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**Sector Executive Meeting Wednesday January 30, 2008**

Early Childhood Community Development Centre, St. Catharines

Present: Kim Cole, Eleanor Dolan, Kathryn O'Hagan Todd, Barb Sockovie, Tammy McCormick Ferguson

Regrets: Sharon Schilz, Allison Soave, Susan Foebel

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO
Geographic Meeting March 5 – Branscombe Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darlene is presenting on behalf of the Special Needs Steering Committee</li> <li>Changes to educational supports in Lincoln/Grimsby (pilot project moving into St. Catharines)</li> <li>Update on service tool</li> <li>JK/SK taskforce in place. Get feedback on a couple of questions specific to that issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tammy Butler will send out email re: date and key topics</li> </ul>	
Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 3 surveys were reviewed. It was decided to collapse the operator and front line staff into 1</li> <li>Parent Survey - Done through Health Department</li> <li>ECE/Operator Survey - through ECCDC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kathryn will arrange for parent survey through Public Health</li> <li>Tammy will arrange for ECE/Operator survey to go on ECCDC website, and arrange incentive for participation</li> </ul>	Eleanor/Barb will test ECE/Operator survey with a couple of staff for ability to complete
Special Needs Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autism and parents having private providers come into the centres to provide support</li> <li>There is concern about centre liability and who is responsible for Autism private providers coming into the centres</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask School Board</li> <li>Child Care Sector suggested the Special Needs Steering Committee look into what policies the school boards currently have in place to deal with this issue</li> </ul>	Special Needs Steering Committee
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection of Chair</li> </ul>		
Next Meeting Date	Thursday February 21, 2008 8:45am, ECCDC		

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