

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday March 26, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. • Zoom

Present: Melissa McLaughlan, Kim Cole, Christina Clark, Sarah Maragoudakis, Jaime Barratt, Tracey Murray, Micki Horton, Lindsay Milligan, Pam McLean-Stubbs

Regrets: Candice Penny, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Helene Randle

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Minute Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Thompson, ECCDC 		
1. Welcome & Intros			
2. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been a change in representation from Brock University. Sandra Della Porta is leaving the committee, and Jaime Barratt will be representing Brock on NCCSE. Round table introductions were made. Jaime is a Professor in the BECE program. Her main focus has been on physical literacy. She was part of SEESAW. Debra Harwood has been influential in Jaime's work, along with Sandra Della Porta. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaime was invited to submit a photo for the NCCSE website. 	
3. Minutes Approval: January 23, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes 		
4. Business Arising	<p>Emergency Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa was forwarded an email by a NCCSE member from 2020 on this topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa will reach out to Constable Conroy and Janet for next steps 	
5. New Business	<p>Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion took place around presentations to high school students about the ECE profession. Kim and Melissa are working on a presentation with Prabhjot, Integrated Planning & Policy Advisor, Community Services. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCSE members have noticed a lot of duplication in this area and discussed discussing this at the recruitment and retention table to possibly have a more unified approach. Graduating ECEs staying in Niagara was also discussed. Niagara College has done job fairs and presentations. Brock has a lot of online students – a webinar presentation of what is available in Niagara might be helpful to reach them. Brock could possibly do a survey for grads to see if they plan to stay in Niagara. <p>Wage Increase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa had reached out to Niagara Region to see if there was anything NCCSE could support the Region with and took the opportunity to inquire if there was any further information from the Ministry they could provide on the wage increase. Niagara Region had no new information. A NCCSE member wondered if it would be helpful to Niagara Region if NCCSE gathered data from centres documenting the effect of the delay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaime can share cities of online ECE students. Lindsay will email Angela and copy Melissa about the working group to see what's been done. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa will send an email to ask if this would be useful for Niagara Region to have to present to the Ministry. 	
<p>6. NCCSE Goals and Objectives Discussion</p>	<p>No changes</p>		
<p>7. Connections to Sector</p>	<p>Facebook update (Candice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A <p>Website stats (Lorrey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website stats will be shared at the next meeting. ECCDC updated NCCSE with information that NCCSE's social media accounts have been linked to NCCSE's website. Member photos submitted were updated. 		

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10. Next meeting date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday May 28 (<i>changed to Zoom</i>), Tuesday September 24 (at ECCDC), and Tuesday November 26 (ECCDC or Zoom, depending on weather) – all meetings to start at 9:30am 		