

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Wednesday June 23, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. • Via Zoom

Present: Jackie Kerry, Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Tracey Murray, Helene Randle, Candice Penny, Micki Horton, Sandra Della Porta, Roxane Hendrie

Regrets: Pam McLean-Stubbs, Lindsay Milligan, Christina Clark

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Welcome			
Minute Recorder	• Julie Thompson, ECCDC		
1. Welcome			
2. Correspondence	• None		
3. General Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim shared that A Child’s World had to cancel school age and kindergarten programs due to the lack of staff available in the summer. Kim received an invitation to meet with MPPs and the Premier to discuss staffing issues. • Jackie shared that the YMCA is having trouble getting staff for day camps. Usually students are employed (high school and college), but this year it has been really difficult. • Staffing was problematic before the Pandemic, now it’s worse. This is affecting families. • Committee discussed how important self-care and connecting with others is right now. • We didn’t complete having child care centre plans sent to the police/fire departments – we shouldn’t lose sight of this. • The AECEO may be able to offer some information on ideas learned in other communities regarding staffing and advocacy. They are developing a summer and fall toolkit. 		
4. Next meeting	• Tuesday October 5, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.		