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## Communities for Kids – Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes January 22, 2007

**1. In Attendance:** Marisa Munday, Isobel Hart, Sarah Gattinger, Debra Hupp, Hester Brunner, Pat Buckland.

**2. Approval of December minutes** – approved.

**3.** Community Facilitators Report.

**4. Old Business:**

Letter to Town of Osoyoos requesting an attendee for the CFK table has been sent to the CFK Steering Committee. Pat is awaiting an edited letter from Blair.

**Success By 6 proposal:**

- Where is toddler area (Parks) – Sarah will look in OCP
- Need additional information re: location and/or commitment from Town of Osoyoos.
- Sarah will research additional information re: pricing for surfacing.
- Marissa will send additional contacts/companies for equipment.

Splash park – update by Hester

Noted the Osoyoos Splash Park Committee had a meeting with Council on January 8<sup>th</sup> and no commitment was made. Council asked for time to research re-circulated water systems, costs, etc. as this system was recommended by their Engineer's report.

Location also remains uncertain. Committee continues to advocate for the splash park and will be placing letters around town asking for Signatures of Support to bring back to next meeting with Council.

**CCRR update by Marisa:**

- Minister Reid wrote letter January 5, 2007.
- Child Care subsidy unchanged.
- Supp. child care budget maintained.
- Operating grant for child care providers cut which likely means that centres will have to increase fees.
- New program dollars cut.
- CCRR program cut – all offices closed October 1, 2007.
- 1-800 phone number and website will remain only. (Only licensed care providers will be listed, License not required will no longer exist).

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- Parents will need to find child care providers on-line or through word-of-mouth. Information provided with contacts to send letters of protest, etc.

Next Step: Isobel indicates that Kiwanis has books for IH to pass out to children ages 6 months & 12 months at clinics. She will pass along to Brittny Vieira at IH.

**Website:**

- history is in process.
- Community links – rec centre; library; CCRR ([www.childcare choices.ca](http://www.childcarechoices.ca))

Successes:

- write up Mother Goose Directory (Hester)
- Health Fairs
- Family Literacy Day
- Let's celebrate
- RSL displays
- Books for Babies
- Next Step – Kiwanis

Programs:

- Projects – add current Mother Goose
- Add Splash Park Committee (Hester)
- Success By 6 proposal

**Next meeting:** Feb. 19, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. – Osoyoos Health Centre



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## Communities for Kids – Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes February 19, 2007

**1. In Attendance:** Marisa Munday, Isobel Hart, Debra Hupp, Pat Buckland, Paddy Pearson, Erin Shields, Brittany Vieira, Alicia Osland.

**2. Approval of January minutes** – approved.

**3. Old Business:**

**Success By 6 proposal:**

- Sarah has nearly completed proposal.
- Awaiting Budget completion
- Playground Equipment has been chosen, but location is to be announced.
- CFK is also concerned about the safety of the existing playground equipment in the various parks.
- Plan** – develop letter to present to town council inquiring about playground equipment safety (CSA standards) (Pat developing letter??)
- Paddy will also contact Sarah to give feedback on her experiences with the ground surface for the equipment (i.e. use of bark mulch)

**Splash park**

– Hester unavailable for update at this time.

**Family Centre**

- Boys & Girls Club now has space at the Sonora Centre.
- CFK may be able to access their space for meetings/workshops etc. – waiting for response from B&GC re availability

**Letter to town re:** asking for representation for CFK Table – awaiting response.

- Deborah Hupp plans to contact Kurt Lozinski and determine if he is interested in being involved with CFK (seek his consent to be added to CFK email list)

**Child Care News**

- No changes at this point, Marisa is unsure of actual closing date for PenCCRR

- CFK has letters to distribute to parents which they can sign and send/fax to the Premier/Prime Minister if they are opposed to childcare cutbacks. Osoyoos Childcare Centre has also been distributing these letters.
- Distribution of letters for those interested to sign in opposition to childcare cuts. and increase the public's awareness on this issue.
- Marisa and her executive director can issue a statement to the local media. Alicia will connect with Okanagan Sun to set up.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **Rock Creek Parenting Conference**

- could possibly be last conference, or cost may have to increase significantly (due to cutbacks)
- Enrolment is currently @ 70 and filling up strongly.

##### **Gymboree in Spring**

- seek feedback from Sarah in her interest to organize a Family Fair/Gymboree and how CFK can best support her.
- Look at:
  - Location (Sonora Centre?)
  - Date (Spring – coming up to planning constraints if we plan for Spring07/Fall)
  - Time (possibly morning would work best)
  - Who would be involved?
  - Target Audience
  - Advertising – Osoyoos Times/Okanagan Sun, Radio, School Newsletter

##### **READNOW BC**

- funding will be available in the fall.
- Strong Start – family centres based in the schools. There is one currently in Okanagan Falls and possibly Oliver soon.

##### **Unmet Needs in Osoyoos**

- Child Care 0-30 months – Osoyoos Childcare centre is looking at applying for funding to offer childcare for this age group at its facility.
- Family Centre: on-going

##### **Safe Kids Week**

- May 28 – June 3/07
- Drowning Prevention/Water Safety is this year's theme.
- Brittany has applied for the grant; if we qualify we will be awarded \$250.00
- **Plan** – Brittany will seek feedback from other communities on their plans.
- Possibly have a water safety day at the Sonora Centre (if permissible)/Elementary School. Target group would be 0-Elementary aged.
- Discuss with Sarah if the Recreation Department would be interested in being

involved with the planning and implementation of this project

Possible Ideas:

- Invite Red Cross certified swim instructor (determine Caroline Bolland's interest) to discuss water safety
- Invite Local RCMP to discuss boating safety
- Offer Life jacket testing (if we can find someone who can do this)
- Incorporate other Summer Safety issues – such as sun protection, bike safety etc.

### **Let's Celebrate 2007**

- will be held in Osoyoos this year on October 20/07
- Keynote speaker – Linda Miller from Ottawa.
- There will be display tables available to various organizations.

### **Victim Services**

- There is now a Punjabi translator, Mandy, available for community based victim services.

**Next meeting:** March 19, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. – Osoyoos Health Centre



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## Communities for Kids – Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes March 19, 2007

**1. In Attendance:** Marisa Munday, Debra Hupp, Paddy Pearson, Alicia Oslund, Karen Brough, Danielle Kelliher, Patricia Gregory, Brittany Vieira.

**2. Approval of February minutes** – approved.

**3. Old Business:**

### **Asset Maps**

- Patricia Gregory distributed draft forms of the various asset maps for the community of Osoyoos
- Maps developed under contract
- Site locations are 'clickable' for a further description of the asset.
- CFK table members had the opportunity to provide feedback and offer suggestions.
- Unable to see website during meeting, due to current maintenance of website.
- Possible launch of website to public in May 2007

### **Safe Kids Week (May 28 – June 3)/Health Fair**

- This year's theme for Safe Kids Week is Water Safety/Drowning Prevention and due to time of year may expand topics to include general summer/sun safety.
- Osoyoos has been awarded the \$250.00 grant
- Sarah interested in participating in Safe Kids Week, event will be held at Sonora Centre.
- Discussed the possibility of combining Safe Kids Week/Health Fair
- CFK table members mentioned having the health fair on a weekend may allow a larger audience to attend, and Safe Kids Week was possibly going to be during school hours to allow classes to drop in.
- Further discussion needed between Sarah, Brittany and other interested CFK table members to work out details, no date has been confirmed yet.
- RCMP, Kurt Lozinski, has been made aware of the upcoming event and is interested in RCMP representation if scheduling allows.
- Brittany to attend April 4/07 Elementary staff meeting to discuss event and seek feedback.
- Sarah has contacted Red Cross & BC Lifesaving society to ascertain pertinent/interesting resources.
- CFK table members mentioned a well-received event that occurred in Oliver where there were healthy snacks available and entertainment as well as information sharing.

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### **Let's Celebrate 2007**

- Title of event will be modified to describe event more clearly.
- Event taking place Oct.20/07, currently in the process of acquiring facilitators.

### **Rock Creek Parenting Conference**

- Event was well attended and well received.
- Event's 10 year anniversary, unsure of its future.

### **New Business:**

#### **Child Care News**

- Closure of PenCCRR no longer imminent, but there have been significant budget changes.
- Centre still awaiting updates, details are currently unclear.

#### **Future CFK Meeting Location**

- Karen from IDP/Boys & Girls Club inquiring whether CFK will now be meeting at the Sonora Centre
- CFK members who were in attendance, were unsure.

Deborah Hupp, Victim Services, will be relocating to Oliver; therefore, will no longer be attending the Osoyoos Table Meetings. Deborah's has been part of CFK for over three years and her involvement has been greatly appreciated and she is wished all the best in her future endeavours

**Next meeting:** April 16, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. – Osoyoos Health Centre??



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## Communities for Kids – Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes June 18, 2007

**In Attendance:** Marisa Munday, Karen Brough, Pat Buckland, Hester Brunner, Sarah Gatteringer

### Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve by Hester Brunner
- Seconded by Marisa Munday

### Old Business

- Website updates
  - Website has a featured newspot. Rec centres can list 1 page with upcoming programs for 0-6. – Easy to find for parents
  - Pat has asked Joanne Caldecott to try to put us as link on Town Website. We have been put on Destination Osoyoos' website
- Safe Kids Week
  - Went well – lots of kids from grades 4-7 and Kindergarten. Lots of draw prizes
- Parenting Conference 2007: Sonora Community Center
  - Booking last few presenters
  - Sarah to tentatively MC Oct 20 for the event
  - Possible Sign Language available
- Success by 6 Funding
  - Sarah to send letter to request reasons for SB6 declining application
  - Continue with the playground equipment project by advocating to the Town through letter asking for information
    - Like town to proceed further with additional playground equipment
    - Review existing pieces to determined which age groups they are safe and suitable for.
    - Are the current pieces up to date with current standards of safety

### New Business

- Sarah to find out process for getting onto Recreation Commission and the term they serve
- Multiculturalism

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- Megan Klammer and Aneta D'Angelo to set up forum to focus on Punjabi, Aboriginal communities
- BC Healthy Communities Grant - \$2,500
  - Global focus on whole community not just 0-6
  - John Slater has been talking to group about the grant and what can be done here
  - May be a good link with the transportation initiative
- Rotating Chair/Minute Taker
  - Suggestion that everyone takes turns so that only one person does it once per year
  - Volunteer sign up
  - Person who did minutes one meeting does chair the next meeting
- Success by 6 books
  - Pat has 12 sets free to distribute to barriered kids/families

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Monday September 17 at 7 pm Sonora Community Centre**

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## Communities for Kids – Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2007 Monday at Osoyoos Public Health

**In Attendance:** Marisa Munday, Hester Brunner, Brittny Vieira, Pat Buckland

**Previous Minutes:** Passed by Hester Brunner

### Standing Items

- Increasing attendance at meetings – explore benefits of changing timing of CFK meetings as PAC meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.
- Need for Parenting Courses –
  - Parenting Wisely is being offered through Boys & Girls club.
  - Nobody's Perfect will be offered in Oliver end of '06 or early '07 and Osoyoos will be offering the program in early spring of '07.
  - Arlene Lawrence offers Literacy Programming every year to the CAPC group.
  - Kelly Moog has taken the Parenting with Purpose facilitator training and Pat will explore the cost to offer the program in Osoyoos, flexibility in evening/wknd sessions, target age as well as cost to bring Maggie Ray to Osoyoos to provide a seminar which could be a lead into the program.
  - Mother Goose begins in Oct, suggested that maybe a topic could be discussed after each session and there could be an optional question period. Hester also interested in offering the program at the Sikh Temple and plans to seek Multicultural Society's involvement.

### Old Business

- Let's Celebrate 2007 – Marisa
  - Facilitators confirmed.
  - People have begun registering.
  - Advertising disseminated to local businesses.
- Success by 6 funding – Sarah's letter to SB6 committee  
To be brought forward at next meeting.
- Multiculturalism Update  
No update provided at this time.

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## New Business

- Destination Osoyoos (DO) offer
  - Online event directory available where CFK could advertise their meeting times.
  - Could DO assist with the application for funding for Parenting Programs? Hester will approach DO on this matter.
- Directory Update
  - Deborah Hupp had been providing updates. Tina Wallner has a heavy workload but will try and determine if she could assist with updates. May have to look to other resources to provide updates. Directory is available online and members can check to see if any imminent changes are needed.

## Additions

Literacy Now – Osoyoos forum – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm (Sonora Centre)

- Forum gives opportunity to create a ‘wish list’ to determine what individuals identify as needs in the realm of Literacy in Osoyoos.
- It will then be decided if further funding will be available to address the needs/gaps identified.

Festival of the Tomato

- Event was well attended with sufficient number of volunteers. Thanks to Alleson Mandziuk and Alicia Osland for volunteer for CFK Osoyoos.

Cities Fit for Kids

- Gerald and Sarah will be participating in this event in Kelowna to present a municipal perspective on recreation for 0-6. Joanne Schroeder is assisting with the organization.

Child Care Update

- Administration/Staffing changes have resulted in the delay of Preschool classes.
- O.C.C is working on staffing issues and CCRR is involved with centre.

Ages & Stages Questionnaire

- Ontario Early Years has the forms relating to ages available in several languages, including Punjabi.
- Pat will bring sheets forward to Community Manager, Susan Brown, to seek approval for their use. Pat is checking with OEL to check on copyright.

Doctor’s Organization

- Reported that Doctor’s are not willing to settle within South Okanagan communities as there are inadequate amenities available to children. Pat will follow up with this report.

## Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting: Date: TBA 7 pm Sonora Community Centre**

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## Communities for Kids Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes

**Monday October 15, 2007**  
**Sonora Community Centre**

**Attendance:** Alicia Osland, Hester Brunner, Lil Rush, Pat Buckland, Sarah Gattinger

### **Previous Minutes:**

- Discussed doctors not moving to Osoyoos due to lack of resources for kids
  - This may be rumour
  - Discussed lack of amenities and high housing prices as possible reasons
- Festival of the Tomato
  - Could have used a third person during busiest parts of the day

**Approval of Minutes:** Passed by Hester

### **Standing Items**

- Website
  - Mother Goose program is on the website
  - Sarah to forward list of 0-6 programs sheet to Pat to put on the website

### **Old Business**

- Conference
  - 45 people registered – space for 100
  - Registration forms were handed out to Parent and Tot group last week
  - \$50 available for those in need of transport, childcare or registration fees
  - 9 sessions and all are running
  - Entertainment will be available at lunch
  - 20 display booths
- Success by 6 Letter – Sarah will write a letter to SB6 committee asking for feedback on grant request
- Multiculturalism
  - Punjabi version of ages and stages by Early Years in Ontario
  - Will be asking for permission to publish
  - Forum is on hold
- Mother Goose
  - 20 kids attending
  - 2 ESL moms and 1 “signing” mom

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- Swimming Lessons
  - Ran 10 classes (4 preschool) in July and one set in August
  - Fairly cold for kids
  - Next year if the classes run, they will be moved to a different beach and moved to different times
- Literacy Now Forum
  - Danielle, Newspaper Editor, Barb Patterson from Outreach SD53, Hester Brunner, Marieze Tarr, June Harrington and Mary Kiviste attended
  - Looked at different age groups from cradle to grave and what was needed here in Osoyoos
  - Pat will send report once completed
  - Plan will be set for each community
- Parenting Sessions
  - Definite gap in the community
  - Suggested that a questionnaire regarding a need and the type to be put out at the upcoming conference and to parent and tots group
  - Discipline seems to be a big issue
  - Focus tends to be on specific target groups (ie single moms) but there needs to be a focus on the general population
  - Discussed possibility of bringing a series into town
    - Hester will touch base with School District
    - Pat will ask about price and funding available regarding bringing in a speaker
    - Sarah will touch base with the Boys and Girls Club
  - Nobody's Perfect
    - Oliver will be running Spring 2008

### **New Items**

- Directory
  - Pat will touch base with Tina Wallner to get some more hard copies
- Cities Fit for Children
  - Sarah and Gerald from the Recreation department will be going to do a presentation regarding what's going on in osoyoos
  - Presentation will highlight success in programming as well as where we have come from as a recreation department

### **Additions**

- EDI
  - Tool that Kindergarten teachers fill out on kids to gather stats on vulnerability
  - Vulnerabilities in kids are increasing in our region
  - Speaks to the need of funding
  - Hester attended forum
    - Vague and no new info
  - Patricia Gregory will come next meeting to talk about EDI and how to bring it into the community

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next meeting: Nov 19 Sonora Community Centre**

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## Communities for Kids Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes

**Monday November 19, 2007**  
**Sonora Community Centre**

**Attendance:** Alicia Osland, Hester Brunner, Sarah Gattinger, Marisa Munday, Karen Brough, Isobel Hart, Pat Buckland

**Guests:** Maureen Parriott/Okanagan Sun, Kurt Lozinski/RCMP

Introduction: Patricia Gregory of Understanding the Early Years

**Presentation on latest EDI (Early Development Instrument) results:**

- by Patricia on the results of information gathered on the developmental readiness of children in Kindergarten in Osoyoos.

Presentation details on the 5 domains of the EDI will be forthcoming.

Discussion followed on the “Community Factors Impacting the EDI Domains”

**1. Physical Health and Well-Being**

- Access to safe, outdoor play spaces – discussion on concern for age appropriate 0-6 equipment and location of Osoyoos parks
- Access to recreation programs and services – appreciation expressed for the quality and quantity of number of programs Osoyoos Recreation runs and fills
- Food security

**2. Social Competence**

- Access to quality child care and preschool – awareness of the lack of childcare even with the Osoyoos Child Care Centre operating in Osoyoos; OCCC now offering playschool rather than preschool. Lack of quality day homes a concern. Discussion on the value of the preschool family centre being opened in the elementary school and its effect on existing programs.
- Access to structured community programs – discussion with regard to recreation, library, Parent & Tots being in the same building.
- Parent education programs – discussion on planned parenting program will come up.
- Neighbourhood cohesion – need a central gather place with facilities nearby and open for parks; need to follow-up with town council and planning department to get them on board to look at some spot that would provide a good central place.
- Localized access to services – discussion of benefits of having recreation & library, school and child care centre in central location.

**3. Emotional Maturity**

- Access to diverse environments

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- Access to quality child care and preschool –again mention of lack of child care
- Informal opportunities to interact with peers – excellent opportunities at parents and tots 2 days per week/ other programs offered at Sonora CC.

#### 4. Language and Cognitive Development

- Literacy programs that include both young children and adults – CAPC organizes Literacy and Parenting Skills with their parents; Mother Goose offered via Public Health and assistance from B& G. It's been pretty consistent in Osoyoos for the last couple of years.
- Accessible library services – public library, school library; mention made that the library had lost some older folk who lived further from the library now but more participation by families.
- Partnerships between early child development programs and the local school district –before and after school programs

#### 5. Communication Skills and General Knowledge

- Proportion of the population that speaks English as a second language – small number of multicultural families accessing programs.
- Access to rich oral language environments – much?

Thank you from Patricia for giving feedback on the Osoyoos EDI.

**Mother Goose:** report from Hester – excellent turn out; Karen Brough assisted with delivering the program at the SCC.

- plans to offer MG at the Temple in Oliver with the help of Mandy Channa.

**Parenting Program:** Hester and Sarah have sent out a brief survey to parents asking for some feedback on what the parents would like to see in parenting sessions. Plans are to offer parenting sessions in the New Year. Topics, times and format to be established once the surveys are in.

Next Meeting: Monday December 17/07

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## **Communities for Kids Osoyoos Table Meeting Minutes**

**Monday December 17, 2007**  
**Sonora Community Centre**

**Attendance:** Alicia Osland, Karen Brough, Lil Rusch, Pat Buckland

Approval of Minutes: passed

Agenda Additions: possibility of family fair every second year, nutritious lunches session at Home Hardware

**Standing Items:**

- “facilitate communities ongoing gathering of data related to barriers/issues/needs/gaps” –on hold
- website updates: Cherry Buds hockey classes on Osoyoos website; Karen would like more detailed information like times of programs on the website.

**Old Business:**

**EDI** – graph and community relating to Patricia’s presentation: keep in mind that this is not the only resource for ECD research

**Success by 6:** Sarah – on hold

**Multiculturalism:** hopes of running Mother Goose and Nobody’s Perfect at the Temple in Oliver, update later

**Parenting Session:** Hester & Sarah – on hold; note that Alison Johnston is a family support worker at parent group at OIB and works for OSNS

**New Business:**

**Directory update:** pages distributed for update – Karen to edit p 6; Alicia, p4&5; other pages to be distributed at next meeting

**Communities Fit For Children:** Sarah – on hold; Pat sent out the website address so the CFK email list could see Sarah and Gerald’s Power Point Presentation at the Kelowna conference.

**Additions:**

**Family Fair:** possibility of hosting a ecd event with assessment – Pat distributed sample from the Campbell River. Alicia suggests centres, kids crafts, screening and a dog demonstration. Bicycle and water safety.

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**Nutritious lunch/food session:** Pat wondered about the possibility of Home Hardware including a session on healthy lunches or snacks in their programming this coming Spring. Edith and Margie from OSNS had done a session at a CFK parent conference that was very successful. Table requests Pat keep researching possibility.

Next Meeting: Monday Jan 21/08 at Sonora Community Centre

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