

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday October 5, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. • Via Zoom

Present: Jackie Kerry, Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Tracey Murray, Christina Clark, Micki Horton, Sandra Della Porta, Melissa McLauchlan

Regrets: Pam McLean-Stubbs, Lindsay Milligan, Helene Randle, Roxane Hendrie, Candice Penny

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Welcome			
Minute Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Thompson, ECCDC 		
1. Welcome			
2. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
3. Review and discussion re: the February 27th CCS Community Forum: Emergency Preparedness - Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackie reviewed the Emergency Preparedness presentation from the NRP, which also included information on the emergency backpacks. There was discussion about how to go forward with the plan to share information about the centres with NRP in case of emergency – floor plans, contact information, exit doors, etc., for their database First step – contact the officers involved, see if they can accept our information and let them know where we’re at. 	Jackie will reach out to initiate contact with NRP	
4. AOE 2021 - Administrator Award?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie shared that the Administrator Award won’t be needed right away, as there is no in person session in November. There may be a virtual speaker in fall or an in person gathering in spring. 		
5. New Business	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should this be reviewed? It was last updated in 2019. Committee members agreed that it may be better to wait until 2022. There may be changes after the Pandemic ends to Sector. The Pan-Canadian child care plan may also change a lot of things. The Terms of Reference were briefly reviewed. 	Julie to send latest Terms of Reference to Jackie, along with committee list.	

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	<p>the Job Fair. Would other programs be interested in attending? There was a suggestion from a member of Executive for the Job Fair to have a small area with children, if possible. It's very informative to see possible candidates interact with children.</p>		
<p>6. Facebook Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
<p>7. Round Table Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina – Thursday October 7 at 4:00 p.m. is the official opening of our St. Catharines site. Darlene will be there, along with a couple of government representatives. There will be an outdoors ribbon cutting and we're giving out goodie bags with cookies. The new location is on Prince Charles Drive right off Lake Street. There is a brand new addition that is attached but has a separate entrance from the school. We need to get another staff member in order to increase enrollment. We'd also like to do some naturalization of the outdoor space. • Melissa – In September we had our 50th Anniversary. We donated a sensory garden to the library and had a planting ceremony. The founder of the preschool attended. We're looking at increasing capacity, right now we have a huge wait list. • Micki – We are finally able to open up second infant room. It's exciting having the moms and babies coming back. • Jackie – the YMCA entered into an agreement with Niagara Catholic District School Board to build in Niagara Falls. We're hoping to open in October with an infant/toddler preschool. There have been many construction delays. YMCA Walker Centre was put up for sale – there were 30 toddlers and 48 preschoolers there. The Centre closed September 17. All parents who needed care were given spots at Parnell or Grapeview. There were 14 full-time and part-time staff, half of which were transferred. Eight are waiting to go to the new centre. 		
<p>8. Potential events & media opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		
<p>9. Should Niagara Child Care Sector move forward?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members agreed that there were enough items to move forward with future meeting/planning. • Future agenda items – Workplan, Niagara College Job Fair 		

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10.Next meeting	• Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom		