



Best Start Network
Meeting Minutes
 June 9, 2016
 9:30am until 11:30am.
 OEYC: Brant 30 Bell Lane

Present: Connie McAllister, Jennifer MacDonald, , Kim Romano, Rita Stratford, Adele Gawley, Maria Timpener, Karen Calligan, Christina Rajsic, Deanna Searle, Ronda Manning, Shelley McCarthy, Debbie Eberth, Anca Gaston, Michelle Connor, Luisa Pappert, Melodie Spencer, Cathy Medway, (recorder)

Regrets: Flora Ennis, Sarah Robertson, Jane Angus

Guests: Brenda Sault

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Success story /Lesson's Learned –	<p>Anca shared that the 10th annual best start parent fair was very successful with invites going out to dignitaries including Ava Hill and Dave Levac. We had 130 responses from surveys with 374 adults and 265 children attending the event.</p> <p>Highlights of survey includes most attendees heard about the event from family and friends, 100% were happy with the location and we reached our target neighborhoods of Holmedale, Terrace Hill and East Ward.</p> <p>Vendor feedback was very positive as they had opportunity to network, get publicity and they appreciated the food tickets they received during the event.</p> <p>Kim praised the two co-chairs Melanie Mears and Erica DiFederico for the outstanding work in putting on the Parent Fair. Every table had activities for children and</p>	

		<p>families and they had time and room to engage everyone.</p> <p>Parents at PFLC drop in centres and OEYC programs are given basic post cards to survey new parents and in future will look at including parent fair questions .</p> <p>Wee Watch applications also include a brief parent survey on how they heard of organization, may look at connecting survey to Parent Fair.</p> <p>Will look at tying information (data collected) into Onelist and Summer Celebration as a way of measuring impacts of supports on neighborhoods for the Ministry of Education.</p> <p>Melodie Spencer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.</p> <p>4.1 Conestoga College Apprenticeship Program 6.4 Luisa – information to share</p> <p>Minutes of May 3, 2016 approved with consensus Luisa Pappert and Seconded by Debbie Eberth</p> <p>No outstanding information</p> <p>Aboriginal Advisory First Nations group will be attending Kids Summer Celebration and providing drummers, Sarah will begin presenting the kits for story telling at day care centres In the fall Renee Hill (Elder) will be presenting two cultural sessions with story telling</p>	
2.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes		
	Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda		
	Approve Minutes of May 3, 2016		
3.0	Business arising from previous minutes 3.1 <u>Receive Information:</u> .		
4.0	Best Start Updates 4.1 <u>Subcommittee Reports:</u> <u>Receive Information:</u> verbal reports Aboriginal Advisory, SIC Committee, Best Start Magazine, Best Start Parent Fair, Child Care Advisory		

	<p>Committee, Recruitment and Retention Committee</p>	<p>Brenda Sault from Dedwadadehsnye>s Aboriginal Health Centre is the new chair of the working group.</p> <p>Karen indicated that the ministry has announced the release of \$250 million over three years to support action plan for truth and reconciliation with indigenous people.</p> <p>Brenda shared that Dedwadadehsnye>s is translated as “we’re taking care of each other amongst ourselves.”</p> <p>Mohawk College and Six Nations Poly Tech are in the infancy stages of discussion regarding classes at the Elgin campus.</p> <p>There was round table discussion regarding updating our information on some of the terminology we use in our work plans and TOR</p> <p>Therefore a motion was put forth to invite our First Nations community to have discussion within their working groups and develop and terminology that reflects their cultural integration so we can be reflective and respectful of their language, culture and heritage.</p> <p>Systems Integration Committee (SIC) has not yet met. Waiting on completion of the strategic plan Barb Mitchell and Ronda Manning have offered to co-chair the committee</p> <p>Cathy presented the spring Best Start magazine to Network and put a call out for ads and articles for the Fall edition of the magazine. The network would like to see information relevant to what families are most interested in ie tweens, ages and stages for development.</p> <p>Deanna offered that the BG Club provides articles specifically to address school age needs.</p>	<p>Action: News release link from Karen Calligan</p> <p><u>Ontario Apologizes for Residential Schools</u></p> <p>Action: Cathy will look at getting articles/ community information from Police Dept Fire stations, or Parks & Recreation or Mental health agencies.</p>
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5.	<p><u>Best Start Strategic Planning</u></p> <p><u>5.1 Receive Information:</u> Develop year one action/work plans</p>		
6.	<p><u>6.1 Receive Information:</u> Annual survey of BS members/review of orientation manual and welcome package</p>		

7.	<p>6.2 <u>Updates Special Needs Resourcing Updates – Rita Stratford</u></p> <p><u>7.1 Success Story</u></p> <p><u>7.2 Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>September 2016 TBA</p>	<p>Rita gave an overview of the services that Lansdowne Children’s Centre offers in terms of Special Needs Resourcing. Needs of children and families are shifting to SACC programs, support for before and after school programs is very costly</p> <p>We need to share the awareness that families are struggling and finding respite and summer care is very challenging There is a shift of support from child care to school age care due to an identified growing need for children over the age of seven.</p> <p>Triple P information update deferred to September agenda</p> <p>Wee Watch Enriched Home Child Care is actively recruiting new providers in the Paris area.</p> <p>Mohawk College Apprenticeship program moved classes to Hamilton campus</p> <p>Next meeting September 15, 9:30 to 11:30am</p>	<p>Action: Add to September agenda It was suggested that the Network to participate in at “Debriefing” on the Waterloo Presentation in September – opportunity for more discussion.</p> <p>Action: “Triple P” parenting courses through the Brant County Health Unit deferred discussion to September</p>
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