

Community for Kids
Summerland Community Table
Meeting Minutes for August 22nd, 2006

Time & Location: 7:00 pm, Glenfir School, 7808 Pierre Dr.

Chair: Vicki Warner, Secretary: Blair Lischeron

Attendance: Vicki Warner, Blair Lischeron, Gayle Nicholson, Laurie Rockwell

1. Adoption of Minutes
Minutes from the July 24th, 2006, meeting accepted as presented.
2. Guests
There were no guests at this meeting.
3. Resignation
Blair notified the Table of Susan McCallum's resignation as Secretary. The Table regretfully accepted Susan's resignation and commented on the good work she did while acting in this position. Susan will continue as a Table member and attend meetings and support the work of the Table when she is able.
4. Election of new Secretary
Gayle Nicholson volunteered to be our new Secretary. Gayle will take minutes at the next meeting. In the interim Gayle will begin working with Blair, Lisa (Chair) and Vicki (Co-chair) to develop the next meeting agenda, and provide information to Table members (as necessary).
5. Folk Festival- report on outcome
Gayle's report: Gayle was the only Table member at the meeting who volunteered at the Folk Festival. She was there from 9 am to 11 am. Her experience was that the display table was too far removed from the action to attract much attention. Only one parent approached the table while Gayle was there. Gayle suggested that in the future having more than one person would allow someone to mingle in the crowd and be proactive in engaging parents and distributing information. An email report from Patricia indicated that more parents were engaged as the day progressed and that children enjoyed the balloons, bubble blowing and other activities.

Survey Results: The results of the survey conducted at the Festival were discussed. (Blair noted that he would send the survey results to Table members. However this is not necessary as Patricia emailed the survey results to Table members on August 8th.) The survey provided some insights into what parents in Summerland want for their young children. The Table will further consider the survey results at the September meeting, along with other data sources (e.g., the EDI, the SADI survey results, Patricia Gregory's resource template, and our

Table's resource list) in order to begin thinking about what project we may want to consider developing in order to apply for SB6® funding.

One survey respondent suggested a children's music program. Blair noted that a children's music program provider was at the CFK Lets Celebrate parenting workshop held in Penticton last November (Lets Celebrate will be presented again in Penticton, November 4th, details forthcoming).

Action Item: Blair will attempt to contact this person to see if she works in Summerland or knows of anyone who does similar programming in Summerland. The Table discussed the possibility of having such a program in Summerland in response to a suggestion from the Folk Festival.

Action Item: Gayle will contact folks at Lear House re; music programming for young children in Summerland.

Another survey respondent suggested Summerland needs indoor winter activities for children. The Table discussed possible venues for this, including the Boys and Girls Club facility and the Youth Center located adjacent to the B&G club.

Action Item: Blair will contact Bryant and the Youth Center administration to discuss availability of their facilities in case the Table wishes to pursue establishing a program that could use either of these spaces. The Library basement was also suggested as a possible location.

Another survey respondent suggested affordable licensed preschool space. Presently only Glen Fir and Montessori offer this service in Summerland, for children aged 3-5. Vicki noted that subsidy depends on income.

The Table also discussed the possibility of supporting a nutrition seminar or workshop, or providing "healthy eating" information for parents as a program possibility. Blair noted that OSNS provided a nutrition workshop at last year's Lets Celebrate event. He offered resources gathered from that workshop to anyone interested and suggested that it may be possible to bring the OSNS nutritionist to Summerland to conduct a similar seminar. Once the program for this year's Lets Celebrate event is completed Blair will note if the nutrition workshop will be offered again and circulate the program to all Table members.

Action Item: Blair will inquire at the Summerland Review to see if they printed our press release prior to the Festival, and get a copy for our scrapbook if available.

6. Welcome Wagon. Partnering with the Table to provide ECD information to new parents.

The Table discussed if the Welcome Wagon provides new parents (in hospital or at a neo-natal home visit) with information about services for children aged 0-6.

We concluded that our yet-to-be-developed “Summerland Asset Directory” would be a perfect resource for all parents to have, and would like to pursue establishing a partnership with the WW to distribute the Directory to new parents.

Action Item. Laurie will ask his WW contact exactly what they do and report back to the Table. Then the Table will decide if this is an option it wishes to pursue.

This discussion of the WW lead the Table to recognize that we need to develop a strategy for the distribution of our Directory once it is produced. This then lead the Table to suggest that we have at least one possible project for the February SB6® funding deadline; i.e., the Asset Directory. Blair noted that at this point we are in the process of gathering the information necessary to compile the directory. No details about it’s format, production numbers, distribution plan, etc., have been addressed.

In addition to the Asset Directory, the Table noted that a second possible project could be to support a program or service, and make a funding application for this to CFK/SB6® for the February 2007, deadline. Blair encouraged the Table to identify such a program/service and to think very carefully about what it may be. He hopes the Table will identify a project that will be highly valued by parents and children in the community, not only for the benefit of those families, but also to make a good first impression for CFK Summerland as this would be our “official coming-out”.

Action Item; Blair will reformat the asset inventory the Table has developed to date for review at the next Table meeting.

7. Update on SADI survey.
Blair contacted Michelle Stephan of SADI and was informed that the survey results will be available for our September meeting.

Action Item: Blair will distribute the results when he receives them.

8. Review of Patricia Gregory’s Resource Directory Template
Blair brought this draft document to the meeting to review in order to help the Table further consider what assets Summerland has. There was no time to review the list. This item was tabled for the next meeting.
9. Update on Funding- Blair Lischeron
Blair reported that he presented his request to the CFK Steering Committee for funds to support the Table’s activities. The Committee informed Blair that this request should be submitted with all other funding requests at the September application deadline.

Action item: Blair will submit a formal request to the Committee in September. This request will include a list of appropriate items/activities that will be funded by the Committee. The process for receiving these funds will, in all likelihood, be simply to purchase items out of pocket and submit an expense claim for reimbursement. Such purchases and reimbursements will likely need to be done by Blair.

10. Other Business

Vicki noted that as host, Glen Fir wonders if Table members would be interested in having snacks and refreshments provided to make the meetings more comfortable. Table members thanked Vicki for her offer, and noted that Glen Fir's hosting the meetings is a significant enough contribution and thanked Vicki and Glen Fir for this.

Blair asked the Table if the Summerland Fall Fair would be an appropriate venue for CFK to set a display table up at and distribute information to parents. The Table concluded that this is not really a good fit.

Gayle offered to continue to informally survey Summerland parents asking them what programs/services they want to see in our community for their young children. Gayle suggested she could go to program/service sites (e.g., Tumble Time, Rhyme Time, etc.) to ask engage parents. Blair thanked Gayle for this offer and encouraged her to do so. The Table then discussed the possibility of developing business cards for Table members to distribute to parents in circumstances such as this.

Action item: Blair will investigate options for production of business cards.

Action item: Blair will email Table members and ask them to ask parents they meet "about town" what services they would like to see for children in Summerland. Information gathered as a result of these and Gayle's efforts will be useful in helping the Table identify a possible project to request funding for in February.

Action item: Blair will bring the SADI survey results, our Table's Asset List, the EDI data, the Folk Festival survey responses, and Patricia's resource template to the next meeting for the Table's consideration. These information sources will be reviewed in order to begin planning a possible project for the February funding deadline.

Next Meeting: September 26th, 7pm, GlenFir School, 7808 Pierre St.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 pm