



**Best Start Network
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2013
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Ontario Early Years Centre Brant**

Present: Marie Josee Baril, Deanna Searle, Lisa Kyper, Kim Romano, Melodie Spencer, Debby Carson, Doreen Dekker, Adele Gawley, Barb Mitchell, Marie Josee Baril, Karen Calligan, Maria Timpener, Lauren Brydges, Anca Gaston, Marg Barr, Florence Ngenzebuhoro, Dan Temprile Cathy Medway (recorder)

Regrets: Darren Rorabeck, Sherry Lewis, Luisa Pappert, Shelley McCarthy, Sharon Brooks, Paula Thomlison, Sue Norden, Rita Stratford, Christina Rajsic, Jane Angus

Guests: Sherry Haines

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda	There were no additions to the agenda Melodie welcomed everyone to the table. Introductions were given.	THE MINUTES OF THE September 5, 2013 meeting was approved Moved by Marg Barr Seconded by Doreen Dekker, Adele Gawley
2.0	Success story –	Deanna shared that Boys & Girls Club has a new initiative that ties recreation to academics. Currently there are 8 grade 8 students selected to participate in this pilot project. The project includes academic goal setting and recreation activities. If the program is successful it may be expanded to include grades six to eight.	Carried
3.0	Business arising from Previous Minutes 3.1 <u>Discusses:</u> Meeting date January 2, 2014	Meeting date has been moved to January 9, 2014. 9:30am. SIC meeting moved to January 16, 2014.	Thank you to the SIC committee for your flexibility.

	<p><u>3.2 Receive and Approve:</u> Orientation package</p> <p><u>3.3 Receive Information:</u> Neighborhood HUB</p>	<p>The orientation package was accepted as presented with the revisions as discussed.</p> <p>Motion made by Marie Josee Baril and seconded by Maria Timpener. The orientation package will be posted on the best start website.</p> <p>Thank you to the entire Orientation Task Force for the great job of creating this document.</p> <p>Sherry gave an overview of the history of the neighborhood HUB in Eagle Place and East Ward. Bellview and Major Ballachy have provided the physical space for the HUBs.</p> <p>The concept is that each neighborhood will self lead and the City of Brantford will support this. They have developed a logo and website. The website is interactive and readers are able to post information to promote neighborhood events.</p> <p>Through events such as BBQs residents were asked what would they like to see in their park and most responded they wanted family activities. People were asked to identify the needs and assets of their neighborhoods through tree cut outs. The focus of the HUBS is all ages, child, youth, seniors, families.</p> <p>So far events have been well attended and successful.</p> <p>Please contact Sherry for further information or if are interested in assisting with the neighborhood groups to help connect with people.</p> <p>Karen suggested that the Neighborhood initiative should follow up with the MCYS to show direct outcomes of the funding results and its successes and post on the website.</p>	<p>Action Item: Adele to forward document to Kim and she will forward for posting on website</p> <p>www.ourneighbourhoods.ca</p> <p>shaines@brantford.ca</p>
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4.0	4.1 Service Update	<p>With neighborhoods working together, and leading each other there is opportunity to share ideas, funding, information and initiatives with every neighborhood in Brantford.</p> <p>Dan Temprile added that the Mayor has a new Smart Initiative Agenda. Dan has been invited to speak more on this topic at our next meeting in November.</p> <p>Karen Calligan added that as of October 1st, the Ministry has announced the division has a new name of “Early Years Division of the Ministry of Education”</p> <p>RBB continues to offer webinar training on OneList for administrators and operators showing operator platforms and parent platforms.</p> <p>There are currently 159 children on Onelist.</p> <p>Approximately \$1500 from the new \$3000 has been set aside from planning dollars will be used to promote OneList through bus advertising and Best Start magazine ads. This will help to increase interest in licensed child care.</p> <p>The remaining dollars will be used to offset the remaining costs of the already approved ages and stages.</p> <p>OEYC has a link to OneList on its computer</p> <p>Kim gave an overview of how child care has grown from 2005 to present day.</p> <p>Basically child care spaces have increased from 1120 spaces in 2005 to 2608 spaces in 2013.</p>	<p>Action: Add initiative to agenda, as presented by Dan Temprile.</p> <p>Insert Chart here.</p>
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	<p>4.2 <u>Subcommittee Reports:</u> <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>Wee Watch spaces have increased and they offer flexible hours of care.</p> <p>New day care The Polk Dot Palace offers weekend care</p> <p>An increase in licensed spaces seems to be a provincial trend according to Karen Calligan</p> <p>RBB may be able to do some sample mapping for spaces in certain neighborhoods, could just sample by postal code to determine operating capacity vs. licensed capacity for FTE vacancies.</p> <p>Karen shared that she shares Brantford Network information with other networks and also what other CMSMs are doing for example.</p> <p>Huron County provides a base payment to retain their providers.</p> <p>Reports from SIC Committee accepted as shared.</p>	
5.0	<p>5.1 <u>Discuss and Approve:</u> Changes to TOR – liase with Regional French language Network and addition to TOR organizational chart</p>	<p>Regional French Language Network (RFLN) for Haldmiand/Norfolk., Brant, Hamilton and Niagara is a network composed of French speaking ealy years professionals; the mandate of the RFLN is to support the four BSN's in the communities of Haldmiand/Norfolk</p>	

6.	<p>5.2 <u>Receive and Approve:</u> Templates 7 to 10</p> <p>5.3 <u>Receive information:</u> Results from 2012 KPS implementation and EDI results – Anca Gaston</p> <p>6.1 Success Story</p> <p>6.2 Next meeting date</p>	<p>Brant, Hamilton and Niagara in their efforts to plan for qualitative early years services in French.</p> <p>Marie Josee Baril will connect Best Start community to Francophone community</p> <p>Deferred</p> <p>Florence announced that the Aboriginal templates have been approved.</p> <p>Anca gave an overview of the EDI and KPS surveys. Edi has 104 questions and is completed by teachers with five key domains.</p> <p>KPS is completed by parents, has 8 pages and 7 sections, 2/3 of parents responded to survey.</p> <p>Full report will be posted on BCHU website.</p> <p>Anca is available for assistance and additional information and can be contacted directly.</p> <p>Anca will provide Neighborhood level mapping for next meeting in November.</p> <p>Deferred</p> <p>November 7, 2013 @ OEYC 9:30am.</p>	<p>Therefore a motion was put forth to include the RFLN within the Terms of References and add RFLN to the Orientation package.</p> <p>Motion made by Marie Josee Baril and seconded by Marg Barr</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Power point from Anca see attached</p> <p>Action: Add to November Agenda</p>
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