

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday September 26, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. • ECCDC Boardroom

Present: Melissa McLauchlan, Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Tracey Murray, Micki Horton, Lindsay Milligan, Helene Randle, Sarah Maragoudakis, Sandra Della Porta

Regrets: Candice Penny, Christina Clark, Pam McLean-Stubbs

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Minute Recorder	• Julie Thompson, ECCDC		
1. Welcome & Intros			
2. Correspondence	• None received		
3. Minutes Approval: May 9, 2023	• No changes		
4. Business Arising			
5. New Business	<p>Awards of Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking place November 23. Melissa agreed on behalf of NCCSE to sponsor Administrator award again this year. The committee needs submission cut-off date for nominations, when it's established. <p>Natural Playground Discussion – types of equipment, maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosalind Blauer needs to replace some items in their natural playground. NCCSEC was asked if they use a handyman and for suggestions as to materials to use which will last. • ACW just had inspections September 1 and Woodlawn needs to remove all wood and a tree from their natural playground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay will look into gift certificate, bouquet of flowers. Melissa will present the award. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive has had to remove wood as it has rotted. Strive didn't use Bienenstock. • It was suggested that centres reach out to Region to request funds for playground maintenance. Enter it as a one-time cost (business case) and attach quote. • Strive has a handyman they can refer to Rosalind Blauer • A suggestion was made to look into TD Friends of the Forest for possible funds. • Community Playthings (Outlast) was recommended for use in Natural Playgrounds. <p>Operators Breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking place November 10. Melissa offered NCCSE support, they already have a set agenda. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey will email form. • Micki will email handyman's name to Helene. 	
<p>6. NCCSE Goals and Objectives Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions were made to some of the wording. • Need to check NCCSE website for needed changes/updates • An advocacy piece needs to be added. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie to update 	
<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"> • Stats for January-August 2023 were shared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie will email the stats to Melissa to be sent with minutes. 	
<p>8. General Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared spaces in schools are still difficult, there is less sharing of equipment. Is it worthwhile to invite a DSBN rep to a NCCSE meeting? Niagara Region is going to speak to school superintendents. Need to look at handbooks first – perhaps they need updating? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah can source Halton handbook. 	
<p>9. Round Table Updates</p>	<p>N/A</p>		

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10.Potential events & media opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards of Excellence November 23, 2023 		
11.Next meeting date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday November 28 (ECCDC), Tuesday January 30 (Zoom), Tuesday March 26 (ECCDC or Zoom, depending on weather), Tuesday May 28 (ECCDC) – all meetings 9:00-11:00am 		