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MINUTES
February 9, 2009 Monday at 7 p.m. at OK Falls Public Library

Attending: Sandy Walker, Sam James, Lindsay Clements, Christina Doherty, Pat Buckland
Introductions: Georgia Bruyel, new librarian, and Jollene Eggleston, mom, attended
Regrets: Karen-Ann Atkinson

Approval of Minutes: approved with amendment – Lindsay Clements will notify Laurene Sloboda regarding speaking with OKFalls PAC re Parenting Wisely
Additions: update on Legion's funding support for Next Step and Directory format

Community Facilitator report: passed
Report on funds: Balance : $100.86

Old Business:
Member updates
Library: Georgia

- Story Hour: Wed Feb 25 1 – 2pm for 12 weeks includes crafts for 3-4 year olds
- Georgia will send poster for website
- The library is not available for Table meetings
  Action: Pat will contact Garry at school re possibility of meeting space there for next meetings or Janet for the Recreation room

Boys & Girls Clubs: Lindsay –

- Christine Ingram is new child, youth and family specialist and is trained in Parenting Wisely.

Public Health: Karen-Ann - tabled
Recreation: Janet - tabled

Strong Start: Sam

- 18 children coming out but lots of flu
- Ready Set Learn event on Wed Mar 11 from 5:30-7pm – 12 families already registered; 50 Chick-a-boom books ordered from Scholastic $3
- PJ party on Feb 13 for Valentine's day: crafts, cookies and Tumble Bumble.

Communities for Kids: Pat

- 5th annual Parent conference – Oct 24 in Penticton: planning underway
- Communication strategy planning: book marks, posters, wheels, calendars all well received – more would be appreciated, especially the wheels.

New Business:

BC Early Learning Framework: workshops in Penticton at OC Saturday Mar7/09 and Osoyoos at Osoyoos Elementary School on Sunday Mar8.

- ECEs from the SD will be involved also
- **Action**: Pat to send info to Lindsay and Christina

Parent on Steering Committee: Theresa Swift from Oliver who has also attended SS in Ok Falls will be the parent representative on the CFK Steering Committee.

Planning:

1.Suggestion box set up in SS – ideas (categorized)

- Playground: sit swing for babies, swings for infants, playground for little ones ie. Swings for infants, a better playground, playground for younger kids (2), fence for the playground/keep our children safe
  NOTE: school has funding to put up a fence right around the north playground.
- Programs: music and movement, art programs, swimming lessons at the beach
- In door pool with public access & gym
- "I would like to see a program where the kids are looked after in one room and the parents are in another room (chat, learn, gripe, drink coffee, etc.)"

Action: as these are mostly related to programming which CFK does not do, the information will be forwarded to Janet.

2.Community Sign: Sandy spoke with Bill Schwartz of RDOS about signage/bulletin board; Bill will speak with EJ, Manager of IGA; something that won't be vandalized. Question – who would maintain the bulletin board?

- Johnson Meier has one side of a board; Recreation has a board in Kenyon Park
- More discussion to follow.

Additions: Next Step: the Legion was not able to provide funds for the Next Step books in January but will provide from February funds.

Directory: the format for the Directory can be on an 11 X 18 page in a 4 fold style Costing approx. ½ of our previous format – Table approves new format

Ok Falls News: apparently a woman is planning on reinstituting this publication and currently looking for advertising; contact name to be forwarded to Pat re possibility of CFK ad

Meeting times: discussion on changing meeting time to 6pm on Monday evenings – those attending are ok with that.

Action: Pat to forward to other Table members to ok a change in time.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2009 – meeting place and time to be decided.