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

Communities for Kids Table Meeting
Monday October 19, 2009 at Sonora Community Centre

Attendance: Hester Brunner, Starla Braithwaite, Erin Shields, Pat Buckland
Introduction: Amanda Palmateer, Osoyoos Child Care Centre board member/mother
Approval of Minutes: passed

Action items: SCC has dates of our meeting times for the year – send dates to all Table members.
Saskatchewan Literacy Network is using the original For the Love of Reading booklet and we've permission to duplicate
Roots of Empathy is continuing with existing facilitators/no new training planned; Karen Greig does Seeds of Empathy at OIB
Pat invited Charlene Turnbull to this meeting.

Community Facilitator's Report: noted
Balance of Funds: $35.89

<u>Members Reports</u>:

Strong Start: Starla
- Numbers are good – 23 today
- Grand opening as StrongStart went well; 20 community people and 24 children with parents attending
- Resource board in the corridor is available to anyone for posting ecd info
- Pumpkin hunt on Oct 29, Hallowe'en on Oct 30
- Jessie Deol is interested in doing translations into Punjabi

Infant Development: Karen – tabled

Osoyoos Child Care Centre: Erin
- No playschool; empty room now available to run program for children 0-36 months – will run an ad for infant/toddler educator; desperate for CC in Osoyoos
- Considering after school spaces; currently running from 6:30 to 8:30 am before school
  Action: Starla to check with Corinne Valleau at CCRR re child care cooperative ideas – how to set up a rally for awareness of need for child care services; how to raise money
- OCCC running a Christmas raffle and Breakfast with Santa
- Scholastic Read A Book challenge on

Public Health: Brittny - tabled

Speech: Hester -

- Mother Goose is offered at SCC- for 0-3 ages/9:30 – 10:30; 4 families attending
- Hanen Learning Language & Loving It: Hester & Bonnie Kandulski are training 16 at the SD53 annex once a month for 8 months (check www.hanen.org to find out more about this neat program)
- H1N1 clinics may lead to cut backs in Speech services

Recreation: Sarah - tabled

Old Business:

Parenting Sessions: Hester - tabled
Signage: tabled - Pat to email Gerald at SCC.
Car Seat Technician Training:
Jessie Deol & her husband might be interested in taking the training for the Indo-Cdn community – Pat to notify Jessie when next training available.
Santa's workshop: activities to sign up for 5:30 – 8pm

- 3 Crafts: colouring sheets – available for the entire workshop time; Antler craft; Gingerbreak houses
- Sign by the hallway door – " parents and ages 0-6 welcome"
- CFK Display table by front entrance
  Action: Pat to forward schedule sheet to Starla and Erin for parents to help with event and to check with Sarah re how long Santa attends, how many 0-6 attend and how it's usually set up space wise

New Business:
Preschool Health Roundup: check with Brittny
ECD Evaluation Outcomes planning: completing the action report led to ideas for planning – to build a more inclusive and diverse Table:
- suggestion to send another letter to Town Council (all council members) re representation on Table
- establish a SS email list or possibly a subcommittee of parents to receive/provide ecd info from/toCFK
-aim to have 12 committed people on the Table
-invitation extended to the library board, the SS board and the OCCC board

Additions:
Alex Atamanenko, NDP MP Osoyoos**:** indicates that for any chance in federal child care it's a case of voting NDP or Liberal next time; Conservatives are never going to change their funding process
Thank You card to Isobel Hart for her term on CFK Table: signed by members
Parent Conference in Penticton: 87 attending (last year 60)
Programming for 3 year old girls: fun stuff
Action: Amanda will check with Sarah about possibilities

Next Meeting: Monday November 16 at 7 pm at Sonora Community Centre