

Francophone Supervisor Network

Wednesday January 25, 2012

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Highlights

- Presentation from Speech Services Niagara on trainings that they provide to the Francophone community
- New Ministry directives – New Serious Occurrence Policy, Child Care Quality Assurance & Licensing new office locations, change in administrative staff
- Updates of Francophone Committees locally & provincially

Information, Ideas and Tips Shared

Update on Speech Services Niagara • Justine Petit-Gas, Consultant of Speech Services Niagara

- Justine provided an overview and handout listing the training sessions that are available in French
- She is available to come out to any of the child care programs to provide support and consultation related to Speech Services

Information Sharing on Ministry Memoranda

- Since our last meeting a number of directives and information items have been sent out from the MCYS
- The following is a list of memoranda highlighted at this meeting
 - November 14th Upcoming transfer to MEDU (Ministry of Education), New Serious Occurrence Policy Requirements, and closure during bad weather
 - December 19th Transfer of responsibility from MCYS to MEDU, Listing of new Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Offices – Niagara's is now London Region
 - December 30th Memo received with new changes of Administrative Assistant and her contact information

Information Sharing Region Report • Jean McBrain, Children's Services Manager

- No report, Jean sent her regrets

*****Christina Carter represents the Francophone Child Care Programs on a number of committees. She will provide a report at each meeting to get the group updated and informed of current issues and happenings.***

Regional Francophone Committee Update • Christina Carter

- Last met January 10, 2012
- March 20 is a Francophone planning day for all of Ontario
- Discussions focusing on Early Years Study 3 and retention of staff
- Other suggestions or issues are welcome

Best Start Francophone Network Update • Christina Carter

- Meeting is today at 1:30 at Region
- Will be reviewing their mandate and committee structure, currently no chair
- Looking for more representation on the committee
- Act as the link between Niagara Best Start French Language Advisory group and Early Years Niagara Planning Council (EYNPC)

Early Years Niagara Planning Council (EYNPC) Update • Christina Carter

- Meeting was held on January 9
- During month of January Francophone Centre parents will be surveyed, if the Francophone families want to be heard it is important for them to complete the survey. Survey can be completed online or paper copy. If the survey is completed in paper format it must be collected at the centre and given to Christina by February 3
- Council reforming operation – will have a full day strategic planning retreat in March
- Christina is giving a 15 minute presentation on the Francophone child care programs in Niagara at the February 15 meeting
- Issues and needs or ideas to improve the quality of Francophone programs are welcome and will be brought forward for discussion by Christina

Niagara Child Care Sector Update • Christina Carter

- Next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2012

QCCN Update • Christina Carter

- Next meeting date has not yet been established

ECCDC Pilot Project Update • Christina Carter

- La Boîte à soleil, Garderies les Coccinelles Zélées (CSDCCS), Le Centre Educatif Les P'Tigroux and Centre de Santé Communautaire, represent the Francophone centres on a pilot project funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services through the ECCDC to look at the effective use of the French Interactive Program Observation, Documentation and Planning Tools.
- The Francophone Centres will have an opportunity to pilot the tools for a two-three month time frame and will then be provided with an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions through an onsite visit with ECCDC Staff and through participating in an online survey.

Issues Discussed for Regional Committee and EYNPC Strategic Planning Sessions

- The network group members identified some issues for discussion at the strategic planning sessions for both the Regional and Local committees
- The following are the areas identified for further discussion and planning provincially and locally
 - Staff retention
 - ECE wages
 - Quality of online ECE training
 - Availability of translation of materials i.e. QCCN materials used in our licensed centres
 - Attaining and keeping supply staff
 - Need for more infant and toddler spaces
 - Increased number of part-time children in programs and impact on staffing

Update from Boreal College – ECE Francophone Program • Arlène Garand

- Started with 10 students now down to 8
- Starting to advertise for September, starting with High Schools
- Updating marketing material as needed to meet group needs
- This is a Diploma, full ECE equivalent to the English ECE offered through Niagara College
- Courses and placement expectations are consistent with Niagara College ECE

Video& Photo Presentation from Les Coccinelles Zélées

- Workshops that were provided by the Department of Health & Wellness through Centre de santé Services on Physical Healthy Eating, Injury Prevention, Dental Hygiene, PACE Program, Obesity Prevention

Resources

- Review of upcoming training opportunities through ESTEEM
- Articles on Improving Teacher Feedback and Coping with difficult personalities in ECE work settings shared

Emerging opportunities and threats (trends in organizations and sector)

- Staffing needs – shortage of RECEs due to increased numbers of RECEs moving to school boards
- Shortage of supply staff
- Regional provincial planning for Francophone programs
- Locally NCPC strategic planning

Resources required for next meeting

- Master French Services list – update on status of translation (Lucette)
- Francophone training and resource update (ECCDC Staff)
- Central Supply Staff List – pros & cons
- Francophone Centres policy manual – **all centres bring copy to meeting**

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday May 16, 2012 from 10am-12pm at the ECCDC