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Minutes
OK Falls Community for Kids Table
Monday November 2, 2009

Present: Ruell Smith, Nadine Cobb, Bonnie Kandulski, Julie Leduc, Sandy Walker, Pat Buckland
Regrets: Karen-Ann Atkinson, Janet Black, Sam Hancheroff, Sam James, Lindsay Clements
Introductions: Julie Leduc will be the parent representative on the StrongStart committee

Minutes approved: passed
Business arising from the Minutes:

- Pat presented draft of the Community Action Report 09
- Meeting times have changed to accommodate parents: 2:30pm second Monday of the month at SS room
- Ruell will purchase materials for album
- Roots of Empathy will continue in SD – see addition note re RoE

Addition: Certificate of appreciation to Legion, Roots of Empathy update, source of really inexpensive children's books, Books for Babies
Community Facilitator report: noted
Report on **funds**: balance $100.86
Oct 17: donation received from RCLegion for $300 for ecd
Balance: Nov 2 - $400.86
Noted that there are approx. $41,000 worth of SB6 funds still available for the CFK region

PARENT MEETING SECTION: as a result of our October Table meeting, there was a decision to have an early portion of the meeting dedicated to parent input. The second portion would be the business meeting to which parents would be enthusiastically welcomed.

- Parents will be encouraged to attend.

TABLE MEETING SECTION:
Community Action Report 2009:
Table members revisited the OK Falls 09 Outcome Survey Summary paying particular attention to the sections that indicated "disagree" or "don't know" to plan for strategies to address those items.
a)inclusive and diverse table: plans to improve outcomes; see influential members attend meetings
Actions: -addressed with meeting time change to afternoon at 2:30
-meeting dates for the entire year to be sent to CFK mailing list for diarizing
-Julie to check with Sam re including dates of meetings in SS calendar and Bonnie will include in OkFalls Mini School newsletter
b) allocating funds: discussion re use of SB6 funds

idea - the equipment in the new north playground, other than the new spring rider and swing set, is not age appropriate for the youngest children and needs to be fenced; Kenyon Park is too close to the water and windy for the really young children

Action: Bonnie and Julie to check on the appropriate equipment with the idea of possibly using SB6 funding to provide it.

Action: check to see if some playground equipment planned for Keogan Park will be for smaller children

c)influential community members:

Action: Pat to send letters of invitation to join Table to Garry Sutherland, principal, Lorraine Harrison, Royal Cdn Legion, Bill Schwartz, RDOS representative who has access to funding opportunities and the representative of the SO Chamber of Commerce.

d) aboriginal families: statistics indicate there are a lot of second generation families with aboriginal heritage who are well integrated into the Ok Falls community.

New Business:

Member updates:

Ok Boys & Girls Club: Lindsay - tabled

Public Health: Karen-Ann - tabled

Recreation: Janet – tabled

StrongStart: Sam – tabled; Julie indicates that it's busy and Angela's been subbing while Sam is ill – good news that there is an ECE person available to cover Sam; 6 new parents attending

OKFalls Mini-school/After School: Bonnie – now that meeting times have changed to afternoons, Bonnie would like to attend and report.

Old Business:

Signage: Pat - tabled

Additions:

- photo album of CFK Activities: the Table would like to set up an album with all the newspaper articles, photos, etc. That document CFK activities in OK Falls
  Action: Ruell has agreed to set up an album, purchase the materials and will be reimbursed with CFK funds
- Seniors – tabled
- Book Source: Ruell indicates that Black Bond Books is a great source of inexpensive, quality books in Lower Mainland; one in Richmond Mall
- Books for Babies: discussion at Regional Library regarding their continuing to offer Books for Babies
  Action: Ruell will check with librarian for progress on this.
- Roots of Empathy: Marieze Tarr, the coordinator for SD53 indicates 1 RoE in Ok Falls; 15 in SD; no funding to train more facilitators but hopes that changes in the future.

Next Meeting Date: Monday December 14/09 at 2:30 pm in the StrongStart room