

Community for Kids
Summerland Community Table
Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2006

Time: 7PM

Location: S.A.D.I. 9117 Prairie Valley Rd.

Chair: Blair Lischeron (temporarily)

Secretary: Susan McCallum

Attendance:

Leah Spanier, Vicki Warner, Patricia Gregory, Laurie Rockwell, Blair Lischeron, Gayle Nicholson, Susan McCallum

1. Adoption of Minutes:

Minute Amendments: -Change OUC to OC

- Bryant Bird not Brian Bird
- Change Meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday
- Correct Laurie's name spelling
- Correct spelling of Glenfir
- Correct Leah's name spelling

2. Guest:

Diane Mortenson was unable to attend. Laurie will look into having her at next meeting.

3. Old Business:

A. S.A.D.I.'s Questionnaire:

-S.A.D.I. has agreed to ask 0-6 related questions on their survey. The survey is to be completed by end of August. Two questions will be asked: 1. Does your organization provide service/programs for children aged 0-6?, if yes, 2. What are those services? Survey information will be used to identify our community's assets for 0-6 yr olds and then we will develop a directory of those assets to distribute to parents and service providers. The asset inventory will also be used to help identify gaps in service so we can begin project planning to address needs.

-Blair reviewed Asset Spreadsheet and we decided to add Interior Health, Daycare, and Pre-Natal Support to the list of assets.

-Blair asked the table to consider other assets that we may want to add to the list

B. Fall 0-6 Expo:

-The table decided to wait until we are more established as a group before undertaking a large project like a Expo/Family Fair. The Table decided to focus on raising public awareness this summer through education and activity at local festivals.

C. Parent Survey:

-Table members are asked to continue informal questioning of other parents to determine what service(s) they would like in the community for children aged 0-6.

-It was suggested we have a "brainstorming sheet" or a "scribe" at festivals/public events we attend to note what parents want for children aged 0-6

4. New Business:

A. Post Natal Depression Support group:

- Janice Maaske contacted Blair and informed him that she can and intends to proceed with establishment of this group without the support of our Table. This will be done in conjunction with the Summerland Public Health Unit. Blair informed Janice that we were available to support her efforts when and if needed. Blair will maintain contact with Janice to monitor developments in order to ensure we know when the group is established to provide this information to parents.

B. Website:

-Blair mentioned that the regional organization of Communities for Kids (in collaboration with our partners - Success By 6 and Understanding the Early Years) will be establishing a CFK website which will include a page(s) for each community table. The website will include regional and local community information, an online asset inventory and other features. A consultant has been hired by CFK to create the webpage. Serious construction will begin in September 2006.

C. Folk Festival and Lakeside Celebration:

-The table talked about having a small project to work on this summer while S.A.D.I. is doing the “asset survey”, and decided to do some public relations/awareness raising at local festivals.

-The table decided to partner with S.A.D.I. to host a table at the Folk Festival on August 5th to promote CFK/Success by 6/UEY. They decided to host a “bubble booth” with an information display about our table.

-Leah will be putting together a display for our Table

-Patricia, Laurie and Gayle have volunteered to help supervise

-Susie is finding 3 youth volunteers to help with bubbles

-Patricia is looking into getting supplies donated by the Dollar Store

-We will also ask parents to suggest what they want for their children and in this way conduct an informal survey of needs

-Blair will work on a Press Release promoting the event

D. Book Drive:

-The table discussed doing a book drive for kids and handing out free books to children to promote CFK

-Could partner with Credit Union and use them as a drop-off location

-Possibly link it to a “Terrific Toddler Party”

No decision was made.

5. Chair Nominations and Definition:

- Definition: takes lead on Table activities (e.g., events, funding applications, etc)
- Leads meetings
- coordinates production and distribution of meeting agendas and minutes with secretary (and Blair)

- coordinates with Blair on community projects and events, and on regional activities (e.g., information workshops), etc.
- organize/direct sub-committee work as necessary
- Identified as Chair on official letters, funding applications, etc
- Public duties may include interviews, public speaking, and generally raising the profile of our group in the community

Nominations: Lisa Jaeger

6. Funding Update:

-Blair explained to the table that there is a funding application coming out on June 29th 2006 and due for submittal by August 31st, 2006

- Blair will inquire with the regional Steering Committee to see if “Capacity Building” funds may be made available as seed money to support the Table’s efforts until a project has been identified.

Next Meeting; July 25th, 7pm, GlenFir School, 7808 Pierre St.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00pm