



## Best Start Network Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2012

**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Ontario Early Years Centre Brant**

**Present:** Melodie Spencer (Minute Taker), Anca Gaston (BCHU, left 10:30), Dale Kern (Mohawk, arrived at 10:30), Karen Calligan (EDU), Marg Barr (CAS), Deanna Searle (B&G Club), Sharon Brooks (KCF), Doreen Dekker (SIC), Kathy Dickens (City), Van Thuan Huynh (representing SMB and LBR), Florence Ngenzebuhoro (MCYS), Shelley McCarthy (FCC),

**Regrets:** Kim Romano (City), Adele Gawley (Parent Rep), Debby Carson (GEDSB), Maria Timpener (YMCA), Marie-Josée Baril (LBR), Luisa Pappert (Wee Watch), Jane Angus (Contact Brant), Paula Thomlison (BP Library), Sue Norden (Community Rep), Sherry Lewis (BNH), Leslie Telfer (BNCDSB), Franklin Leukam (CSDCCS), Leslie Thomas (Aboriginal AC)

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of previous minutes	<p>Quorum is not met</p> <p>Information only and electronic voting on matters needed will be done.</p> <p>Welcome done.</p>	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE September 20, 2012 meeting deferred</p> <p><b>Those present approved the minutes in principal with a requested correction.</b></p> <p><b>4.4 Aboriginal Advisory Committee- needs correction regarding partnership with HN-Brant only</b></p>
2.0	<p>Business arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>2.1 Co-chair Elections</p> <p>2.2 Recommitment letters</p>	<p>2.1 Co-chair nomination is Melodie Spencer Vice chair nomination is Sue Norden</p> <p>2.2 Melodie will ask Cathy follow up by email to those that have not submitted yet- most now in.</p>	<p><b>ACTION: Cathy to send both nominations/voting via electronic format.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Melodie to pass on to Cathy</b></p>





3.0	Best Start Updates		
	3.1 Best Start Work Plan	Deferred	<b>ACTION: Put on priority for December agenda</b>
4.0	4.1 Ministry of Children and Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Templates coming as discussed</li> <li>• Innovation fund project discussed</li> <li>• Aboriginal plan received and approved with great projects/initiatives</li> <li>• Encouraging us to go to collaboration website for inspiration and updates</li> </ul>	
	4.2 Ministry of Education	<p>Thank you to everyone for contributions to modernization papers. 400 received which is a great number.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A very diverse cross section received, with a number from these types of groups, operators, associations, parents.</li> <li>• Every submission has someone doing a review with an analysis process to be able to draw themes and recommendations.</li> <li>• Intent moving forward in child care sector in those 5 key areas outlined including a review of DNA.</li> <li>• A roll up of information will be out to assist in moving forward.</li> <li>• Although Karen does not have specific numbers, there were submissions from both Aboriginal and Francophone communities.</li> <li>• Plan for next year with current funding and funding formulas.</li> <li>• There is bridge funding still available so CMSM can work closely with EDU to manage that.</li> </ul>	

	<p>4.3 Service Update</p> <p>4.4 Aboriginal Advisory Committee</p> <p>4.5 SIC Committee</p>	<p>Government clarification: Premier has indicated stepping down but McGuinty is still the Premier and the only impact is that no new bill can be introduced/passed. Nothing changes around funding.</p> <p>Kathy provide on behalf of Kim Capacity funds for technology as well as toys/equipment and health and safety with operators.</p> <p>No update at this time other than spaces still available for Aboriginal Conference in November.</p> <p>See attached report.</p> <p>Clarification of use of space in schools and MOU's and the chart of available spaces in schools. The intent is to have a chart for the BSELPC spaces to see where space is sitting empty. If a provider was interested they would have to connect with the operator who is the primary MOU holder. They then need to connect with Principal and discuss needs for further MOU's and insurance certificates. This initiative is part of the previous workplan.</p> <p>Brochure development for ELPC's – Karen shared in other communities they have developed something common that is created to show a range of options- OEYC, PFL, BSELPC. See Pascal report for some language suggestions. Add these to websites too. Goal of K registration.</p> <p>Discussion around signage for PFL- can it not have BSELPC? Marg will discuss with school boards.</p>	<p><b>Recommendation- seeking clarification in Strategic Plan for where it says 'committee'. Question of clarification in TOR around Chairs of sub groups and voting. Answer- yes and we will highlight what section that is covered in.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Next agenda item for BSN meeting it to review SP and clarify for committees.</b></p>
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5.0	New Business	No new business	
6.0	Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting  6.1 Best Start Network meeting frequency.  6.2 Next meeting	The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am, next meeting December 6, 2012.  Monthly for now to continue	Reminder to call/email your regrets to Cathy or send an alternate representative for each meeting.  Next Meeting Dates:  <b>December 6, 2012</b>