

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Thursday January 15, 2015 • 1:30 p.m. • ECCDC, Thorold Room

Present: Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Jackie Kerry, Helene Randle, Patricia Couroux, Lindsay Milligan, Arlene Garand

Regrets: Sandra Noel, Judy Bonsignore, Mary Louise Vanderlee

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Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New member Arlene Garand, Collège Boréal, joined NCCSE. Committee members introduced themselves. 		
Minute Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Thompson, ECCDC 		
1. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved, no changes 		
2. Business Arising from Minutes	<p>NCCSE Facebook Page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay will be launching the NCCSE Facebook page this weekend. She will add Collège Boréal to the pages followed. <p>Training Plan sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Ten Tips for Career Path Planning. Committee discussed producing this as a one-page handout. The Training Plan sub-committee has completed its task and will no longer meet. <p>Chair Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If anyone else is interested in being Chair of NCCSE, please contact Kim. If no one else is currently interested, we will re-visit this topic in a year. <p>Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An action plan was suggested to be drafted for 2015 based on the workplan. It was suggested that perhaps responses to the survey might inform the action plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay will email the committee once the page is launched Julie to design a draft one-page handout and bring to next meeting. 	<p>Lindsay</p> <p>Julie</p>

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<p>3. Round Table</p>	<p>Lorrey Arial Bonilla</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyers were distributed with sessions that the committee might be interested in attending: Risk Management February 12, with Frances Yarbrough; Messing About February 19, Treasure Baskets and Heuristic Play March 5, and Fort and Den Building March 31, all with Ginette Wilson of the ECCDC; Learning About the CECE Continuous Professional Learning Program, A Lunch and Learn For Employers and An Evening for RECEs February 24, with Melanie Dixon; Learning Together with Infants and Toddlers February 27 & 28 with Lorrie Baird and Anne Marie Coughlin; and Moving away from themes - Embracing inquiry-based learning, a process that values children as leaders and learner April 18 with Joanne Marie Babalis. • Intergenerational Project – launched Tuesday with visits beginning this week. The activities were well-received, seniors were pleased. Lookout Ridge already had a connection with a seniors’ residence, so they had a good comfort level. We are interested to see the results of the next visit (tomorrow). <p>Helene Randle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Are Healthy Pillar – didn’t attend the last meeting. • There has been a change to emergent programming at Rosalind Blauer. Room set-up changes have made a difference. With the junior preschoolers there’s been a transformation – a once busy group is now calmer. The room looks brighter as well and has a more open flow. The look and feel is great, and everyone is excited about it. An artist was hired to visit on Thursdays to work with the children (three preschool groups). We are in the second year of the Seeds of Empathy program. It has been fantastic. It’s wonderful for the kids to see the baby’s different stages. 		

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<p>3. Round Table continued</p>	<p>Jackie Kerry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preschool child care centre in Fonhill on Glynn A Green School property needs updating. We are moving into the school with help from capital funding. Luckily, there is room. Have been moving slowly over the past few weeks. It's a long process, but it is opening Monday. • There was a national YMCA parent survey in December for school age families; it was online only. Parents could access it through the website, on their smart phone, or by direct access. About 20% of parents responded. For school age children, this was a good response rate. We are very happy with the scores, they have just been received. Niagara is at or above national scores. The survey incentive was a free week of day camp. <p>Lindsay Milligan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb Charron has come out of retirement to teach some courses at the College. <p>Arlene Garand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collège Boréal has 20 campuses, and is at Niagara College locally. The ECE program is offered in French. French upgrading for Employment Ontario referrals train free. The College bought Rosetta Stone. It is an excellent program. The College also assists with writing skills, and preparing résumés in French. <p>Patricia Couroux</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QCCN December 1 had 150 attendees. Jim Grieve presented the keynote – <i>When Did I Become A Leader</i>. There were 250 pages of facilitator notes; the Advisory is going through them now. They contain great information that will help inform QCCN's future directions. • There will be no QCCN training scheduled until after the next Advisory meeting. • Ginette and Pat are working on a new art studio for the ECCDC's Learning Café with assistance from Louise Kool & Galt. When the last display, the Cane Den was up, about 100 people signed into the guest book. 		

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4. Marketing Sub-committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting. 		
5. Survey Sub-committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting. 		
6. New Business	<p>Community Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill 18 - Kim, representing A Child’s World, is attending a meeting February 5 with Angela from the College. It is a preliminary conversation to discuss the impact of changes and gain more information. • Infant Mental Health Pilot – 13 programs are doing the pilot using ASQ/ASQ-SE. Recognition that children as young as two can display signs of depression. Interactive tool was funded by Niagara Region. Pilot starts in March. Dr. Kulkarney from Sickkids will be actively involved in the pilot. • Schedule it for end of March/beginning of April perhaps. • Could build in networking time. • A representative from Safety Organization could speak/present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim will share information at the next NCCSE meeting. 	Kim
7. Recruitment & Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCSE was asked if there was interest in creating a Recruitment & Retention committee to have conversations about subjects such as upcoming expected retirements (i.e. Resource Consultants). Also to discuss engaging students, finding out about their hopes, goals, salary expectations. Perhaps hold a job fair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will discuss at February meeting if this should be part of the Action Plan or a separate committee. 	

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8. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee list sign in the NCCSE display kit needs to be updated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie will revise 	Julie
9. Next meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Niagara Room • April 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room • June 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Thorold Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie will book meeting room 	Julie