

GDCS Recreation Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: February 3 2016

Time: 6:30pm

Attendance: Allyson Richards, Karla Hardcastle, Harmony Johnson-Harder, Shelly Petryga, Tonia Logan, Andrea Simpson, Kristy McDougall, Wendy Ahenakew

Regrets: Laura Park, Janna Varga, Natalie Thompson, Scott Hepworth, Julie Baschuk, Christina Hawkins

Guests: Emrys Simpson-Wolfe, Demi Ahenakew, Greyson Lobb, Violette Lobb, Ruby Lobb

Meeting called to order: The meeting was started at 6:40pm and supper was provided.

Recreation: Allyson discussed the recent CPR & First Aid course that was held at the school. It was a huge success and there were easily over 40 people interested in taking part. Members agreed that another course should be offered in the spring for more people and some of the PD money can be used towards this. Tonia mentioned that one of the firefighters is being trained to instruct CPR & First Aid. Allyson has submitted the application for the SPRA Leadership Grant, using the Village of Air Ronge's membership, for hula hooping classes/instructor training. It was noted that many others are interested in participating. Allyson spoke to Solstice Hula Hooping who would charge \$1,500 to come up, and have waived one of their additional fees as well for us. Shelly does not know where her friend is at with her training. We will be notified if we received the grant within 6 weeks. GDCS and the Town of La Ronge, along with the RCMP will be partnering for the Annual Tree Burning on March 22nd. Allyson will be leading recreation activities for this. The NSCRD Winter Conference will be held on March 1&2. Andrea and Tonia are interested in attending the first day of the conference, and funds will be taken out of the PD Budget for this. Wendy spoke about the MCRHR Grief Camp which will be held on June 3rd and submitted a proposed letter requesting Allyson participate in it to lead recreational activities for the campers and in return, will receive 24hours of time in lieu for her work. Members granted approval of this. Summer programs were discussed and it was noted that all summer grants have been applied for, including the SaskEnergy funding. Swimming lessons with the LifeSaving Society are penciled in for July 11-14 and 18th-22nd, SciFi camp is penciled in for July 4-8 and Camp KICKS is penciled for July 25-29th. Swimming lessons will be \$3600, however will be considerably cheaper if we find accommodation for the instructors for the time. There was great discussion over summer programming and an increase in number of kids attending from La Ronge, as there will not be programming at PCCS this summer. PCCS is on board to have Allyson run programming out of their school, as long as they have notification of this, however there issue remains over keys. One idea suggested was to have one month at GDCS and the other month at PCCS. For now, it will remain as a first come, first served at GDCS for this year. There was great discussion also on bringing back the concept of "community schools". A new program, Little Steps will be running twice a week in the evenings, as a support group for parents and infants 0-3 years. They will alternate bringing in snacks, as well as having presentations from community members. Julie Andrews was originally going to do parent & tot yoga for a program, however due to health issues will have to postpone until the spring.

Action Items: Allyson will confirm dates with RAM Safety for 2nd CPR & First Aid course. Allyson and Tonia will purchase prizes for Tree Burning night. Allyson will work with MCRHR to plan Grief Camp. Andrea and Tonia will complete their registration form for the NSCRD Winter Conference. Allyson and Tonia will assist in writing a grant for PreCam to obtain funding for programming.

Upcoming Events:

February 16-18 – February Break

February 23-24 – Ski Fit North (phys. ed classes)

March 1-2 – NSCRD Winter Conference

March 15 – Mid-Term Stats due (signatures required)

March 22 – La Ronge Tree Burning 6pm

Steering Committee Orientation: Harmony spoke about NSCRD and their role in the NC&SRC program, as well as how they are connected with the various sport, culture and recreation stakeholders. Harmony highlighted the 7 program objectives and the focus of community-based programs and the focus of accessibility. We then briefly discussed the breakdown of the budget and the \$7,000 received from NLSD is strictly for programming and PD

purposes. Harmony distributed the NC&SRCP brochure, and Programs & Services Guide. The roles and responsibilities of the Allyson were discussed, including acknowledging that she fulfills all of her roles. The Steering Committee Orientation was distributed and Harmony highlighted the roles and responsibilities of the steering committee. The Program Administration Calendar was also distributed, and the important dates were recognized. Harmony also discussed the Annual Program Plan, and how there are various programming targets that are suggested to be met. It was proposed to have a program planning session for next year to ensure that the various programing targets are being met. Overall, it was noted that the GDCS Steering Committee was functioning very well and that there is a system in place that works for the group. Copies of the program plan and budget were distributed.

Action Items: Harmony will conduct a program planning session sometime in May, prior to the 2016-2017 program plan being due.

Meeting adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. Our next meeting will be held mid-March. Meeting Wizard reminders will be sent out to determine date and time that works best for majority.