

Communities for Kids

Summerland Community Table

May 4th, 2006, Meeting Minutes

At 7pm, on May 4th, 2006, the Communities for Kids (CFK) regional coordinator (Blair Lischeron), and the Understanding the Early Years (UEY) regional coordinator (Patricia Gregory) hosted a meeting of Summerland residents to present information on CFK, Success By 6® (SB6), and UEY, and to invite residents to form a CFK Community Table.

Twenty people attended the meeting at Giants' Head Elementary School. Among the audience were parents and representatives from; the RCMP, Giants' Head Elementary, the Glenfir school, the South Okanagan Montessori School Society, Trout Creek Elementary school, School District 57 Board of Trustees, the Summerland library, the Summerland Asset Development Initiative, the Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society (OSNS), the Penticton and District Community Resources Society (PDCRS) and the Boys and Girls Club. Following the presentation a question period was held. The structure and role of the Community Table, and SB6 funding opportunities were among the many topics discussed.

Following the question period, the group listed assets in Summerland for children aged 0-6 and noted some gaps. This was done in order to begin thinking about possible projects the Table may undertake. The list of assets included;

- Speech therapy (Interior Health)
- Occupational therapy (OSNS)
- Physical therapy (OSNS)
- Psychology/counselling services
- Supported Child Development (PDCRS)
- Playschool and Montessori
- Kindergarten
- Out of School
- Summer Program
- Junior Kindergarten & after-school (Glenfir)
- Ready, Set, Go (private K-readiness program)
- Playschool (Baptist Church)
- Puddle Jumpers (Recreation Dept.)
- Skating program (Recreation Dept.)
- Mini soccer (Recreation Dept.)
- Swimming lessons (Recreation Dept.)
- SADI maps
- Before and after school (Boys and Girls Club)
- Adopt-a-park (Boys and Girls Club)

- Licensed family child care (8 providers)
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Baby Time (Library literacy program)
- Preschool Story Time
- Summer reading club
- Rhyme time (Library)
- Tumble time (Baptist Church)
- Art Gallery
- Mom's Morning Out
- Art in the afternoon (SADI)
- Kinsman Park (Julia St.)
- Memorial Park
- Splash Park

In contrast to these assets the group identified a lack of programs for parents who work outside the home, and a directory or brochure of community resources for children aged 0-6. It was suggested that a directory could be produced in partnership with the Recreation Center.

At the meeting's conclusion 14 people signed-up as Summerland Community Table members. One person who was unable to attend was also signed-up.

Communities for Kids is grateful to Craig Dunbar and the school district for hosting the meeting.

Next Meeting; Wednesday May 31st, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location; Summerland Asset Development Initiative, 9117
Prairie Valley Rd.