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Understanding the Early Years

Promoting optimum health and development of children from conception to age six in the South Okanagan and Similkameen

Minutes
January 26, 2009 Monday at 6 pm at School Board office.

Attending: Jim Insley, Theresa Swift, Dana Bedard, Laurene Sloboda, Vicky White, Pat Buckland
Regrets: Shelly MacPherson, Caroline Pennelli, Hope Miller
Minutes: passed
Community Facilitator's report: noted

Table member updates:

Literacy Now: Caroline Pennelli – tabled

Ok Boys & Girls Clubs: Laurene –
- Parenting Wisely –8 families attended at TEN, completed in December
- Hiring to replace new C&Y family counsellor

Public Health: Shelley MacPherson – tabled

School District: Jim Insley –
- EDI training for 10 Kindergarten teachers – Chere Plante from OES will train Jan27
- PALS training taking place on Wed for ECE staff: Tracey Hunt with the TEN preschool is organizing for 4 year olds; will organize as "make and take"; evening with child care plus meal
- Roots of Empathy training coming up – facilitators; looking for families with babies 3 months old

  Action: Theresa interested in the RofE training – contact info to be forwarded
  Laurene would like to see RofE video – Pat to drop off.

StrongStart: Dana
- Literacy Training for SS facilitators – activities and experiences for children 0-6 and modifying to fit SS situation
- SS staff will be participating in the BC Early Learning Framework in Osoyoos Mar 8
- Had a display table with Literacy Now event at Penticton Cherry Lane Mall Jan24 – partnered with SD67 SSs.
- Have put in a proposal for Rick Hanson grant for playground equipment for children with special needs for OES $15,000

- Caroline Pennelli, Literacy Now, spoke at SS – provided books, HOP & MOVE; librarian to read stories, Aaron Johnson provided a First Aid Demo - refer to Cheryl at OUC re complete First Aid training.
- **Action**: SS Calendar for February to go on CFK website

Old Business:

OFTI : finalizing of the gas voucher form and a tracking format being implemented

Directory: on website and going to press

New Business:

SB6 funding: $200 is available for the Table to use to plan or use for anything it deems worthwhile

SB6 funding proposals:

1. Desert Sun: planning on partnering with CFK to put in a proposal for funds for seeds and the materials to build a green house for CAPC's Community Kitchen/Garden that is used by Oliver and CAPC families. Proposal to be in by February.
2. Evening with Mother Goose – Theresa: sessions for late April; Desert Sun to partner as sponsor; Sharon Koteles will be co-facilitator; Recreation providing in-kind space; perhaps will organize for Ok Falls in the fall; Theresa's also considering Nobody's Perfect.

Family Fair for 2010: CFK Table will sponsor on for February 2010
Action: Pat to book Rec Centre

Planning: Strategic plan for building awareness and increasing members - focus on awareness of ECD, family education, more commitment and sustainability

Awareness:

- 1. ad on Channel 12 (Real Estate channel) –
  Action: Pat to check cost and address
- 2. Community bulletin board for 0-6 in the mall - Mural next to the bulletin board on a small wall for CFK with singing, storytelling; "fish" cutouts with ideas around them
- 3. Display for CFK – in parade, SS, RSL
- 4. School newsletter with logo, www and "CFK tip" – small blurb in newsletter
- 5. Suggestion box at SS, library, Rec Centre – make them uniform so people recognize them
- 6. Banner for main street, on Buy Low – check with Jim Pattison
- 7. Outdoor bulletin board at Kinsman Park/ in parking lot; with key access to change info and protect board
- 8. Check with Deb at Rec re initiating a parent & child walking group to promote health – different spot on the Hike & Bike trail each time; PH involved (modelled on Healthy Walk in Squamish)
  - may include Parent education group sessions – discussion groups with facilitator, work experience students for child care; Dana would work with

parents at Rec: same time ie. On a Monday; check with SS parents and Rec; perhaps 1 ½ hour – ½ time break for parents to chat with other parents

Action: Theresa and Dana to visit Recreation to discuss this plan

Increase CFK Table members – recruit from OIB (check with Teresa Gabriel), Indo-Canadian community and parents

- suggestion to use SB6 $200 for child care to get people attending a planning session.

Next Meeting: Monday February 23/09 at 6 pm at **Oliver Public Library**