

2.0	<p>Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda</p> <p>Approve Minutes of November 3, 2016</p>	<p>No additions to the agenda.</p> <p>Minutes were accepted by Marg Barr, seconded by Jane Angus</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
3.0	<p>Business arising from previous minutes</p> <p>3.1 <u>Receive Information:</u> Translation services – check in and access (Network with Hamilton)</p>	<p>Barb Vanry connected with Nancy Baverstock from Le Ballon Rouge – Hamilton and Le Ballon – Brantford and discussed translation of our documents and notes from English to French to support our Francophone Community. This will be a process and Barb will connect again with Nancy to continue the discussion and bring back to our next meeting</p>	
4.0	<p>Best Start Updates</p> <p>4.1 <u>Subcommittee Reports:</u> <u>Receive Information:</u> Indigenous Advisory, SIC Committee, Best Start Magazine, Best Start Parent Fair, Child Care Advisory Committee, Recruitment and Retention Committee</p>	<p>Kim reports that the Indigenous Advisory Committee has completed the application for planning dollars and has requested the maximum amount of \$50,000. The committee will be partnering with Haldimand Norfolk when able.</p> <p>The Journey Together Initiative is the response to Truth and Reconciliation. The purpose is to provide access to culturally relevant programming for on and off reserve and to improve access to indigenous led programs and build a deeper understanding of residential schools and build trust.</p> <p>With residential schools in close proximity the City of Brantford, the City has a responsibility to work towards reconciliation. A template has been created which will dovetail with early years planning.</p> <p>Some discussion followed regarding terminology of First Nation groups.</p>	

		<p>Discussion is occurring at most tables including the newly named Best Start Indigenous Advisory Committee. The name change discussion was first brought to the Best Start Network table which deferred more discussion to the Aboriginal group. With the development of the new Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Advisory Committee the group decided to refer to themselves as Indigenous.</p> <p>This term, used provincially, is inclusive of all groups. It was also discussed that any term would fit based on any/all discussion with the First Nations community.</p> <p>Child Care Advisory Committee shared that Child Care After Hours will be touring the new location of Creative Minds Children's Services on 5 Wade Ave on February 2, 2017. Please contact Luisa or Tara if you would like to attend.</p> <p>Harmony Arts Daycare and Education Centre is moving to the Ryerson Heights building.</p> <p>Jane Angus reports Contact Brant (flow through agency) has submitted the Brant Community Foundations Grant application for Best Start Parenting Fair</p> <p>Kim shared that in December there will be ads in the Brant News and on Google promoting Quality Child Care and One-List in the community</p> <p>Cathy requested if you indicated you were going to submit an article for the Best Start Magazine that you complete the form and return to Cathy. Commitment date is January 4th and submission date is January 13th. Cathy will resend the form.</p>	
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5.	<p><u>Best Start Strategic Planning</u> <u>5.1 Receive Information:</u> Updates</p>	<p>Service Integration committee reports they are working at getting City and County Parks and Recreation Programs back to the Best Start Network table. So far Stacey Ellins has joined us. Welcome.</p> <p>Michelle Connor, Kathy Dickens and Kim will be touring BSELPC, drop in programs and PFLC on December 13, 15 & 16th.</p> <p>As part of the planning process as we move toward the new OEYCFC's they will be getting a first hand look at the variety of programs offered here in Brantford. Thank you to everyone who was open to supporting these informal friendly visits.</p> <p>Family Literacy Committee is celebrating Literacy on January 22, 2017 at both the City and County libraries. The author of Snow Day will be reading his book and they are giving away 700 books. The Holmedale Neighborhood Association is promoting the event with posters and activities about snow</p> <p>School Age Child Care (SACC) will be deferred to next joint meeting</p> <p>Karen Calligan reports that almost all of the key priorities from the OEYC Policy Framework 2013 have been met.</p> <p>Minister Harris will be conducting regional engagement sessions at community locations. Many members from our table have been invited to the sessions. The sessions will be held in Kitchener/Waterloo and will follow with a town hall meeting. This is our chance to bring our voice to political leaders. The provincial government has set a huge goal of \$100.000 new spaces for children 0 to 4 years.</p>	
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6.	<p><u>6.1 Receive Information:</u> Follow up from Lunch and Learn OEYCFCs</p>	<p>Jane Angus shared a discussion regarding Special Needs Resourcing reviews and wondered how it fit with other initiatives. The intent of special needs resource funding is to support children and families in licensed child care. Typically 4.1% of the budget is dedicated to special needs resources however most regions have a higher percentage based on the needs of its community ie. Brantford uses closer to 10% of the allotment.</p> <p>Currently there are provincial reviews which considers feedback from discussion papers, streamline responses, looks are where the pressures are, considers the need for more capacity dollars of teachers and classroom which may require enhanced staffing.</p> <p>Wage Enhancement Grant (WEG) does not include funding for enhanced staffing.</p> <p>Kim will be meeting with Lansdowne Children’s Centre to gather data and to help understand the issues.</p> <p>Waiting on the Federal Government funding commitment announcements.</p> <p>Kim and Rita will be attending the Inclusive Child Care Network- South Western Region meeting.</p> <p>To be shared at joint meeting.</p> <p>Michelle reports we are continuing to build on the work we have already done and will be including an Indigenous planning cycle.</p> <p>Michelle will be reaching out to all those that touch the child care system. She wants to bring everyone’s perspective forward during the transformation process. Michelle is asking that we think beyond what already exists yet still following Pascale’s vision.</p> <p>The city will be hiring a new Data Analysis in January 2017.</p>	
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