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Minutes

Penticton Communities for Kids Table

Wednesday September 15, 2010

Okanagan Boys & Girls Club

Present: Kelly Moog, Maryland Fume, Christine Schwartz, Christine Davidson, Brenda Barber
Guests: Rob Zoppi (Principal of Queens Park Elementary), Cathy Bowles (Principal of Wiltse Elementary), Lois Hutcheson (Executive Director of Birthright)

Regrets: Pat Buckland, Carrie Reiter

Introductions: Lois Hutcheson, presentation for Birthright

Minutes approved: noted

Business arising from the June meeting

- none

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

Member updates:

Ok Boys & Girls Club: Kelly and Karen

- ✓ Family Outreach is busy and community kitchen has waitlist, families appear to be requesting more help with food, Kelly noted tendency for less breastfeeding with the Mom's attending her groups.
- ✓ Nobody's Perfect is starting up October 18th till November 22nd.
- ✓ Penticton After School Program is full, Summerland After School Program has space.
- ✓ September 23rd is Open House at Penticton Boys and Girls Clubs.
- ✓ IDP is fully staffed and busy, Support group for families with a child with a disability continues but have not had new members join, discussed ways to advertise.

Public Health: Christine

- ✓ Toddler Nutrition presentation September 29th, register with Community centre.
- ✓ Baby Talk continues to be busy.
- ✓ Kindergarten Fair is scheduled for October 22nd. Schools will have brochures etc. sent out.

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

- ✓ Telethon will be on Halloween weekend.
- ✓ Resource library is open to anyone.
- ✓ Preschool is full, has waitlist
- ✓ New Speech and Language Pathologist, Gina Grabler, is filling in for Arianne Crossley for six months.
- ✓ Fine Motor Group begins Oct 19th for 8 weeks.
- ✓ OT/PT assistant position will end next Friday.

School District: Brenda, Kathy and Rob

- ✓ All Strong Starts are getting filled and have to put signs up that they are full.

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- ✓ Queens Park allows younger children on Tuesday and Thursday and will have Julia Cox coming into the classroom to offer Mother Goose at circle time.
- ✓ School district is excited about the beginning of all day Kindergarten.
- ✓ Queens Park is looking into funding options to build an outdoor play area for young children.

Hub: Christine

- ✓ Ages and Stages screening will begin in Oliver and Osoyoos in October.
- ✓ Beginning planning for Spring Rejuvenate 2011.

Old Business:

Success by 6 funding: tabled for next meeting

Directory: passed around and discussed editing/changes

Charlie Coffey: tabled for next meeting

New Business:

- ✓ Maryland inquired about a website to have all forms/brochures posted as Edith van Dewatering mentioned that she is getting too many emails. Discussed www.communitiesforkids.ca and plans for it to be revamped. Reminder to email information to Lynn Cook (lynn-cook@telus.net) to get your information posted on the website.
- ✓ Christine asked that when possible people send a link to their brochures instead of sending attachment
- ✓ Lois Hutcheson, executive director of Birthright, brought posters and brochures. They have been operating since June and are open Wednesday and Friday from 10-2. There are 9 volunteers and Lois who offer practical, hands on, non judgmental support for prenatal and postnatal families. 1-800 hotline can link people to Lois or a volunteer at any time if needed.

Next Meeting Date: Wed October 20th, location to be decided

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