




Best Start Network
Meeting Minutes
 January 7, 2016
 9:30am until 11:30am.
 OEYC: Brant


Present: Melodie Spencer, Maria Timpener, Rita Stratford, Barb Mitchell, Anca Gaston, Patrice Kean, Karen Calligan, Connie McAllister, Jennifer MacDonald, Luisa Pappert, Deanna Searle, Kim Romano, Adele Gawley, Shelley McCarthy, Sarah Robertson, Cathy Medway (recorder)

Regrets: Marg Barr, Jane Angus, Tracy Thomas, Franklin Leukam Weldeji.

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Success story /Lesson's Learned –	<p>Luisa Pappert reports that CCAC continues to participate in day care centre , PFLC programs and JK/SK tours.</p> <p>So far they have had lots of positive feedback.</p> <p>Luisa will send a schedule of upcoming tours after the next advisory meeting to share with network.</p> <p>Luisa also looking at creating a video made with snippits of home child care programs</p>	
2.0	<p>Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes</p> <p>Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda</p> <p>Approve Minutes of November 5, 2015</p>	<p>Melodie Spencer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.</p> <p>Two additions to the agenda: 3.2 <u>Receive Information</u> Child Care Update 6.3 <u>Receive Information:</u> Your Guide Request</p>	<p>Minutes were approved with updates by Deanna Searle, seconded by Maria Timpener</p> <p>All in favour: CARRIED</p>

<p>3.0</p>	<p>Business arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>3.1 <u>Review and Discuss:</u> Laurier University Update</p> <p>3.2 <u>Receive Information:</u> Child Care Update</p>	<p>Kim reported a report will be going to social series recommending that we do not proceed with the expansion with Laurier funds.</p> <p>Laurier would end up with a coownership of 50% of the property. City staff recognize that the city does not want to cost share a building they already own. Currently the City and Laurier are looking at a fee service agreement with priority of service given to Laurier faculty and students. As always Kim will keep everyone updated. Strategic Planning Day February 4, 2016, TB Costain – be sure to RSVP with OEYC, follow the link on the invite.</p> <p>Kim will provide a report for the network at the meeting in March after the planning day with 2015 stats, however Kim notes that numbers are higher in recreation and Special Needs</p> <p>Kim continues to work with Lansdowne and OEYC Staff on capacity plans. May look at an increase in capacity dollars per individual FTE.</p> <p>Kim has sent the planning request forms out to programs. When all the requests have been received the committee will meet to review the requests. Programs will be notified by email when their requests are approved. If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact Kim Romano.</p> <p>Kim shared that Child Care Services will be using unconditional grant dollars to address needs of the Child Care Services building. May include a new roof and exterior renovations etc. We were hoping some of these needs would have been addressed with Laurier build.</p>	<p>Action: Please share planning invite with all best start sub committees and Children's Services Committee</p> <p> BEST START PLANNING DOLLARS A</p>
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4.0	<p>Best Start Updates</p> <p>4.1 Subcommittee Reports: <u>Receive Information:</u> Aboriginal Advisory, SIC Committee, Best Start Magazine, Best Start Parent Fair, Child Care Advisory Committee, Recruitment and Retention Committee</p>	<p>Wage enhancement grants are coming. More information will follow as the ministry releases new guideline packages.</p> <p>This year the Wage Enhancement Grant will be based on actual hours worked in 2015 . Hopefully programs have tracked those hours.</p> <p>Melodie circulated the Change Conference information flyer. New Friday afternoon workshop has been offered.</p> <p>Thanks to the capacity funding twelve centres are able to send staff to workshops.</p> <p>Melodie Spencer is able to stay on as co-chair of the Best Start Network. In February she will represent Mohawk College and Dale Kearn will be her back up.</p> <p>Licensees are hoping there will be little or no change to application process. Karen reports there may be subtle changes.</p> <p>Tracy Thompson is the new representative for the Aboriginal Advisory. We are currently looking at “reigniting the flame” and building the relationship. May include on/off reserve programs to regenerate the committee. May also look at what other communities are doing. Brantford Native Housing is the lead agency.</p> <p>SIC has not met yet, next meeting January 12th.</p> <p>BS Magazine – committee is putting a call out for ads and articles for the Spring edition. Please contact Cathy Medway ASAP if interested. Articles due Jan. 15th.</p>	<p>Action: add trends of ECE employment to agenda at the planning day</p>
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5.0	<p>BSN Strategic Planning</p> <p>5.1 <u>Receive Information:</u> Current and future planning</p>	<p>BS Parent Fair – in holding pattern</p> <p>Recruitment and Retention – meeting on Thursday. Job Fair is set for March 10TH, invitations will go out.</p> <p>Very few vacancies for full time RECE however there is a need for RECE in rural areas and for before and after school programs. – looking a job strategies for job sharing. Offering of 25 to 35 hours per week may offer stability.</p> <p>Challenges of the school boards is an increase of spots in b/a school programs and lack of staff.</p> <p>Looking at getting stats from Mohawk College of % of job placements now compared to five years ago and the % who are leaving the ECE field.</p> <p>Looking at servicing special needs children in before and after school programs up to age 12 especially if there is a demand.</p> <p>Proposed regulations related to the new <i>Child Care and Early Years Act (2014)</i> are expected to be posted on the Ontario Regulatory Website in the coming weeks. Once posted, the public will be able to provide feedback on the proposed regulations for up to 45 days.</p> <p>Planning Day February 4, 2016 – please share the invite with your colleagues.</p>	 <p>strategic planning invite. 2016.docx</p>
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6.0	<p>New Business</p> <p>6.1 <u>Review/Discuss Information:</u> Ontario Student Drug use and Health Survey (OSSUHS) Anca Gaston</p> <p>6.2 <u>Updates:</u> Child Care Early Years Act (CCEYA)</p> <p>6.3 <u>Receive Information:</u> Your Guide Request – Jane Angus</p>	<p>Anca presented a power point on the new data source: Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS), and it contains some very interesting information on the mental health, tobacco and substance use, bullying, video game use, gambling, and health behaviours of students in grades 7-12 in Brant. We know that experiences during the early years are strongly related to mental health, substance use health behaviours during adolescence.</p> <p>Ministry of Education has a new website for families</p> <p>www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/FamilyPrograms</p> <p>Jacklyn Brooks is the Ministry website contact person</p> <p>Sue Chenko has replaced Rod Petersen</p> <p>Karen will notify Kim when new updates are posted.</p> <p>Jane has sent a request for funding \$1500 to \$5000 for Your Guide. It will be reviewed by the committee at a later time once all requests have been received.</p>	
7.0	Success Story	<p>Family Literacy Week is coming soon, poster will be sent out</p> <p>Kindergarten Calendar includes information about How does Learning Happen and a new ad from the BCHU – Nutri Step</p> <p>There are hints to text “Barb” while parents read the calendar</p>	

	Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting	<p>Feedback from the calendar shows that parents feel the calendar is worthwhile</p> <p>Fill a Bag program – Sarah Robertson reports a very successful program was implemented with many donations coming from community agencies, Bags were distributed to housing sites, kin families, teen centres. Many volunteers and faith communities helped to sort, pack and distribute the household items.</p> <p>February 4, 2016 at TB Costain BSN Strategic Planning Day 9:00am until 2:00pm.</p>	