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

Minutes
Monday November 23, 2009 at School Board office

Present: Laurene Sloboda, Jim Insley, Dana Bedard, Pat Buckland
Regrets: Vicky White, Shelley MacPherson, Barbara-Joy Taggart
Introduction: Heather Whittall - parent, secretary for Community Gardens
Minutes approved – passed

- Business arising from the minutes:
  1. **Action**: Pat to check with Jen Anderson @ B&G re Mother Goose training – Jen will let us know
  2. **Action**: Laurene to check with Walmart to confirm discount for car seats – discount still in effect

Report on **Funds**: Balance Evaluation funds $200

Members' Reports:

Boys & Girls Club: Laurene
- Parenting Wisely for ages 5 – 12 starts Jan 13 in Ok Falls if anyone has referrals, registrations from other communities accepted

Desert Sun: Roxie - tabled
Library: Vicky - tabled
Public Health: Shelley – tabled; note from PH indicating Nobody's Perfect was cancelled for lack of participants
StrongStart: Dana
- 66 children registered/20 to add
- Jasmine from Raise A Reader gave a free book to everyone plus Kindergarten
- Joined the Salad Bar program – healthy meals for families with the option of 2 families per week able to take home a food bin
- Evening gym sessions held in Dec/ 2 planned for Jan – use HOP and MOVE plus posters for developmental areas
- Ready Set Learn will happen throughout the entire year with one main event on the evening of Wed Feb 3
- Volunteer sign-up sheet for Family Fair is posted at SS
- Transportation for families through the OFTI gas vouchers to the Fair
- Christmas event: Librarian will be coming to speak to SS families; 30-40 books for gifts; hot chocolate and fun
- Dana has completed the Family Resource course through the Justice Institute of BC – a pilot project which may be set up on-line in the future
- Hanen training taking place – 18 ECEs participating

- SS conference in Vernon this week

Old Business:

a) SB6 proposal update: **OFTI** transportation status – Laurene
   - $2,000 transfered from gas vouchers monies to purchase car seats
   - So far $165 worth of gas vouchers have been spent by parents
   - Distributed through Desert Sun, Ministry of Employment, StrongStart and B&G

   SB6 proposal: **Mother Goose & Evening with Mother Goose** – note from Theresa indicates 12 parents(4 dads, 2 grandmothers); received Literacy BC funds to supplmement

   SB6 proposal: **Community Gardens/Kitchen** – completed; report submitted

b) **Family Fair with Heart** on Feb 27: budget & proposal for SB6 funds up to $2,000
   Motion to approve FF proposal to SB6: moved by Jim, seconded by Laurene, passed

c) CFK **Parent Conference** in Penticton: excellent evaluations; 86 participants

d) **HUB** visit in October: Mike Safek at OES will be speaking to his teachers about the possibility
   Action: Pat to follow up
   - could we check to see which agencies might use a Family Centre?
   - The after-school program room is not used in am or evening
   - Would there be a family resources coordinator?

e) **Books for Babies** update: Kiwanis is keen to support again; PH has 49 left to dispense

New Business:

- New Horizons seniors funding: up to $25,000 available - perhaps the Community Gardens could look at this option to pair seniors and young children to work together in the gardens; Heather indicates Little Wonders preschool will have a "box" and Kindergarten from OES. Gardens will be made safer for kids i.e. kid friendly space
  Action: Heather to take New Horizons info to the GC's committee

Additions: new meeting times and location at StrongStart in hopes of encouraging more parents – Dana has 2 parents interested
Action: change of time and place to be confirmed at next Table meeting when more members are present

Next Meeting Date: Monday January 25 at 4 at SB office