



early childhood community development centre

## **Reflective Teaching/Emergent Practice Network Meeting**

**Monday February 10, 2014**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Participants introduced themselves and provided information on the role they play within their various organizations.

#### **2. Summary of Past Discussions/Work of the Reflective Teaching Network**

- Review of work completed to date with the Reflective Teaching Network in regards to planning the documentation exhibit and pedagogical documentation session with support from the ECCDC.
- Lorrey updated the group on Lorrie Baird returning to Niagara this Spring to offer a Learning Stories session. Further details to follow.

#### **3. Summary of Past Discussions/Work of the Emergent Practice Network**

- Review of work completed to date with the Emergent Practice Network including the Fall movie night and wish for upcoming similar events. A suggestion from Donna was brought forward about possibility a dinner and movie night featuring Reggio resources featured through ORA.

#### **4. Discussions Regarding the Two Networks Joining**

- Group saw alignment with the two networks and supported the formation of one.

#### **5. Next Steps with Joining Networks (new name, new time, new goal/vision)**

- Discussion around changing the name to Reflective Practice Network and advertise with (Formerly the Emergent Practice Network)

#### **6. Next Steps for Upcoming Network Meeting Plans**

- Discussion around offering an Early Learning for Every Child Today Principals Study Group, a session for previewing the Ministry of Education related videos and research briefs and possibly an upcoming dinner and movie night to preview related Reggio Emilia resources.
- Agreement to offer the next network meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 pm to begin with an exploration of the Ministry of Education Resources. Kelly Wilcox offered to facilitate this first session and she'll share her plans with the group prior to the evening to gain feedback.

#### **7. Next Steps for Pedagogical Documentation Session**

- Discussions around concerns for timing of exhibit before the Saturday session as participants are feeling the concepts around pedagogical documentation are still very new, although all were excited about opportunity and understand new directions. There is a feeling that perhaps we are moving too quickly and all wish to be involved and are very excited to have a future opportunity to celebrate successes at all levels with documentation.
- Participants expressed the hope for the pedagogical documentation session to take place later in the year after a variety of professional learning opportunities including, the learning stories session; perhaps a fall

session and then the exhibit could be offered perhaps in December to ensure the most participation and a clearer foundation of principals.

- Hopes were expressed that regardless of when the exhibit is offered that it remains open, inclusive and celebrates all types of pedagogical documentation; a need to have further conversations about the original selection idea should take place as there were varying opinions about this idea.
- Another option discussed was continuing on with the date set for the exhibit and hand picking organizations/schools to showcase documentation to begin spreading the seeds.
- A last option discussed was inviting some groups to display documentation panels at the Saturday Pedagogical session, so participants could browse during the lunch hour.

## 8. Next Steps

- Gaining consensus from group regarding next steps with documentation exhibit portion.

