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Minutes
OK Falls Community for Kids Table
Monday October 5, 2009

Present: Ruell Smith, Sam James, Mieke Smith, Sandy Walker, Pat Buckland
Regrets: Karen-Ann Atkinson, Janet Black, Sam Hancheroff
Guest: Nadine Cobb, MCFD representative and parent

Minutes approved: not available
Addition: Photo album, seniors, child care information
Roots of Empathy
Community Facilitator report: not available
Report on **funds**: balance $100.86

New Business:
ECD Evaluation Outcomes – Community Action Report for Nov 15

- 3 table members completed the June report; Table members found the report a long-winded questionnaire
  Action: Pat to complete the Ok Falls Table report
- As a result of discussions around the Outcome Summary, some strategies for the coming year were suggested
  1. Encourage more parents to attend meetings - evening hours difficult for parents; 6ish usually dinnertime for families
     Action: change meeting times to 2:30 on the second Monday of the month; StrongStart to provide meeting space
  2. Suggestion box for parents
  3. Ad to Skaha Matters and library window
  4. Poster at school asking for suggestions from parents; poster also at IGA, drugstore, Sims, Credit Union, Recreation, Kenyon Park, Peachcliff
  5. Change meeting format: have parents info during the first part of the meeting; business for second part
  6. Have a CFK partner organize a program for children in the afternoon on social skills

Member updates:
Ok Boys & Girls Club: Lindsay - tabled

Public Health: Karen-Ann - tabled

Recreation: Janet – tabled

StrongStart: Sam
- Fluctuating attendance
- Sam will sub for Bonnie K at preschool on “red day”
- 31 SS children for photo shoot
- Hallowe’en party/poster organizing with Janet/Rec

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
- Child care: listing in directory will no longer be individual child care services; there will be a contact number for child care resource and referal and one for subsidies.
- Roots of Empathy: a concern expressed that the program won’t be continuing due to funding cuts
  Action: Pat to check with Marieze Tarr who is coordinating RoE re status

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