



BOW VALLEY INTERAGENCY MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2009

Name	Agency
Alison Gerrits	Banff FCSS
Nancy Lewis	Banff FCSS
Sarah Kermode	Banff Volunteer Centre
Catherine Ashdown	AEI
Janet Moynihan	AEI
Sandra Schwanke	Mental Health Services
Laura Wellman	Right From the Start Project, CRPS
Kathy Lillace	Bow Valley Parent Link
Greta Correll	Home Connections
Jan Brychka	Canmore FCSS
Emily Smith	MD Bighorn
Erin Jones	Right From the Start Project, CRPS
Allyson Van Impe	Right From the Start Project, CRPS

Meeting was called to order by Alison Gerrits at 3:05 pm followed by introductions.

Guest Speaker: Laura Wellman

“Right from the Start – Mental Health Capacity Building in our Elementary Schools”

This program that started in 2008 in the Banff and Canmore schools is one of 32 pilot projects in the province. It is a partnership between Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education. Three year funding is provided through Alberta Health and Wellness.

Erin Jones is the success coach and she works directly with the individual students in areas of concern, mainly friendship, self-esteem and social issues.

Allyson Van Impe is the wellness mentor and provides workshops in the classroom setting, as well as parent workshops in the evenings.

They are preparing a final newsletter for this school year and a welcome letter for new students throughout the year. If anyone has information on their agency or services available that they would like to see included in either package, please contact Laura.

ROUND TABLE SHARING

Catherine/Janet - AEI

The number of people looking for support has been higher. Appointments can be made in advance, but can accommodate walk in clients as well. A meeting will be rescheduled to discuss access for Banff residents.

Sara – Volunteer Centre

The AGM is scheduled for 6:30, May 26 at Banff Town Hall, Council Chambers. They are working on organizing a BBQ for the bike festival on June 20.

Laura – AACL

A database has been created to connect families to both paid and volunteer workers in the Valley. Families can search through the criteria and select workers. They are currently looking for families for the testing phase of the database.

Nancy – Banff FCSS

There are three Health Living with a Chronic Condition workshops that are being offered, starting Wednesday, May 27th. To register or for more details, call 762-1251.

Greta – Home Connections

There are approximately 20 families in Canmore that they are working with and the number is much lower in Banff and none in Lake Louise. To encourage more contact with families that might benefit, it was suggested that they contact the FSLW staff for referrals.

- AADAC

Their name change has not been confirmed yet.

Jan – Canmore FCSS

They are busy with last minute requests for programs before the school year ends. Projects and programs to be discussed over the summer months include community dinners, Home Alone and Go Girls programs.

Kathy – Parent Link

Parent Link in the Park program is being launched this summer. It will run on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. and alternate between Canmore, Banff and Exshaw. Dates and locations are available at www.canmore.ca/parentlink

New summer hours will be mornings only, Canmore is Tuesday and Fridays, Banff is Mondays and Fridays and Exshaw is Thursdays.

The toy lending library has been very successful. The Resource kits and library are not available to take out over the summer months.

Alison – Banff FCSS

A program is being launched in 5 Banff neighbourhoods. On a specific day, a kiosk will be set up with program information and staff available to answer questions. The pilot will be June 25 in the Banff Centre area (Grizzly Street) to engage residents and discuss concerns and social issues.

The next meeting of the Bow Valley Interagency is a BBQ scheduled in Banff, from noon – 1:30 at Banff Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm