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Communities for Kids Table

Monday March 21, 2011 at Sonora Community Centre

Attendance: Verla Strawn, Alicia Osland, Hester Brunner, Sarah Dynneson, Susan Van Dyck, Pat Buckland

Introduction: Amber Dearin, Infant Development Program covering Oliver & Osoyoos – will attend Osoyoos Table meetings whenever possible

Speaker: Christine Davidson, CFK Steering Committee – discussion of changes to CFK & SB6

- discussion on structural change to CFK and SB6 service to communities
- how can CFK Steering Committee connect with Table
- request for ideas to provide optimal ecd opportunities at the community level

Approval of Minutes: noted

Action items:

Action 1: Baby Talk info distributed

Action 2: Bounce Back book ordering info provided to Verla

Action 3 & 4: display & brochure to next (Mar) meeting – table for CFK communications committee will be revamping info; Table can add own input later

Action 5: Signage: Pat connected through Sarah re space; not with Gerald; see Fund note below for bulletin board purchase

Action 5-2: Parent Conference planning committee has been notified about suggestion for more “dad” sessions at Oct 11 conference.

Action 6: 33 Books for Babies kits arrived – 32 delivered to IH (1 to CFK admin as sample)

Balance of Funds: \$137.81

378.00 – funds from Legion for Books for Babies kits

\$515.81

- these funds must be spent by Mar 31'11 (end of CFK fiscal year)

Motion: moved by Verla Strawn - once the B4B invoice is paid (unknown amt will include Ship&Handling), the balance should be invoiced by Sonora Community Centre/Osoyoos Recreation for the purchase of a bulletin board to be hung in the Community Centre with 0-6 info and invoice sent to CFK for payment

seconded by Alicia Osland; passed by all

Action 1: Pat to provide Sarah with format and amount when determined.

Comm. Facilitator Report: noted

Standing Items:

Website Updates: none

Ages & Stages pilot project: Tracy - tabled

Members' Reports:

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Infant Development Program through Boys & Girls: Amber – will be attending CFK Osoyoos Table meetings when possible; just started in the position covering Oliver & Osoyoos.

Public Health: Verla

- Osoyoos Baby Talk very successful – 8 moms attended 5 sessions and have expressed an interest in keeping in touch with each other
- Baby Talk moms expressed an interest in participating in a Mother Goose program – Hester and Amber Dearin will facilitate in April
- 32 B4B kits delivered to IH (photo opportunity with Legion needs to be organized)
- Kindergarten Fair on Mar 3: 29 children attended; CFK had a display table and draws

Recreation: Sarah

- Town of Osoyoos is going through an organizational review; Recreations role may change
- all programs for 0-6 are running – there are wait lists for several of the programs like soccer and blastball
- swimming lessons are now given by Sarah – several classes on-going; parent & tot plus 4 preschool classes all full
- attendance at Parent & Tot on Tues/Thurs ams is increasing
- initiated Family Play Times on Saturdays (when space available) have had up to 20 families attending

Speech-Language: Hester – tabled

Strong Start: Starla - tabled

Old Business:

Signage: **see Fund section**

Books for Babies: the program will be on-going despite changes in CFK; option through other avenues to be checked.

Town Councillor: decision to wait until CFK restructuring complete to invite Marg Chadsey to CFK Table meeting

Story Sack Project: Starla – Sarah indicates funding from Literacy Now received – underway

SOS Health Fair: CFK display – only 7 children 0-6 facepainted; 6 CFK bags given out; organizers need to improve the family section; many suggestions for improving on evaluation

Signs for equipment/toys at Parent & Tot: plans to provide - tabled

New Business:

Proceeding with CFK Table meetings: decision to meet in April; Sarah will notify everyone closer to the April 18 date.

CFK Osoyoos Directory: Table requests that Lynn Cook look after for the present.

Next Meeting: Monday April 18 at 4 pm at Sonora Community Centre

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