



**Best Start Network
 Meeting Minutes
 September 15, 2016
 9:30am until 11:30am.
 OEYC: Brant 30 Bell Lane**

Present: Connie McAllister, Jennifer MacDonald, , Kim Romano, Adele Gawley, Flora Ennis, Sarah Robertson, Karen Calligan, Christina Rajsic, Deanna Searle, Ronda Manning, Debbie Eberth, Anca Gaston, Michelle Connor, Luisa Pappert, Melodie Spencer, Barb Mitchell, Jane Angus, Barb Vanry, Laurie Bergeron, Cathy Medway, (recorder)

Regrets: Rita Stratford, Linda De Vos, Maria Timpener, Sharon Brooks, Marie Josee Baril

Guests: Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations GEDSB

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Success story /Lesson's Learned –	Deferred	
2.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes	Introductions were made around the table. Melodie welcomed Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations GEDSB Shawn opened the meeting with his presentation.	
3.0	Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda	No additions	
4.0	Approve Minutes of June 9, 2016	Minutes accepted by Jennifer MacDonald, Seconded by Luisa Pappert	
	Business arising from previous minutes 3.1 <u>Receive Information</u> :. Debriefing and discussion re	Education Act states school boards are required to assess by design the demand for before and after school care for 6 to 12 year olds. School boards may directly operate or	

	<p>Fair, Child Care Advisory Committee, Recruitment and Retention Committee</p>	<p>Barb Mitchell reports that the SIC committee is continuing to work on the strategic priorities for the work plan for 2016.</p> <p>Strategic priority 1 : Meaningful connections with parent and parent engagement (define parent engagement) Look at parents who are not currently engaged (priority populations, indigenous people, who are we missing, connect with school board</p> <p>Strategic priority 2: Community Planning and partnerships</p> <p>Strategic priority 3: Increasing access to responsive, flexible, quality licensed child care (add special needs children)</p> <p>Strategic Priority 4: Navigating provincial priorities Meetings to be conducted by SIC, BSN, CMSMs Action Items: promote hubs in BS magazine Promote FBG in BS magazine Mayors initiatives, Safe Brant, Smart Brant</p> <p>Jenn may be able to share a video that demonstrates parent engagement</p> <p>Next steps would be to hire a consultant (October 2016) build an action plan using available data, do needs assessment, hold a community forum (November 2016), process planning guidelines and look at community partners and infrastructures Look at other models</p>	<p>Action: Kim to connect with SIC for next meeting date</p>
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5.	<p><u>Best Start Strategic Planning</u></p> <p><u>5.1 Receive Information: Updates</u></p>	<p>Child Care services updates</p> <p>Effective July 1st Child Care Services has a new Director Kathy Dickens. New role is Director of Program Supports and Children's Services.</p> <p>Our office will be transitioning to the name Children's Services sometime hopefully in the next 6 months- We have more services to the community than only child care</p> <p>Our office has been overwhelmingly busy this summer. We have served the highest number of average monthly children then I have seen in this position to date. The move from school to summer camp and then the reverse has been constant for the staff. I am thankful I have amazing staff. You may have heard that we are in a waitlist position for fee subsidy and for the first time in a very long time that is also true. The demand for fee subsidy continues to rise. This is a good thing for our programs, but it is a new world for families who are used to a very quick turn around.</p> <p>We have let our operators know in August that that due to the pressure they may only be receiving 75% of their general operating grant. We pay them 75% through out the year and then if funds are available they may get the remaining not 25%. This allows us a bit of cushion room. This is on top of the Capacity, Repairs and Maintenance, Small Water Works, Transformation dollars, and minor Capital funds</p> <p>Transformation dollars: In regards to transformation dollars, we have sent an email to the Ministry of Education (Karen) regarding transformation and transition dollars. The guidelines noted that the transformation dollars were going to expire this year as the transformation to full day kindergarten has been fully implemented. We use these</p>	
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6.	<p><u>6.1 Receive Information:</u> Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations GEDSB</p>	<p>the programs as well.</p> <p>Currently we are serving approx. 700 children avg. monthly</p> <p>Infant 53, Toddler 99, Preschool 151, JK/SK 178 and School Age 219 children.</p> <p>Shawn McKillop, presented the GEDSB multi year Plan for 2016/20 "Success for Every Student". This new strategic direction was developed to guide the work of the GEDSB. "Success for Every Student" will be achieved through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The indicators that will support the GEDSB goal includes, Achievement, Well-being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.</p> <p>Shawn looked at what parents need for communication and received feedback from the network which includes the following: parents need ongoing and consistent communication with teachers, principals, easy internet workshops, drop in programs.</p> <p>Information sharing can be done through newsletters, inviting community members to parent council meetings connecting with indigenous families on and off the reserves, supporting truth and reconciliations by being holistic and culturally competent.</p> <p>We need to look at a lens to see who we are missing, look at literacy level component, technology, use of information data base 211, consider HDLH strong connection to kindergarten document, recognize that parents are the child's first teachers and a child is a complex learner, the KPS is a good reflection of school community.</p> <p>For more information please refer to Shawn's contact information.</p>	<p>For more information contact Shawn McKillop T: 519-756-6301 x 281147 C: 905-978-1417 Shawn.mckillop@granderie.ca Twitter @ShawnMcKillop</p>
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