

## Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Monday February 9, 2015 • 9:00 a.m. • ECCDC, Niagara Room

**Present:** Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Jackie Kerry, Patricia Couroux, Lindsay Milligan, Sandra Noel, Judy Bonsignore

**Regrets:** Helene Randle, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Arlene Garand

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
<b>Welcome</b>			
<b>Minute Recorder</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Thompson, ECCDC</li> </ul>		
<b>1. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes approved, no changes</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Business Arising from Minutes</b>	<p><b>NCCSE Facebook Page Stats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the launch at the end of January, the page has garnered 77 ‘likes’. 97% of the ‘fans’ are female. Most of the visitors are distributed geographically per the Region’s population with the most coming from St. Catharines. There is one notable exception with a fan from Germany. NCCSE’s web page is linked to the Facebook page. A question was suggested to add to the Facebook page: <i>Share with us some of your recent successes around reflective practice in your early learning environment.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Training Plan sub-committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top Ten Tips for Career Path Planning: formatted flyer distributed. Committee discussed a few small revisions (adding NCCSE web page address and Facebook information). Committee also requested a bulk email communiqué be sent with Facebook information, Top Ten Tips page link, web page link, and save the date information for next community forum. Top Ten Tips page will be added to NCCSE promotional kit, ECCDC PD packages and will be promoted at the CECE sessions taking place on February 24.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lindsay will add the question</li> <li>Julie to make revisions to flyer, email PDF to committee, and design a bulk email communiqué to send. Kim and the marketing committee will send Julie the wording for the email.</li> </ul>	<p>Lindsay</p> <p>Kim, Marketing Committee, Julie</p>

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3. <b>Marketing Sub-committee (Jackie, Lorrey, Helene)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will develop the communiqué for the bulk email.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once wording is developed, will send to Kim and Julie.</li> </ul>	Jackie, Lorrey, Helene
4. <b>Survey Sub-committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting.</li> </ul>		
5. <b>Website stats (quarterly)</b>			
6. <b>New Business</b>	<p><b>RECE survey results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still working on these, Sandra will bring to next meeting</li> <li>• RSPSS was purchased to analyze the survey results</li> <li>• A non-RECE staff survey was completed as well</li> <li>• Would like to post winners on NCCSE Facebook page</li> <li>• Kelly is the data collection analyst for those serving families 0-6</li> </ul> <p><b>Bill 18 meeting outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a meeting with Kim, Angela and Wendy from Niagara College, Jen Smith, Jackie, Helene, and Laura and Rachel from the Region on how to prepare students for placements.</li> <li>• Niagara College will implement some of the training – WHMIS, First Aid &amp; CPR, workplace violence, etc. online</li> <li>• Rachel from Children’s Services was asked to speak at Bill 18 at the next Community Meeting.</li> <li>• Onus is on the students to have documentation of the training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recruitment &amp; Retention Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are missing a rep from DSBN or NCDSB.</li> <li>• Supporting ongoing recruitment and retention strategies (i.e. resource consultants).</li> <li>• NCCSE could work with high school boards and college to promote early learning &amp; child care as a career. Educate guidance counsellors, principals. Mentoring future leaders, long-term career pathing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting will devote most of the time to discussing Recruitment and Retention, along with the Community Meeting.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>7. Round Table</b></p>	<p><b>Lindsay Milligan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 19 Niagara College is hosting its third mini-ECE conference for second-year students. The CECE is providing the keynote speaker. There will be a professional panel made up of pros in the field and recent grads. University reps will also be in attendance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Patricia Couroux</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The QCCN Task Group is still compiling participant data from the QCCN celebration in December.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jackie Kerry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The YMCA has partnered with Heart Niagara for the month of February. There will be a “Heart Healthy Challenge” with families which asks them to be active for 30 minutes, three times a week and track the activity. Prizes will be awarded – one week free pass at the Y for families to start. More information can be found on the YMCA’s website.</li> <li>There will be nutrition and other sessions in March.</li> </ul> <p><b>Judy Bonsignore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on presentation for Healthy Babies Healthy Children – about Resource Consultants’ roles in Ontario Early Years Centres.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sandra Noel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New wage enhancement grant – more information is coming soon.</li> <li>Finalizing next stage of parent survey. Working to measure parent engagement online survey</li> </ul> <p><b>Kim Cole</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children Are Learning Pillar – meets Wednesday morning.</li> <li>ACW is offering two skating sessions for parents, staff, children. The Health and Wellness committee offers staff a \$50 reimbursement for weight loss programs, gym memberships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking for community partners to disseminate information.</li> </ul>	

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<b>7. Round Table continued</b>	<p><b>Lorrey Arial Bonilla</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children Are Safe pillar – working on a survey to assess knowledge around bullying – should come out late spring. The survey responses will inform a learning session with Mary Gordon.</li> <li>• Families Are Strong, Stable &amp; Connected pillar – looking to put together a parent expo. Also, a collaborative opportunity – Families Charter.</li> <li>• ECCDC has two surveys out – one to get advice on the 2015 Awards of Excellence celebration; and the other to get feedback on the ECCDC’s play-based learning kits.</li> <li>• ECCDC flyers shared – Risk Management, February 12; Ginette Wilson’s sessions – Messing About, February 19; Treasure Baskets and Heuristic Play, March 5; and Fort &amp; Den Building, March 31; Learning Together with Infants &amp; Toddlers, February 27 &amp; 28; and Moving Away from Themes, April 18.</li> </ul>		
<b>8. Next meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room</li> <li>• June 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room</li> </ul>		