

The Quesnel Community Autism Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tues. July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Attending: Carla Fulton, Anita Bassett, Beata Polanska, Sharon Davalovsky, and Sue MacDonald

1) TRAINING UPDATE – Members discussed next steps for Autism Training/Inservice. The following recommendations were made:

What:

2 day Sensory Workshop  
1 day Designing a Sensory Diet – follow up session  
(people can choose 1, 2 or 3 day option)

When:

Oct. 1, 2, 3  
(ties in with NI day on the 1<sup>st</sup>)

Cost:

2 days \$150.00  
1 day \$75.00  
all 3 days \$200.00  
(\$75 per day, deal for all three)  
Fee will include coffee/juice service in the a.m., snack (muffins/fruit, juice..) at a.m. break, lunch, and cookie/juice p.m. break.

Other:

Parent Night – look at providing a session for parents when Elizabeth comes in. It was suggested that we look at Make-n-take session (social story building, using WWS or Boardmaker...)

Roles:

Sue will contact Elizabeth to confirm topic/date and discuss Parent session  
Sue will check out various venues and catering options

2) AUTISM WEBSITE – ABC Communications offers a reduced rate/service to non-profit organizations. The group decided to initiate this. Sue will meet with Liz (in PG) to begin process. Recommendations re:website:

- Establish own domain
- [www.quesnelautism.com](http://www.quesnelautism.com)
- \$245 to establish - \$11.95 a month to monitor

- Home Page – should include links for – Upcoming Workshops, Community Events, useful websites (Gateway, Autism BC, Ministry MCFD Website, Autism Canada, Public Health Services Authority...), Other resources/agencies in the community (MCFD, CDC, NHA, MH, SCC, SD 28)
- Include list of BI's – would need disclaimer – could charge a fee for them to advertise...
- Another option – Bravenet – forum for parents to talk, ask questions, support each other... Sue will get info from Liz about this option

3) SHARON DOVALOVSKY – P.G. Manager – Sharon shared about assessment process (referrals, clinics...) and registry information. Team wanted clarification about who takes initiative to ensure that kids are being registered with Health Status Registry. Sharon shared that all children with Autism should be registered. The qualifying Specialist (Paed, Psychologist, Psychiatrist...) would register the child. This is not necessarily happening. Sharon said she would speak to Dr. Marriage and will clarify with Dr. Riegal and Heather Wingerit. The stats should be web based by end of summer (this would include info about who was referred, date of referral, who made diagnosis...). It was suggested that MCFD might benefit from accessing this information (names of students diagnosed) in order to make sure parents are aware of/accessing Ministry \$ available – interchange of info.

The team members also wanted clarity regarding what 'multi-disciplinary' means. This may look different for some specialists then what is in the Policy Manual. Sharon said she would talk to Rachelle and make a plan to address this issue with specialists (Dr. Marriage, et. Al).

4) FOLLOW-UP DATE – Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>?? Carla will coordinate date - ask committee members which date and time would work best. Meeting at DAO