

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday May 11, 2010 • 11:30 am • A Child's World

Present: Danielle Longboat, Raymonde Lafond, Barb Sockovie, Susan Foebel, Jackie Kerry, Kim Cole, Tammy McCormick, Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd

Regrets: Allison Soave, Tiffany Gartner, Pam McLean

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
1. Welcome			
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes of March 15, 2010 Change to minutes: none		
3. Community Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we need one? • Thought communiqué would be better to have contact with ECEs but not a lot of information is available to share with them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the fall for a community meeting 	
4. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Boîte à Soleil approached by French Catholic school board to operate a centre in St. Joseph's school in Port Colborne. Toddler, Preschool and Before & After School Opening in September. 		
5. Updates	<p>ELP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft curriculum came out from the Ministry of Education. • The Education Act leaves a lot for interpretation of the language. Third party agreements. More clarification on ECE/teacher roles. • Sector may need to revisit its terms of reference - What can Sector deliver when changes take place? Look at the agenda for the fall - maybe some strategic planning as to what CCS will/should be doing. • Region going to be looking at Stats - how many ECEs moved to the Board, how many spaces available. Region will probably do an update for CCS. Lots of discussion around ELP. 		

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<p>5. Updates continued</p>	<p><i>ELP continued</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La March in Niagara Falls has been the chosen school to enter into a service contract with La Boîte à Soleil to lend them a few ECEs for the classroom between 9-4. <p>Hub Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on Parent Direct website. Continuing to work on “Standards of Practice”- exploring feedback they received. <p>College of ECEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb & Susan attended a May 10 session on the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. There is information on the website and they want feedback from ECEs, parents, and community members. Read them carefully. Are they measurable? Are they enforceable? This is the validation phase. They will revise from feedback and then post revised versions and ask for more feedback. • Early childhood sector should go to the website. It is very important to fill out the survey and have a say. • Equivalency now part of the College of ECEs’ responsibilities, not the AECEO. <p>Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online registration for subsidy, RT supports, and Pro Kids is live now. • Received a memo regarding the project proposals for the Francophone. Due date is Friday May 14. Has to be something province-wide. • Child Care > Ministry of Education - significant shift. Discussion about the concerns of the amount of funding dollars, wages, subsidies, parent fees, effects on Aboriginals, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Julie Thompson do a communiqué as quickly as possible to everyone asking that they visit the College of ECE website and fill out the questionnaire. Kim will draft something and send it to Julie ASAP. The deadline is May 31. 	<p>Kim & Julie</p>

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<p>5. Updates (continued)</p>	<p>MCYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received guidelines for child care stabilization. They are looking into it. They are having meetings around it. <p>Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within one year the summary sheets from inspections will be emailed instead of being left at the centres. • Licensing - business as usual. • Susan did her first team licensing in Hamilton at Today's Family. It was successful. • Two centres slated to close at the end of June. • Public Board requested an operator in St. David's. • St. Joseph's - La Boîte à Soleil to open in June. • Two Montessori programs want to open. • A chain is interested in opening in Niagara Falls. • Katherine mentioned that they require a full business plan and community consultation for fee subsidy. They also want to see one year of operation, QCCN, etc., to receive fee subsidy. • Discussion was held around ECEs going to the Board and what might be the HR results of that. We talked about equivalency and Otherwise Approved status. <p>Inclusive Child Care Supports Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick updates on the brochure developments. • Discharge and confidentiality – child care > schools. Transitions to schools. • Triple P Parenting - questions about admissions to this. <p>QCCN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three presentations were given - 1. Inclusive Level of Service Tool; 2. QCCN links to Public Health & Developmental Profile of Child; and 3. ECCDC Play Based Learning Kits & QCCN links. 		

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5. Updates (continued)	<p>EYNPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting this Friday. More information will be given regarding the meeting in June which will be held at White Oaks. Jane Burton will speak regarding the Family & Parent Centres. <p>Francophone Supervisor Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report was circulated by Raymonde Lafond and all members present received one. 		
6. Business Arising from Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to the Ministry is not needed now. 		
7. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will call a meeting before the summer if we feel one is needed. We want to wait and see what August/September are like with the FDEL. We may need to have community meetings at that time. 		
8. Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be announced. 		