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

Communities for Kids Table Meeting
Monday September 21, 2009 at Sonora Community Centre

Attendance: Alicia Osland, Starla Braithwaite, Brittny Vieira, Pat Buckland
Regrets: Erin Shields
Approval of Minutes: passed – Pat to email HUB notes to Starla, Hester & Alicia
Community Facilitator's Report: noted
Balance of Funds: $35.89

Members Reports:
Strong Start: Starla
- Seeing lots of 2 – 2 ½ year olds
- IDP is coming twice per month
- Golf tournament raised funds for Domenic – live & silent auction + hole-in-one prizes
- SS and preschools staff in SD taking Hanen training with Hester and Bonnie Kandubki from Ok Falls – encourages speech & language development
- Steering Committee to be set up
- PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) running again – 3 sessions with dinner for 4 yr olds + a book gift; child care provided; parents receive talk on literacy and different centres for craft & story
- Grand re-opening for the ELC as StrongStart.

Recreation: Sarah
- New programs for 6+; all are full and running; the change in school bus services has changed numbers attending
- CFK needs to book meetings for the coming year with Casey Brouwer
  Action: Pat to let Casey know preferred dates

Infant Development: Karen - tabled
Public Health: Brittny
- Offices are moving in January; at Hgwy 97 and 89th Street (near Primrose)
- Lots of space for prenatal classes

Speech: Hester - tabled
- Noted that Mother Goose is offered at SCC

Old Business:

Parenting Sessions: Hester - tabled
Signage: Pat has not discussed possibilities of signs with Gerald from Recreation – suggestion to email
Car Seat Technician Training: Linda Reid, the trainer, indicates this coming session

is for First Nations only. Jessie Deol might be interested in taking the training for the Indo-Cdn community should another session be offered.

New Business:

Goals: to consider when we do the Evaluation (see below)

Binders for new Table members: should include page dividers, HELP brochure, one-pagers on CFK/SB6, CF job description, magnet/brochure/wheel, etc. Suggestion to include Osoyoos directory.

SB6 funding: proposal forms can be submitted any time during the year for up to $20,000 and the forms are much simpler to complete.

Books for Babies update: MofEd no longer funding; should CFK resume supplying B4B with help from Legion again?; the Lethbridge Public Library is still operating a central depot to order books & bag; they don't have a cd like the Books for BC Babies bag supplied

- For the Love of Reading could be reprinted

Action: Pat to check re possibilities with Saskatchewan Literacy Network on updated version of Love of Reading

EDI Regional Workshop: in Kelowna on Nov 5 if anyone is interested

ECD Evaluation Outcomes: June evaluation discussed; report to be completed at October meeting

Christmas Family Night: Thursday Dec 17 5:30 to 8pm

- Refreshments, Santa (at 6pm) , door prizes, games in the gym, dance recital, cake, bean bags, etc. Indoor snowball fight.
- Could CFK do something in our usual meeting room for the 0-6 crowd?
  a) Christmas story/songs
  b) Ginger bread house
  c) Open house for families
  d) Make antlers
  e) Set up display board and handouts

Additions:

White Board: sample shown for fridge magnet board

Mass Registration: Brittny, Hester and Alicia helped with the display table. Parents invited to join the Table; 2 moms would be interested in helping with CFK

- Charlene Turnbull signed up to come to the next Table meeting.
- **Action**: Pat to invite.
- Kathy Ficter interested in helping out with the Christmas Family Night

Roots of Empathy: rumours that the RoE will be discontinued

Action: Pat to check with Marieze Tarr re continuing RofE in this SD

Next Meeting: Monday October 19 at 7 pm at Sonora Community Centre