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

Communities for Kids Table Meeting

Monday June 15, 2009
Sonora Community Centre 7pm

Attendance: Alicia Osland, Starla Braithwaite, Brittny Vieira, Hester Brunner, Pat Buckland

Approval of Minutes: passed

- Business arising from the minutes:
  1. Note re Christine Schwartz/HUB's organizing tour of Boundary's Family Centres in the Fall – Alicia, Hester & Starla would be very interested in joining the tour.
  2. Car Seat Technician: Brittny would like to know if Barry Dickson is doing checks in Oliver
     Action: Pat to check with Barry re service

Community Facilitator's Report: noted
Balance of Funds: $200

Members Reports:

Early Learning Centre: Starla

- Vision screening happening for 3 year olds with PH
- Participating in Relay for Life (cancer event) with Parents & Tots group to support Claire's Domenic; will host a small carnival for the children
- Karen Brough of IDP scheduling visits to SS (name change in fall) bimonthly
- Jessie Deol has offered to provide Punjabi translations for Osoyoos
- Suggestion for Kindergarten enrichment for Osoyoos children might be a good addition to the school – for those children in the middle, not necessarily "at risk"

Infant Development: Karen - tabled
Recreation: Sarah - tabled
Public Health: Brittny –

- Keeping eyes open for babies for Roots of Empathy starting up in the Fall

Action: Brittny will send a poster for Prenatal to go on website.

Speech: Hester

- Plans for Mother Goose in the fall in Osoyoos/spring in Oliver; thoughts for coordinating the Osoyoos MG with SS

Old Business:

Parenting Sessions: Hester

- Check with PAC in the fall to see if they might be interested in partnering to provide sessions

- Really need to have parents buy into the idea of attending parenting sessions; could we encourage a group of parents to organize this?

Signage:

- sample of Ok Falls park sign circulated
- PAC plans to provide signage for programs/events
- There is a big community skill base with all the building – could we ask for in-kind time for construction of a sign
- Could we have a 4-sided sign? Too massive?
  Action: Hester will check with Sandy Summers/chair of PAC re type of sign (digital?) they're planning to setup; whether they'd like to partner with CFK?
  Action: Pat to discuss possibilities of signs with Gerald from Recreation

CFK's 5th year Celebration:

- 35 people attended – great feedback to Starla

Could this type of event be held more frequently:

- lots of great activities for children
- Same sort of event in the fall? Professionals attending makes for an easy comfortable atmosphere where families get to know the professionals in an informal venue; have another professional besides Starla do a short session ie. A little speech/language fun thing; Karen present a short Mother Goose item. It could be a little education with ECD component and a fun take-away relating to the session ex. HOP or LEAF sample.
- Have cake and children's photos?
- Have a "we accept donation" jar – offer tax receipts

New Business:

July 1 Canada Day Celebration: cancelled participation. No one available to set up entry.

Additions:

New Preschool – is the new preschool booked and full? Mornings are full; may run afternoons 2 days/week

Planning in September: consider revisiting goals – review our goals lists
Ex. Power Point to Town; SS dinner with MG etc.

Next Meeting: Monday Sept 21 at 7 pm at Sonora Community Centre