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

Minutes

Oliver Community for Kids Monday April 27, 2009

Present: Laurene Sloboda, Theresa Swift, Shelley MacPherson, Jim Insley, Dana Bedard, Hope Miller, Caroline Pennelli, Jen Jensen, Pat Buckland

Introductions

Minutes approved – passed

Special presentation: Hope Miller, Ministry of Children & Families D Table member: foster parent needs from Ok Falls to Osoyoos

- Foster parents are needed for special needs children, ages 0-19/ mentally & physically challenged, some severely behaviourally challenged; crisis coverage crucial and respite care needed
- Foster parent training available – looking for "healthy homes"; medical assessments required; 3 reference checks and a home study; policies are explained
- Lots of babies needing foster care; young children ages 9-13
- High list for behavioural problems and sibling care

Success by 6 Evaluation: 2009 – Oliver has been asked to complete the short form; follows up on our 2008 evaluation which was the first and required volunteer communities to complete.

- Option to complete hard copy and submit to Lynn Cook to maintain anonymity or to go on-line and complete.
- Discussion regarding clarity of the 17 survey questions; information about the year's activities were provided to assist with that.
- 8 evaluations completed during this meeting.

I Old Business:

a) SB6 proposal update: OFTI transportation status –
More requests for car seats submitted
SS has had several gas coupons distributed
Action: Laurene & Pat to meet to edit quarterly report

SB6 proposal: Evening with Mother Goose – Theresa
Posters out to community; fridge magnets sized invitation being distributed
Already interested parents wanting to register - 5 or 6; hoping to have 8 minimum, 12 better, 20 maximum; Dana will give out to SS parents so these families are comfortable with each other; newspaper ad, too
Action: Theresa will organize info for Temple
Action: Pat to provide Marcel Morneau (worker with SOICS)'s info to Theresa
Action: Pat to check on CFK goodie bags for MG draws

SB6 proposal: Community Gardens/Kitchen – Roxie: $ received; question when issue of "plastic" toilet needed for Gardens – could there be a flushing toilet connected to the septic system at the farm?

b) Family Walking group – Dana/Theresa – still going Tuesdays at 3pm
Dana & Theresa alternate weeks; varies from 2 to 6 parents; Theresa will be inviting guests like PH, Blue Bird lady and Lisa Scott, local biologist, along on walks.

c) Family Fair: Community Centre/Sat Feb 27, 2010
FF committee to meet in June at 4:30 pm at B&G Club – date to be established
Charlotte Diamond booked in California

d) Oliver CFK Family Directory: 10 to Evening with Mother Goose; 8 to Outreach Learning for Oliver, needs 10 for Ok Falls and Osoyoos; PH 15; B&G

e) Increasing membership – possibility of doing SS presentation at Temple; giving schedules and newsletters to K2 store and temple

f) Strategic Planning – Session 2 completed; intent to have 3rd session with CFK SC& Team

g) Oliver Festival Sunshine Parade – July 18 – entry ideas – banner available

II New Business:

- strategic planning – brainstorming session:
  - Val at Channel 18 information to Dana
  - **Signage** – Haynes Park has good signs for sample; where to place? – Buy Low, Super Valu, Kiwanis Park; possibly posts 4X4 with plexiglass on both sides, tempered glass; both sides available for info
    LOCATION, LOCATION.....
    Action: Pat to contact Rec/Bob Grant re possibly in Kiwanis Park for families
    Action: Pat to connect with RDOS re sign sample in Ok Falls
- Request from Chronicle re literacy submissions for Kids Corner: Dana's contact info to Chronicle
- CAPC needing funding for child care at Community Garden in Osoyoos and facilitator mileage to drive there from Oliver – suggestions for parents to look after the child care and take turns; suggestions to connect with service clubs for the mileage costs.

III Additions:
Little Wonders group day care for ages 3-5 to be starting up in fall at the Lutheran Church – Jen Jensen organizing; hoping to connect with Community Garden nearby

Next Meeting Date: Monday May25/09 at 4:30pm