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Understanding the Early Years

"promoting optimum health and development of children from pre-conception to six years of age"

MINUTES
January 12, 2009 Monday at 7 p.m. at OK Falls Public Library

Attending: Ruell Smith, Sam James, Lindsay Clements, Pat Buckland
Regrets: Sandy Walker

Approval of Minutes: approved
Additions: EDI Framework workshops in Penticton and Osoyoos

Community Facilitator report: n/a

Old Business:

Member updates
Library: Ruell:

- Bedtime Story Hour: Tues Jan27 – kids will come in pjs, Ruell send poster for website
- No programs planned – Ruell retires at the January 31 so leaving the planning up to new person who's to be on board Feb 3
- Books for BC Babies – 30 new kits have arrived; Mother Goose is new book but rhymes aren't the traditional ones; the accompanying CD is about the MG program not the poems

Boys & Girls Clubs: Lindsay –

- Jennifer Anderson is new Area Director in south for B&G; Laurene Sloboda is ½ time Centre Director in Oliver/1/2 time counsellor/interviewing for new counsellor today
- Elizabeth Bell from IDP is coming every 3 weeks to SS
- Parenting Wisely – Lindsay will be checking with PAC re running again in Ok Falls

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

Strong Start: Sam

- Lots of illness – "slap cheek" very contagious
- 15 children starting today
- Christmas party: SS, Recreation and preschool hosted – decorated cookies, Santa visited, carols sung – 28 SS children attended
- Karen-Ann coming in regularly – successful, parents feeling very comfortable and asking lots of questions.
- Ready Set Learn: planning evening in March; giveaway bag
- Literacy Week: week of Jan 26 celebrating
- Quote from Sam:

> "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." George Bernard Shaw

Action: Sam to send SS schedule to Pat for website

New Business:

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

- All StrongStart facilitators will be attending.

Strategic planning: Table members prioritized 3 items from the Strategic Planning meeting in Dec. to 1. promote capacity and leadership (awareness) and 2. to increase family awareness nad access to ecd resources and supports:

1. Set up a suggestion box: possibility of boxes at spots in the community
   Action: Sam to set one up at SS
2. Have a monthly "spot" in the school newsletter
   Action: Pat to check with Garry at school re possibility
3. Have a CFK "day" that's just for CFK : one day after school (after 2:30 just for 0-6; with a hot dog roast, free food, lots of free stuff; will probably get lots of RSL parents -have an event at the beach at the end of summer; parties at SS always have good turnout – this one should, too!
   Action: table to approach Janet about idea (Janet's on holidays for 2 weeks)

Next Meeting: February 9, 2009