

QUESNEL COMMUNITY AUTISM COMMITTEE  
MAY 25, 2011

MINUTES

1. Parent Support Group: update – Carla
  - There has been good attendance at Parent Support Mtgs. There were 22 parents. This means there is an increase to child minding as well. The CDC is paying \$10 an hour. Carla thinks they should be paid more. Carla has a volunteer who is working with daycare provider. This is only a temporary solution. There should be 2 support staff. The committee decided that we would monitor. Anita suggested that the committee can do cost subsidy and have qualified staff. Carla will ask Kurt about this. If we need to, perhaps the Autism Community Fund will help pay for some of the daycare on a monthly basis.
  - The BBQ is set for June 16. The parents wanted spot prizes. The committee discussed that at this point the priority for \$ should be providing food...so families will come. Buying prizes, etc. increases the cost of this event which becomes unsustainable. The parents discussed applying to Parent Child Resource Team for \$ to help pay for BBQ. If the PCRT fund is not available for project proposals yet, then Autism acct will pay for BBQ.
  
2. EPIC Group: update – Shareen
  - Two new students registered
  - 2 other B.Is attending
  - Youth will be helping with the BBQ
  - They had surprise visitors – 2 returning students
  - The last session is in June. Shareen will remind kids about YAG summer camp
  - Shareen is still waiting for the last of Autism funding money to see the account balance
  - If the account is under, then Shareen can submit a bill to the Autism Community account to pay the balance
  
3. Training:
  - Anita hasn't received invoice from Sources. The committee talked about the workshop. It wasn't very interactive, a bit disappointing. Committee members helped support the presenter/presentation.
  - Anita said that Megan confirmed that she would do a Thursday evening workshop on Anxiety. The committee thought there wasn't enough notice to hold this in June. We will investigate fall workshop.

4. AUTISM AWARENESS

- Carla was disappointed with what the paper finally published. She showed us what she submitted and then what Cariboo Observer ran. Quite different/modified copy. Still, it was awareness.
- Shareen mentioned that William's Lake community did a 'walk' last year. The committee thought this would be a good idea to bring forward to parents. This would need to be done early, to build awareness, get commitments.
- The committee also discussed other ways to increase awareness – someone on TV with Nate Bello's Community cable spot
- We could look at doing something at the library – we gave them some books. There was discussion of creating a display there.

5. Brochure – we need to update this...committee work. Sue will look for electronic copy.

6. Next mtg date – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, DAO, 8:30