

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday May 9, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. • ECCDC Boardroom

Present: Melissa McLauchlan, Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Tracey Murray (Zoom), Micki Horton, Lindsay Milligan, Pam McLean-Stubbs (Zoom)

Regrets: Candice Penny, Helene Randle, Christina Clark, Sarah Maragoudakis, Sandra Della Porta

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| Minute Recorder | • Julie Thompson, ECCDC | | |
| 1. Welcome & Intros | | | |
| 2. Correspondence | • None received | | |
| 3. Minutes Approval: March 7, 2023 | • No changes | | |
| 4. Business Arising | ECCDC has a credit with Chippawa Park Community Centre (90 First Avenue, Welland) until the end of 2023 from the cancelled Fireside Chat for the funds contributed to the event space. | | |

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| 5. New Business | <p>Follow up to the bulk email that was sent late last week re: the 2024 funding formula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One response was received from Christine Lett. The response was well-written and brought up many of the same questions NCCSE discussed. • Melissa ended up filling in an online questionnaire from information contained the letter she and NCCSE worked on. The letter was also sent to Holly Moran at the Ministry. • In future, with this kind of quick turnaround, NCCSE will consider whether it would be beneficial to send a Zoom link to discuss the issue with sector representatives or whether a bulk email would meet the needs. <p>Question from Satinder: <i>I am interested in hearing from the committee how we can support each other and what support do they envision from the Region?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is pleased to support Niagara Region by supporting policy or legislative changes by previewing materials, offering advice, surveying the sector, bringing the sector together to get input or any other support as needed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa will email Christine Lett back, copying in Niagara Region to see if her questions can be answered. | |
| 6. NCCSE Workplan Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to be more responsive to quick turnaround requests. • When Niagara Region releases information that is complex, consider what steps are appropriate to support the sector. • Be responsive to support programs with new legislation or policies. • Review website and social media for any changes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa and Lorrey stayed after the meeting to discuss and revise the workplan into a 2023-2024 Goals & Objectives document. This will be shared with NCCSE for their changes or additions. | |

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| 7. Connections to Sector | <p>Facebook update (Candice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Website stats (Lorrey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stats for January-April 2023 were shared. Other than the homepage, the second highest page visited was “How to Get Involved”. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie will email the stats to Melissa to be sent with minutes. | |
| 8. Round Table Updates | <p>ECCDC - Niagara Cares Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrations open May 15. All sessions are centred around health and wellness. All streams are open to administrators and educators. • NCCSE is invited to have a table in the lobby. It would need to be manned from 9:00-9:30 and 12:00-1:00. Could have last of the water bottles out, take turns manning. <p>Niagara College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roxane Hendrie has been hired as full-time Placement Officer. • The Convocation for accelerated ECEs is June 16 at 10:00 a.m. • ECCDC has not yet heard back about SDF funding for a new round of the Accelerated ECE program. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa will pick up NCCSE materials (bottles, banner, etc.) from ECCDC. | |
| 9. Potential events & media opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niagara Cares Conference (see above) | | |
| 10. Next meeting date(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday September 26 from 9:00-11:00am at the ECCDC, 3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add to September’s agenda – Awards of Excellence (sponsorship of Administrator Award & table at AOE) | |