

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday October 14, 2014 • 1:30 p.m. • ECCDC, Thorold Room

Present: Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Patricia Couroux, Darlene Edgar (for Sandra Noel), Jackie Kerry, Helene Randle, Judy Bonsignore

Regrets: Mary Louise Vanderlee, Lindsay Milligan

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Welcome			
Minute Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Thompson, ECCDC 		
1. Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved, no changes 		
2. Business Arising from Minutes	<p>NCCSE Facebook page (Lindsay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay sent regrets <p>Training Plan Sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred <p>Francophone representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new rep yet <p>Online survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to December <p>Kiwanis Child Find Kits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector feedback on the kits has been forwarded to Kiwanis <p>Parent Knowledge Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December presentation 		

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2. Business Arising from Minutes continued	<p>Natural Playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting has taken place. After the Bienenstock sessions, perhaps a template with recommendations for natural playgrounds for toddlers could be compiled as a starting point. • Perhaps an Inspector could attend the Natural Playgrounds sessions. Maybe with a subsidized space. Do inspectors belong to associations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim to follow up 	Kim
3. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
4. Workplan	<p>NCCSE Award at Awards of Excellence 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group will meet to review the nominations - the second week in November. Helene & Jackie agreed. <p>NCCSE Online Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to December <p>Increasing Network Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No requests at this time for a community meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim to check with MaryLouise • Julie to work on • Will look at again in December 	<p>Kim</p> <p>Julie</p> <p>All</p>
5. Round Table	<p>Niagara Children’s Planning Council Pillars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families are Strong, Stable & Connected (Lorrey) – supporting the Welcoming Dads workshop Friday January 30, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Targeting anyone working with dads. All attendees will receive a toolkit. Attendance is free. Another parent engagement session was established – more information to come • Children Are Safe (Lorrey) – submitted proposal to Mary Gordon to expand Seeds of Empathy to FRPs. She agreed to a conference call, spoke to the Chair. Didn’t support a framework, but will support the community with anti-bullying. • Children Are Healthy (Helene) – meets tomorrow. Lorrey, Helene, Melissa (Public Health) and Colleen (Public Health) are on sub-committee to determine what is needed to support ECEs with children’s healthy eating, portion size, food and nutrition. And to have them be knowledgeable with parents to support families to make healthy eating choices. May turn into a series, documents. 		

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<p>5. Round Table continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Are Learning (Kim) – met the other day. Working on Vision statement, glossary of terms, changes to workplan. Need to look at what we’re doing. We support others, but what is our purpose? <p>Lorrey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some upcoming sessions the ECCDC is offering that you may be interested in: Series - Cultivating Natural Playgrounds November 7, January 23, and April 10. This is a starting point, hoping to bring in more speakers about this subject in future. November 13 – How Does Learning Happen session – is now no charge, the partners involved subsidized the costs. Karen Calligan and Rod Peturson are facilitating. <p>Judy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Parr is the new Pathstone Consultant. <p>Patricia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCCN celebration will be held December 1. Jim Grieve will be the keynote. Will be a chance to see where QCCN started, and where it’s going in future. 		
<p>6. New Business – request from Darlene Edgar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATCH – 23 programs applied to be operators. • Darlene invited NCCSE to join her in a meeting she is planning to have with Niagara College on various topics related to its ECE program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim will reach out to Lindsay to have a discussion regarding this invitation. 	<p>Kim</p>
<p>7. Marketing Sub-committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No business to discuss. 		
<p>8. Next meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room • February 10 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room • April 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room • June 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room 		