

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday March 18, 2014 • 1:30 p.m. • ECCDC, Thorold Room

Present: Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Judy Bonsignore, Jackie Kerry, Helene Randle, Lindsay Milligan, Christina Clark, Patricia Couroux

Regrets: Debra Harwood, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Sandra Noel

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Welcome			
Minute Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Thompson, ECCDC 		
1. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved, no changes 		
2. Community Forum Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Louise delivered the information very well and there was a good turnout. <p>Survey discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibly be offered annually, through FluidSurveys When – end of May Link to stay open for two weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay will send out for approval Lindsay to check with Debra re pop-up window for draw 	Lindsay
3. Marketing Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many tasks are completed (banner, bookmarks, water bottles). Future marketing, perhaps late fall – look at pens, journals, lanyards Communication – Reminder to link sector’s URL to your agencies’ web pages Facebook/Twitter – some NCCSE information has been posted on ECCDC’s Facebook page. Once the NCCSE Facebook page has been created, will hopefully will launch it with the survey and post the survey link on the Facebook page. Aim for second week of May. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay volunteered to create a NCCSE Facebook page, will meet with Kelly or Darlene (ECCDC) for some tips to get started. Lorrey will send them an email and will bring the ECCDC Facebook policy handbook to the next meeting. 	Lindsay, Lorrey

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3. Marketing Sub-committee continued	<p>Promoting NCCSE at events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing liaison checklist was reviewed. Committee volunteers on a case-by-case basis. NCCSE marketing items/camera will be kept available at the ECCDC for pick-up/drop-off. <p>Sponsored Award at AOE 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion – please establish clear criteria for judging nomination forms. Sub-committee to work on that – it would need to be completed by August. Perhaps we could try to finalize it at the June meeting? Jackie and Helene volunteered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie to create nametags, add her email address to the checklist, and laminate the checklist for the kit. Lorrey will provide the camera, and Helene will provide the tablecloth Kim will email Mary Louise to see if she wants to participate 	Julie, Lorrey, Helene
4. Round Table Discussions	<p>Pillar work/representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are four pillars & an Executive Committee: Niagara Children’s Planning Council; Children Are Learning; Children Are Healthy; Children Are Safe; and Families Are Strong, Stable and Connected. Kim is Co-chair of Children Are Learning – they are looking to set up a meeting with all four pillars. Helene is part of Children Are Healthy – attendance is sporadic. Helene will be attending a meeting this Wednesday. Patricia is part of Families Are Strong, Stable and Connected – these meetings also have sporadic attendance as they conflict with a lot of other meetings. Lorrey sits on Children Are Safe – has the same issue with these meetings conflicting with others. <p>Lindsay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two ECE conferences for first and second year students – lots of speakers to help them choose their future path. We’re hoping to do this annually. <p>Patricia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No longer at Niagara Nursery School. As of April 22, will be QCCN Coordinator at ECCDC. 		

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<p>4. Round Table Discussions continued</p>	<p>Judy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Lake is the new chair of ICCSC. Rosemary Martin has returned to Fee Subsidy at the Region. • Infant Mental Health – all resource consultant agencies are sending two participants. • Additional support funding application has been revised to be more inclusive – developing survey for feedback to Resource Consultants – right now it’s for most in need rather than just fee subsidy children. • Updating brochure • Pathstone is interviewing to replace Behaviour Consultant Jamie Pignotti. • RECE/RT diploma full-time staff has been hired for Judy’s program. • Robin Smith at Niagara College – contact her if you need to complete Resource Certification program – online training will no longer be available <p>Lorrey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Lake at the Region is leading QCCN. Patricia, Lorrey, and Helene will be working closely with her. • Infant Mental Health – close to 140 are attending. • Pedagogical Documentation & Studio Experience – a full-day learning opportunity with introductory session to pedagogical documentation in the morning, and in the afternoon there will be an art experience. Takes place Saturday May 3 with Dr. Carol Anne Wien. • Lorrie Baird is returning May 31 to offer a full-day workshop on Learning Stories. • College of ECEs is visiting May 12 to repeat the Code of Ethics session and will speak about Continuous Professional Learning. Two sessions will be offered the same evening, one in English and one in French. • iPad project – we’re accepting applications until the end of March – have heard from 32 programs interested in participating. Waiting for ethics approval from Brock to move forward, hoping to start late April. 		

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4. Round Table Discussions continued	<p>Jackie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools First capital funding – allows centres to move into schools. Fonthill site is taking advantage of this sometime this fall. It’s a good opportunity. <p>Helene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATCH program – looking forward to May to hear what everyone has been doing/implementing. A link was sent around: “The Big Crunch” – taking a bite out of something healthy on a certain day/time. Also heard about an interesting idea with a portable garden using cinderblocks. • Supervisors meeting was held at Seven C’s – was nice to visit another centre. It’s changed a lot over the years, they’ve done a great job. Darlene at the Region is paying for dinner at the next meeting. Still struggling with attendance. Next meeting is at Sven Dohnberg Centre May 27 – great networking opportunity. 		
5. Niagara Licensed Child Care Centre Science & Technology Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 364 participants, 84 kits have been given out (175 kits in total will be made and distributed). Two French programs – kit items in English were translated. • Looking to receive back from the centres using the kits photos of children engaging with the materials, longer-term kit evaluation, and there will be an end of project get together in spring 2015. 		
6. New Business	<p>Training Plan Sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report yet, still working hard on it. <p>Kiwanis Child Find Kits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to next meeting <p>Parent Direct Niagara website enhancements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorrey will present at next meeting. 		

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7. Potential Events/ Media Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant Mental Health - bookmarks. • Pedagogical Documentation – Kim’s attending • Learning Stories – May 31 		
8. Next meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 20, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. – ECCDC-Niagara Room • June 17, 2014 – 1:30 p.m. – if needed – ECCDC-Thorold Room 		