

12. BOARD PROJECT FUND ALLOCATIONS, 2000/01 (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING, 23 APRIL 2001)

The following reports were received at the Community Affairs Committee meeting, held on 23 April 2001.

1. AVONHEAD KINDERGARTEN FUNDING REQUEST

A request had been received from the Avonhead Kindergarten for funding assistance for various projects.

The Community Development Adviser advised that all kindergartens have access through the Kindergarten Association to the Ministry of Education Discretionary Grants for funding assistance for any building matters. The staff at the kindergarten were encouraged to follow up their request with the Ministry. Funding for landscaping could be sought through the Community Development Funding Scheme.

The Board **decided** to decline the Avonhead Kindergarten's application for funding assistance.

2. EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

It was reported that a large number of applications had been received for grants from the Community Development Scheme from the early childhood services sector. The total funding requests from all groups to the Scheme for the current round was \$118,666 with only \$42,499 being available for distribution to groups.

The Board **resolved** to approve a top up of \$10,000 to the Community Development Scheme from current surplus Project funds.

3. SCAP FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

The Community Development Adviser informed the Committee that \$5,000 was available for reallocation from the 1999/2000 SCAP fund.

The following programmes were outlined as being a suitable use of these funds as they were all priorities of the original SCAP Plan.

Follow-up for Parents

The group of parents who attended the Parenting with Confidence Seminar were interested in continued contact and support for parenting. A follow-up course of evenings has been arranged called "Parentwise", facilitated by Beverley McNabb a Community and Social Worker with Methodist Child and Family Services. This programme will allow parents to build on the skills and information gained from the seminar and help contribute to their local network of parents for support and friendship.

It is being co-ordinated by Grant Harris at a cost of \$500.

Opportunity for Children

Grant Harris has also identified a programme "Warrior Kids" to assist children to develop self-esteem, social skills, confidence, discipline, courage, fun and fitness. It is a ten week programme based at a school and run by trained facilitators from Child and Family Services of Christchurch Methodist Mission. The cost of a ten week programme is \$1,500 and it is designed to complement parents attending parenting programmes at the same time.

Domestic Violence Support

At a recent Riccarton Liaison meeting, a representative from the West Christchurch Women's Refuge informed the group of a new programme they were setting up to assist women who were experiencing domestic violence/abuse who chose to remain in their homes rather than move to the refuge. The refuge has recently employed a Community Outreach Worker whose role is to go out into the community and provide support and services to these families. It is planned that this worker will speak at community groups in the Riccarton/Wigram ward so that they are aware of the new programme and can refer where appropriate.

One of the Sockburn Advocacy Team members approached the Women's Refuge to ascertain what kind of assistance was required to make this programme known to residents in the Riccarton/Wigram ward. After some discussion it was decided that the distribution of flyers and advertising would help get the message into the community. The cost of brochures, flyers and signs comes to \$3,000. This amount includes transport costs for the Community Outreach Worker and other volunteers who are involved with this new project.

The Board **resolved** that the remainder of SCAP Funding be allocated to:

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| • Parentwise | \$500 |
| • Warrior Kids | \$1,500 |
| • Domestic Violence Support (qualified) | \$3,000 |

4. **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people. The following applications were received:

- Sharon Pearce seeking funding towards the costs associated with competitions for the 2001 aerobic season (Christchurch, Auckland and the World Aerobic competition in Morocco).
- Catherine Wall seeking funding towards the costs associated with her attendance at the World Triathlon Championships in Edmonton as a member of the New Zealand Triathlon Team.

The Board **resolved** that grants of \$300 each be awarded to Sharron Pearce and Catherine Wall from the Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme.