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***To engage families and communities in children's healthy early development***

**Minutes**

Penticton Communities for Kids Table

Wednesday November 17, 2010

Okanagan Boys & Girls Club

Present: Christine Schwartz, Christine Davidson, Brigitte Gibson, Kristen Nelson, Pat Buckland  
Introductions: Kristen is from OSNS/Occupational Therapist – will be sharing meeting times with Maryland

Minutes approved: noted

Business arising from the Sept meeting: none

Report on **funds**: \$200 available to the Table

Celebration of Karen Brough's Life: over 200 attended, memories of Karen shared

**Member updates:**

Hub: Christine S.

- ✓ HUB bundles are on-going, input is appreciated; please put in links for attachments
- ✓ planning for Spring Rejuvenate in May 2011 – approaching sponsors; theme is self-care; ideas for a great speaker would be appreciated

Ok Boys & Girls Club: Brigitte

- ✓ Elizabeth and Brigitte are connection for support group families until there's a replacement hired for Karen's position – the support group will continue with grief counselling at the November session
- Action 1:** Pat to send Brigitte a copy of the SB6 proposal re support group funding
- ✓ Wait list for idp at present

Public Health: Christine D.

- ✓ Baby Talk: new poster distributed
- Action 2:** Christine to forward poster for CFK website
- ✓ Toddler Nutrition: session on Jan 25; first nutrition session in Sept had 9 parents attend the evening event; free
- ✓ Rural lending libraries: being set up in all PH units with shelving and board books for babies

O.S.N.S. Child Development Centre: Kristen

- ✓ OTPT fine motor group for prekindergarten – incorporated music this week for 20 children in 4 groups (17 are boys) with great success
- ✓ Evergreen Ball fundraiser on Nov 27 – huge fundraiser for OSNS
- ✓ 2 staff away; closed from Dec 17 to Jan 5

**Old Business:**

**Success by 6** funding: \$20,000 available per community

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- ✓ Possibilities for Penticton:
  1. playground equipment for Boys & Girls Club and a natural playground space for Queen's Park (ex. logs)
    - Action 3:** Brigitte will check with Kelly Moog re options for the B&G idea; Christine S will check with Rob Zoppi
  2. a cultural bridging event in the region or one community as a pilot to explore what the multicultural community expects of us or how they would like to connect re ecd
    - Action 4:** Christine S and Kristen to follow-up re communicating with Indo-Canadian families

**Directory:** passed around and discussed editing/changes

**Action 5:** Pat to send current sample to Brigitte and Kristen; Christine D will check with Birthright re wording in the directory for their service

**Action 6:** Pat will check on cost for printing 250/500 in B&W and on coloured paper

**Charlie Coffey:** waiting for response from organizer for Coffey

**Parent Conference:** 84 participants; excellent evaluations; meeting for 2011 conference planning begins in January

**New Business:**

- ✓ CFK Video: update – going as planned
  - Action 7:** Christine would like to be interviewed re the HUB
- ✓ Books for Babies: Naomi Ludington is checking out; tabled
- ✓ Chamber of Commerce: list of ideas for members to support ecd – suggestion that members have an ad postcard like the one for the Window Company on the Island; sample distributed at Steering Com meeting
- ✓ Chairing: Attending Table members ok with rotating Chairperson
  - Action 8:** Pat will send out roster
- ✓ Publicity: free options for advertising the meeting – contact will be Christine Davidson at 770-3504
  - Action 9:** Pat to organize advertising with Cable, newspapers Community Calendars, radio
- ✓ New members: encourage a Kaleden rep
  - Action 10:** Pat to pursue
- ✓ SOS Health Fair Feb 26/11: cost \$50; Table suggests we be involved and have display table; Fair organizers hoping to have lots of activities for children to encourage family participation
  - Action 11:** Pat to ask SC to cover the cost

**Next Meeting Date:** Wed December 15/10 at 3pm at the Boys & Girls Club

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