

Penticton Communities for Kids Table

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2009

Attending: Mari Jean Day (Interior Health), Rob Zoppi (Queens Park Principal), Deb Hardman (MCFD), Brenda Barber (Queens Park StrongStart), Christine Schwarz (ECD Hub), Kelly Moog (PDCRS), Blair Lischeron (CFK).

1. Review of September Minutes

2. Member Updates

a) Christine Schwarz reported on the Rejuvenate event. Noted it was very successful, and wishes to continue the event. Will consider applying to Communities for Kids for funding to support further events.

b) Mari Jean Day reported on Interior Health's H1N1 Immunization clinics, breastfeeding clinics, the cancellation of Baby Talk till immunization has been completed.

c) Brenda Barber reported on: 1) StrongStart openings at Carmi elementary, Columbia elementary, and Ecole Entre Lacs, and 2) the PALS program at Queens Park.

d) Rob Zoppi reported on the planned expansion of full day kindergarten at Queens Park in 2010. Rob noted parents may opt out of the full day program and attend 1/2 days in the am or pm. The StrongStart program room will be maintained.

e) Christine Schwarz reported on her trip to Boundary with CFK Oliver Table members and others from Oliver to visit to the Rock Creek Hub. This was organized by folks from Oliver who are interested in developing a Hub in their community.

f) Deb Hardman reported; 1) the Parenting Anxious Kids program has begun, and that intakes have been about 55/month, 2) the Child, Youth and Family committee has formed a subcommittee for early childhood mental health, 3) Interior Health has a Infant Mental Health and Early Childhood Mental Health Plan, 4) ongoing referrals of 4 and 5yr olds from OSNS to MCFD for early childhood mental health services.

g) Kelly Moog reported; 1) Boys and Girls Clubs Family Outreach and Positively Parenting are swamped, lots of mom's coming to these programs, 2) IDP is busy but has the capacity to see more clients, 3) Summerland mother goose was cancelled due to lack of attendance, 4) B& G is conducting its Angel Hamper campaign.

3. Discussion of the 2008-09 EDI results.

4. Blair Lischeron will act as Chair (but Blair encourages any member to volunteer for this position), and meeting minutes will be taken by a member volunteer.

5. Table member attendance was discussed. Members are encouraged to find more members and to make efforts to regularly attend.
6. CFK funded project planning was discussed, Blair encouraged members to bring ideas forward.
7. Blair distributed CFK Ages and Stages Development Wheels to Deb Hardman (25), Kelly Moog (50), Brenda Barber (50), and Christine Schwarz (75).
8. Next meeting: November 23rd 2009, 3 - 4:30pm, Queens Park Strong Start