

Community Services Committee Meeting  
9/20/17

Sarah MacColl opened the meeting at 6:05.

Members present: Terri Patterson, Sarah MacColl, Debbie Butterworth, Tara Simopoulos, Trish Brigham, Amy Lombardo and Kathy Raftice.

Members absent: Joe Whalen

1. Public comment - No members of the public were present
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – May 17, 2017, no minutes available
3. Correspondence – No community correspondence.
4. Agenda Items

Russell Packet's FMLA ends October 6. His condition is serious, and there is some uncertainty about the timeliness of his return. Kathy is interim director of CS.

Leslie Young left CS in late July. Her replacement, Cory Surprenant, previously employed in Gorham, has been hired and will start work October 10. Linda Strunk has replaced Jane Anderson. CS will be fully staffed as of October 10.

Cape Care is off to a great start this year, after care is full with a waiting list of 20 on various days. There are two full time lead teachers and two full time assistant teachers in each class. There are 67 children enrolled (various days), and most days are quite full. CS is licensed for 100 but we don't have the space for that.

The Cape Care playground is completed.

The Saturday Skill Builders classes are very full. There is some interest in a travel field hockey program, but CS is not planning on offering that so far. Football and volleyball for were cancelled due to low enrollment.

The after school logistics of getting kids to their activities is slowly being ironed out.

Tri By the Sea went very well. 108 participants. In the survey feedback people noted they wanted it to be less competitive next year. This year the proceeds went to the Fort Williams Children's Garden. The CS Committee suggested next year the proceeds go toward a sign in for the community that can show Community Services info. CS knows they would like to improve communication—registration deadlines are very difficult to work with: families have so much going on and children want so much to participate.

Travel Basketball: (Grades 5-8) With Russell's absence all summer and early fall, the administration of this program has been discussed by a committee of recreation people, including Deb Smith from SoPo. The Committee wondered whether this part of Russell's job could be contracted out.

The careful administration of this program is important: the games are held at a variety of places (hosts in the program) with many moving parts and many participants. One issue that came up last year was an injury due to water on the floor and the liability of the facility.

**ACTION ITEM: Tara said she will get some info on signs to Kathy.**

Adult Exercise programs all going well. Lots of interest in senior programs.

The Committee expressed its concern about staff workload. We also continue to be unclear about our role as a committee. Various members noted that The Fort Williams and Library committees seem to have more meaty decisions to make. It was decided that we would like Matt Sturgis to talk with us about how we could function more effectively. The Committee expressed gratitude to Kathy for her hard work during this difficult summer and fall.

Next Meeting October 18, 2017 6 p.m. CC Conference Room