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Minutes
OK Falls Community for Kids Table
Monday December 14, 2009

Present: Janet Black, Sam Hancheroff, Sam James, Lindsay Clements, Garry Sutherland
Pat Buckland
Regrets: Karen-Ann Atkinson, Ruell Smith, Bonnie Kandulski, Julie Leduc, Sandy Walker

Minutes approved: passed
Business arising from the Minutes:

- Meeting times have changed to accommodate Bonnie K: 2:45 pm second Monday
- Check for age -appropriate playground equipment – tabled
- Playground equipment planned for Keogan: Janet indicates there will be zero funds available for parks through 2010 if not longer
- Letters of invitation to join Table will be sent to noted individuals, no one new to be added to list:
  further discussion with a suggestion re RDOS letter: CFK could write an agenda of what support we would like from them – invite Bill Schwartz to come to a meeting and talk about what they do for children 0-6.
- Regional library will not be continuing Books for Babies – Ok Falls will initiate their own again with funding from local service clubs

Community Facilitator report: noted

Report on **funds**: Balance: Nov 2 - $400.86/ second donation forthcoming from Legion

PARENT MEETING SECTION: no parents attending

TABLE MEETING SECTION:

Member updates:
Ok Boys & Girls Club: Lindsay – Parenting Wisely for ages 5 – 12 will be offered starting January 5 from 6-8pm – whether or not it happens will depend on community interest, couple of families from Penticton and Osoyoos are interested. For more information call Laurene or Christine at 250-498-8844.

Ok Falls MiniSchool: Bonnie – tabled

Public Health: Karen-Ann – tabled

Recreation: Janet – new program out for the winter – lots of programming for children, filling up quickly; plans for 2010 Torch relay well underway

StrongStart: Sam – attendance is up now that flu is abating – 12 -13 children attending; lots of Christmas activities; Dec 18 there will be a joint party with Recreation; more health professionals are coming to SS now that flu clinics are finished; Sam has 90 families registered – new families included. On-going efforts made to include barriered families at SS.

Old Business:

Books for Babies: 13 kits are available at Public Health in Penticton so we have a bit of time to organize ordering new ones from the Lethbridge depot. Check with the Table members in January's meeting to make a motion to use of some of the money we have on hand to buy the kits.

Success by 6 funds:

- **Playground equipment**: equipment for the younger ages 0-3 required in the north playground – example might be a small slide that could be added or stand alone near the bucket swings.
  Action: Pat to check with Dick Fulbrook with SD Maintenance whether or not there would be space for a new piece near the newly installed swings/spring rider or a piece that could be added on to the existing one just put in this past summer.
  Action: Sam J. will check on type and size of free standing or attaching slide for younger children via the catalogue used by the Playground Improvement committee.

New Business:

New Horizon funding re seniors involvement in communities:

- Table to think about this funding opportunity and how it might look at opportunities to connect seniors with 0-6 children
  Action: Sam H., Garry and Janet interested in finding out more about New Horizon funding which comes from the federal govt under HRDC.

National Day of the Child/Sat Nov20'10:

- is there anything the Table could do to celebrate this day?
  Action: Janet will check out the website for possible options

Next Meeting Date: Monday January11/10 at 2:45 pm in the StrongStart room at Ok Elementary