

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday January 23, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. • Zoom

Present: Melissa McLauchlan, Kim Cole, Candice Penny, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Sarah Maragoudakis, Sandra Della Porta, Tracey Murray, Micki Horton, Lindsay Milligan, Helene Randle, Pam McLean-Stubbs

Regrets: Christina Clark

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Minute Recorder	• Julie Thompson, ECCDC		
1. Welcome & Intros			
2. Correspondence	• None received		
3. Minutes Approval: November 28, 2023	• No changes		
4. Business Arising	<p>Salary Increase January 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa reached out to Satinder for more information about the January salary increase. He didn't have answers yet, but Niagara Region would be willing to hold a community consultation when he knows more. He will reach out to NCCSE to provide a list of questions. <p>Emergency Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for police and fire departments to be aware of child care centres located in schools. We should have a roadmap for child care centres that we can provide them. Lorry can share Janet Saunders' email. Constable Conroy was the police contact back in 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa asked committee members to look for any information they have from the Emergency Preparedness planning session in February 2020. 	

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5. New Business	<p>Niagara College paid placements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niagara College is currently not participating in the Ministry of Education recommendations. Niagara College is concerned that paid placements will affect CECE certification. Carol checked with the College and they don't support paid placements. Niagara Region is going to inquire into this too. It was suggested inviting Carol to a NCCSE meeting. Many of the members of NCCSE employ students and all NCCSE members agreed they would be willing to pay for full-time students to work in their centres. 		
6. Business Arising	<p>Gearing Up and On My Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These documents were released around the same time as Think, Feel, Act. When child care was moved from the Ministry of Children and Family Services to the Ministry of Education, the documents were archived. ECCDC is working to add information from the frameworks to school age kits and on our website. Niagara College uses the framework in their school age course. Niagara College offered a session through ECCDC in September or October 2023. Lorrey invited Niagara College to offer a session through ECCDC again. Angela mentioned offering short videos in the future, possibly next term. 		
7. NCCSE Goals and Objectives Discussion	<p>No changes</p>		
8. Connections to Sector	<p>Facebook update (Candice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCSE has 52 Instagram followers and 128 followers on Facebook. Candice's goal is one post/month. Some ideas she's working on: RECE appreciation day, QCCN training, ECCDC networks, CPL posts. If anyone has other ideas, please forward them to Candice. <p>Website stats (Lorrey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stats for January-December 2023 were shared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candice asked if the NCCSE social media accounts could be linked to NCCSE website. Julie requested Candice send SM links and Julie will ask Darlene if she can do this. Members were asked to send new photos for the website (if 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The homepage had the highest traffic, “get involved” was the second highest. The most visits to the website took place in September. • It might be a good idea to review website pages at a future meeting. 	they wish to update) by February 2.	
9. Round Table Updates	N/A		
10. Potential events & media opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive Niagara is offering an in-person session in March. Lorrey will email Melissa with a list of possible upcoming events in spring. 		
11. Other discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested to have a Métis Nation representative visit a NCCSE meeting to talk about resources available to educators. ECCDC has offered a session in the past called Métis 101. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorrey will check to see if a representative from the Métis Nation can do a presentation for NCCSE. 	
12. Next meeting date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday March 26 (ECCDC or Zoom, depending on weather), Tuesday May 28, Tuesday September 24 (at ECCDC), and Tuesday November 26 (ECCDC or Zoom, depending on weather) – all meetings to start at 9:30am 		