

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS
STEERING COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010**

MINUTES

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

1. Introduction to Guest

No guest

2. Additions to the Agenda

7c Princeton Community Garden Reallocation of Funds

7d Rejuvenate Event Update

8c Spring Wrap Up

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held April 27, 2010 were accepted as distributed.

4. Correspondence

The email dated May 6, 2010 from Minister Polak to the OK Falls Community Partners in response to their letter in support of continued SB6 funding was read aloud.

5. Strategic Planning

a) Action Plan Report from System of Care (SOC) Subcommittee

Susan Brown reported that the Subcommittee continues to meet on a regular basis to monitor project progress and Blair's workload. The project title has been changed from System of Service to System of Care to recognize a broader concept. Blair Lischeron reported that he continues to build the database of service providing organizations, and has asked for input for the shortlist of service providers distributed prior to the meeting. The next step is to engage with each service provider to validate information.

6. Updates

a) Project Manager

Susan Brown discussed the decision to combine the Steering Committee General and the Business meetings. Initially, the decision to have separate meetings was to allow for confidentiality when discussing contracts. As contract discussions are normally held only once a year, it was suggested that the meetings be combined to minimize interruptions.

MOTION: S. Brown/C. Valleau

To move forward with combined Steering Committee General and Business meetings except when discussing issues of a confidential nature. **CARRIED.**

A revised Terms of Reference will be presented at the next meeting. There was general acceptance for the revised agenda format to link agenda items to the CFK goals.

Consideration is also being given to revising the format of the budget to link budget items to the strategic plan.

b) Community Team

Blair

- The Summerland Table met two weeks ago. The directories have been printed and are being folded prior to distribution.

Pat

- Okanagan Falls is considering SB6 funding requests for 0-3 playground equipment for the north side of the school, and for a first aid course in the fall
- A Mother Goose program is being considered for the fall in Oliver
- An Oliver Family Transportation Initiative (OFTI) meeting is yet to take place to discuss allocation of the remaining SB6 funds. Participants to the Nobody's Perfect program are using OFTI gas coupons.
- Pat presented a CFK certificate of appreciation at the Oliver town council meeting
- CFK will have a display at the Osoyoos Indian Band Ready Set Learn event
- Planning continues for an ECD bulletin board and a toy exchange event in Osoyoos
- Pre and post natal yoga classes are being offered in Keremeos
- Princeton Community garden photos will be available for the website once consent forms have been signed. Pat will provide Christine Schwarz with copies of the photos.
- The recent Penticton Table meeting was held at the Little Paws Child Care Centre located at the Penticton Indian Band. Nine staff members and 3 Table members attended. The Centre is considering applying for SB6 funding for playground shade.
- Connection to the Summerland Chamber of Commerce has been made. Pat is hoping to meet with Lorraine Renyard from the Penticton Chamber.

c) Parenting Conference

Hugh McClelland has been confirmed as the key note speaker and will also be leading a workshop. Most of the workshops have also been confirmed. The next planning meeting will take place tomorrow.

7. Success by 6

a) Update

- Negotiations continue between the Provincial Government and the ECD Provincial Partners for ongoing sustainable funding for SB6
- SB6 calendars will be distributed in the fall
- The Family Friendly Business initiative, previously placed on hold, will likely be launched in November. A kit will be provided to each initiative.
- A fall ECD conference is being considered
- The Osoyoos Indian Band Park Revitalization Project approved in 2007 is moving forward. The scope of the project has changed and Blair is in the process of revising the MOU. It was suggested that a meeting take place to discuss project details. The MOU will include a request to have the final project reporting completed by September 1, 2010.

b) Review of SB6 Aboriginal, Strategic Implementation and Marketing Funds for 2010/11

A total of \$43,333 has been allocated to our region for SB6 Aboriginal funds. The application to SB6 for Aboriginal funding has been submitted and approved. The funds will be distributed equally among the 5 Aboriginal communities. All Aboriginal communities have submitted proposals to CFK for funding Ullus Naqsilt projects, similar in nature to the previous 3 years. The Steering Committee requests that final reporting be focused on achievement of outcomes.

MOTION: S. Brown/D. Hardman

That the applications from the 5 Aboriginal communities requesting SB6 Aboriginal funding for Ullus Naqsilt projects be approved, and further that the funds be allocated equally among the 5 Aboriginal communities once funding is received by CFK.

CARRIED

Strategic Implementation Funds

A total of \$28,400 has been allocated to our region for SB6 Strategic Implementation funds. The application to SB6 will request Strategic Implementation funds to support CFK's goals by inviting applications for ECD community projects. A portion of the funds will be set aside for regional projects. Blair will present a draft of the application at the June Steering Committee meeting for approval.

Marketing

A total of \$2,840 has been allocated to our region for SB6 Marketing funds. The application to SB6 will request Marketing funds for promotional film clips and other promotional items. Blair will present a draft of the application at the June Steering Committee meeting for approval.

c) Princeton Community Garden Request to Reallocate SB6 Funds

A request was received from the Princeton CFK Table to reallocate Princeton Community Garden project SB6 funding in the amount of \$2,305 from the outdoor activity area shade cover to the completion of the pergola, additional beds, soil amendments, shed completion and irrigation installation. Comprehensive reasoning was provided by the Table. The Executive Committee recommends approval of this request.

MOTION: C. Valleau/J. Anderson

That the request from the Princeton CFK Table to reallocate Princeton Community Garden project SB6 funding in the amount of \$2,305 from the outdoor activity area shade cover to the completion of the pergola, additional beds, soil amendments, shed completion and irrigation installation be approved . CARRIED

Blair will advise the Princeton Table of the Steering Committee decision. A copy of the approved email request will be stapled to the MOU. No further paperwork is necessary.

d) Rejuvenate Event Update

The very successful second annual Rejuvenate event took place on May 11, 2010 with close to 100 front line workers attending.

8. Steering Committee Initiatives

a) Membership

Wendy Hyre was unable to attend this meeting but hopes to attend in June. Pat will ask Teresa Swift if she is able to continue with Steering Committee membership.

b) Group Photo

Christine Schwarz would like to take a group photo of the Steering Committee for the website at the June meeting.

c) Spring Wrap Up

A social gathering will take place after the June Steering Committee meeting.

9. Communication/Public Relations/Advocacy

a) Facebook Update

Christine Schwarz reported that the CFK Facebook page is growing in popularity. While Christine Davidson posts most of the information, other posts are also being added. A link to the CFK Facebook page is now on the homepage of the CFK website. Christine Schwarz, Christine Davidson and Lynn Cook met with John Willis for information on Facebook, Twitter and youtube.

b) CFK Website

In order to stimulate new and return visitors to the CFK website, a subcommittee to review the website for overall updating and possible re-design, as suggested by Christine Schwarz, was approved. Recommended changes will be based on input from a variety of sources, eg., Table members, existing contact lists, focus group, survey monkey, Facebook, newsletters, etc. The Website Review Subcommittee will consist of Christine Schwarz, Christine Davidson, Corinne Valleau and Lynn Cook.

10. Regional/Provincial/Local Linkages

a) ECD Coalition

The Interior Network, which includes all Success by 6 and Children First Initiatives, is moving forward on the interactive mapping project. Linnette Farmer is the Coordinator. The Early Years Community Developers Network, which evolved from the elimination of the Children First Provincial Office, has developed a \$150,000 proposal over 3 years to establish an Early Years Community Developers Institute to coordinate information sharing and networking for provincial coordinators. The proposed funding source was not made clear. Blair will provide the letter from Clyde Hertzman regarding the value of early years community development work for electronic distribution to Steering Committee members, Tables, etc.

b) Member News and Updates That Support the 0-6 Population

Susan Brown

- Interior Health is undergoing major changes. The impact on Susan's role will be known in the next few weeks

Jen Anderson

- There is now full time staffing for the Infant Development Program
- The Family Outreach Program is now divided into pre and post natal groups
- No longer a wait list for the Community Kitchen
- An Alumni Breakfast, by donation, celebrating 50 years will take place June 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 am. Details forthcoming
- Free, family friendly Moonlight Movie nights will be offered in partnership with Interior Savings on July 11 in Osoyoos and July 12 in Oliver.

Deb Hardman

- The second web training series with Bruce Perry continues in Oliver, Princeton and Penticton
- The Early Childhood Mental Health Committee continues to meet

Jim Insley

- Over 100 attended the Full Day Kindergarten Workshop co-sponsored with School District 67.
- 14 participants completed the Hanen Program which wrapped up last Wednesday night
- The Summer ECE Institute will take place at Glenmore Elementary School in Kelowna on August 25 and 26. Jim will provide details for Lynn Cook to distribute electronically.

11. Finances

a) Budget Addendum 1

MOTION: S. Brown/J. Insley

That Addendum 1 of the 2010/11 CFK budget be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b) Monthly Reports

The CFK Expense Summary to April 30, 2010 was accepted as presented.

12. New Business

No new business

13. Next Meeting

June 22, 2010 beginning at 12:00 at the Penticton Chamber of Commerce with a wrap up gathering to follow. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm