK Action Plan be accepted as presented recognizing that it is a living document. CARRIED

Suggestions included:

- having each goal begin on a new page
- light coloured highlighting to be used to identify items being worked on, completed, etc.
- Add a media component to Goal 1
- Team reporting to be based on the Action Plan Goals. An updated Action Plan will be distributed each month with the Steering Committee agendas. A verbal update of highlighted items will be given at the Steering Committee meetings.

Review of Goal 2

The \$10,000 remaining from Kelly Moog's contact will not cover the cost of hiring a contractor as outlined in the CFK Action Plan. A subcommittee of Tanya Behardien, James MacNamara, Susan Brown, Christine Schwarz, Blair Lischeron and Lynn Cook was formed to create a contractor job description, qualifications, budget and possible partnership considerations to be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.

8. Steering Committee Initiatives

a) Membership

Wendy Hyre, School District 67 Superintendent will attend Steering Committee meetings as she is able.

b) Facebook/YouTube, Ted Hagmeier

Tabled

9. Communication/Public Awareness/Advocacy

Development wheels, tote bags and calendars were available at the meeting. Blair has received no response to date from the producer of the fridge boards.

10. Regional/Provincial/Local Linkages

a) ECD Coalition

There is no longer a Children First Provincial Coordinator. A meeting of Regional Coordinators will take place on November 26.

b) Member News and Updates

Frances Monro

- Speech pathology, audiology and dental services will be shutting down until January as staff has been redeployed to assist with H1N1.

Christine Schwarz

- There are 71 registered and 10 on a wait list for the Rejuvenate event to take place next Tuesday.
- Met with Summerland kindergarten teachers and ECEs

Corinne Valleau

- Lots of training available for child care providers.

Jim Insley

- In the absence of a CFK Facilitator to represent Keremeos, it was suggested that Blair approach the Table and discuss the possibility of the Lower Similkameen Community Services Society becoming the Keremeos Table, and send a representative to the Steering Committee meetings.
- In the absence of a CFK Facilitator to represent Princeton, it was suggested that Blair discuss the possibility of a Princeton Table representative attending Steering Committee meetings.

11. New Business

No new business

12. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on November 24 beginning at 12:00 at the Penticton Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.