

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Wednesday January 27, 2016 • 9:00 a.m. • ECCDC-Niagara Room

Present: Kim Cole, Leah Philbrick, Lorrey Ariel Bonilla, Jackie Kerry, Lindsay Milligan, Sandra Noel, Véronique Emery, Sally Mazachowsky, Christina Clark

Regrets: Patricia Couroux, Judy Bonsignore, Helene Randle

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Welcome			
Minute Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Thompson, ECCDC 		
1. Approval of Minutes – November 30, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved, no changes 		
2. Business Arising from Minutes	<p>Community Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday March 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Niagara Region, rooms C101 & 102 Topics - Program Statement, Implementation Policy, Criminal Reference Checks Will ask Ministry staff to attend Could supply some questions to Ministry staff in advance Post on Facebook <p>NCCSE Past, Present & Future document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs revising, perhaps to a “did you know” page or timeline with accomplishments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim will contact Ministry Julie will put content of current page into a Word document 	<p>Kim</p> <p>Lindsay</p> <p>Julie</p>
3. RECE Survey Recruitment & Retention (Sandra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey was done prior to start of wage enhancement and results will help prepare for Child Care Plan – Recruitment & Retention. Used the survey from Halton, adjusted for Niagara. There was a survey for RECEs and non-RECEs Over 200 responses Would like to do survey again in three years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment & Retention – add to March agenda and to NCCSE strategic planning 	

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4. Marketing Sub-committee	Lorrey, Jackie, Helene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review after workplan revised 		
5. Survey Sub-committee			
6. Website stats (quarterly)			
7. Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An inquiry was received about posting an ad for a babysitter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay will direct inquiry to a Licensed Home Child Care (Wee Watch or Niagara Region) 	Lindsay
8. QCCN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pilot was held in November with 72 participants from 16 centres taking part in the 2-day session. Participants were in communities of practice with six facilitators. There was great feedback, more will be received in February and will be used to plan for 2016. Funding has been approved by Region to support moving forward with the 2-day reflective practice institutes in 2016-2017. There will be 22 dates, 11 two-day institutes. Each institute will have 160 participants. There is an Advisory Committee meeting Friday. 		
9. Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting 		
10. New Business	<p>Ontario after School Program – Francophone (Véronique)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An after-school program for low income families was funded by Ministries of Education & Tourism. Supposed to be for a maximum of 9 hours/week, but up to 15 hours is fine. It's running 2 programs, one free and 1 paid. They offer a healthy snack and homework support. Their funding is for 3 years, ending March – they have applied for an extension. La Boîte opened a new centre in a school (after school) in September with 2-3 kids. Closed centre in December. Véronique has asked for a meeting with the Region, Ministry and 2 school boards. In 2017 a new high school will be built – high school & elementary together, plan to have a licensed child care centre in it. 		

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10. New Business continued	<p>Wages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we hold a meeting about wage information sharing and information about fees? Perhaps a community forum in the fall about wages, benefits, vacation, fees? • Perhaps see how recruitment & retention sub-committee goes first, and share best practices to inform wage meeting. 		
11. Pillars	<p>Children Are Learning (Sandra)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim was unable to attend September-December 2015. Sandra shared they are looking at supporting more common messaging. <p>Children Are Healthy (Sandra)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra was approached by the Healthy Kids Challenge, had 2 weeks to come up with a plan. Decided to offer low cost/no cost ideas (i.e. repeal by-law about road hockey). <p>Children Are Safe (Sandra)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra was unable to attend last meeting but received update. Working on videos based on Mary Gordon's workshop. It will be broken into segments to support team meetings. They'll be on YouTube. First couple of videos being reviewed, should go out end of January/beginning of February. <p>Families Are Strong, Stable & Connected (Lorrey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted first StoryWalk® in November 2015 at Heartland Forest. Over 200 families and children attended. Survey was completed by 70 families. Would like to do this again in each municipality. Looking at fund development, site selection, book selection. Hopefully roll-out will happen. 		
12. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		

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13. Potential Events & Media Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation As Relationship April 9 • Nature sessions in March and June • CECE French Session March 30 • Executive Director session in February 		
14. Next meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 8, 2016 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Niagara Room • May 10, 2016 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thorold Room 		