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To engage families and communities in children's healthy early development

Minutes
OK Falls Community for Kids Table
Monday May 11, 2009

Present: Ruell Smith, Karen-Ann Atkinson, Lindsay Clements, Sam James, Pat Buckland

Introductions: Christine Schwartz, ECD HUB Coordinator
Christine works with ECD service providers for the future of our SO families of 0-6

- The vision is to increase effectiveness and efficiency of service provision
- Connecting with Kindergartens and ECEs – 3 X a year in Penticton & Summerland
- Hopes to have an annual service provider event to network
- Christine is visiting outlying communities as a resource person
- HUB works with existing resources vs CFK filling gaps and building awareness
- sends out information relating to ECD to a wide e-mail list.
- Recognizing that OK Falls has a great physical and connecting HUB, can Christine offer anything that would make our area of services more effective, such as organising meetings with professionals who may not be familiar with the community and its services, passing on brochures and pamphlets from various service agencies for distribution and posting in Ok Falls?

Minutes approved – correction: number of children signed for gymnastics is 16
Community Facilitator report: passed
Report on **funds**: balance $100.86

Member updates:
Ok Boys & Girls Club: Lindsay

- June 10 from 11 – 3pm is the Oliver office's Open House – all are welcome
- May 27 is the B&G annual Golf Tournament fundraiser at Sumac Ridge – great prizes and fun for all

Public Health: Karen-Ann

- Prenatal evening sessions start in Penticton on June 8 for 6 Monday sessions from 5-7pm – free and focus for barriered families; Oliver's starting one shortly as well
  Action: Karen-Ann will distribute poster.

Recreation: Janet – tabled; noted that Janet had received excellent books from Coles for the Tumble Bumble group and kids groups are reading in gym time and loving the books! TB will be continuing over the summer and there will be some special music days

StrongStart: Sam

- SS families went tree planting on Earth Day at Keogan park

- 19 children today – the oldest was 2
- Schedules for May and June are available for website
- Sam has organized 2 health professionals a month to be at SS – parents now looking forward to their coming; quiet confidential corner if needed
- Going for SB6 funds for a "spring rider" in the new playground on north side of school – PAC will receive the funds; PAC's going to provide the new bucket swings; Sam has parents signing a support petition
- Issue with transportation for some families to get to SS – suggestion to check out rideshare.ca?

Old Business:
Signage: nothing new to report
Evaluation for SB6: reminder re on-line – completed by Karen-Ann and Lindsay

New Business:
CFK Family Fair event for 0-6: talk about this in September
HUB presentation: see above

Additions:
Directory corrections:

- Post Partum Depression support number is 770-3555
- Ok Boys & Girls listing should be the Oliver office as they cover OK Falls – 498-8844
- Parenting Wisely – the age limit starts at 5 so directory will now read ages 5 and up
- Supported child development has a specific number – 250-492-5864

Spring Carnival – May 28: reminder that there will be tents; CFK will do the bags again and have a display this time right in the midst of it all!

News re books: Ruell reports that lead has been found in children's books – an investigative report from Seattle has created a stir about this and publishers are really concerned; no system for testing books; no safe standard established; on books before '86, 2004, etc. A huge concern for publishers!

Next Meeting Date: Monday June 8/09 at 4:30pm