

Child Care Centre Supervisors Network Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2014 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • Power Glen Early Learning and Child Care Centre

1. Welcome and Introductions

Participants introduced themselves to the group.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted and seconded.

Matters arising: Ginette Wilson gave an update from Andre Laflamme, Niagara Region Public Health, confirming the information given at the previous meeting regarding kitchen cupboard doors and laundry. See below.

During the Q&A section of my presentation there were two questions that I would like to provide some feedback on.

Q. Can laundry from the kitchen be mixed with laundry from the children?

A. The answer is yes, the laundry can be mixed unless the centre is dealing with an outbreak or the linen is soiled (with fecal material).

Q. Do the centres need cupboard doors for the storage of dishes?

A. The answer is yes. Doors will reduce the likelihood of environmental contamination of the clean dishes.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted with no amendments.

4. Updates

- Ministry of Education Report, Jen Stewart, Child Care Licensing Service Program advisor was unable to attend and had no updates to pass onto the network
- Niagara Region Children's Services Report, Laura Rasmussen, Manager Children's Services attended and gave the following update:
 - Announcement from Ministry of Education of additional funding for salaries; however there are no details at the moment. Currently waiting for the template to determine how funds will be distributed, and hoping to be implemented January 2015.
 - Contracts and budgets will be coming out soon from the Region. They are due back on February 28, 2015 and will have commitment papers and QCCN commitment.
 - Final Children's Plan Consultation meeting took place on October 23.
- Niagara Region Public Health Report, John Burnette Deputy Manager Environmental Health attended, on behalf of Chris Gaspar, and gave the following update:
 - Copies of the new Chapter 10 of the Health and Safety Manual will be distributed, changes refer to nutrition.
 - Health Canada updating feeding infants from 6 to 24 months of age, some information has been modified:
 - Sterilize the water bottles and equipment up to 4 months of age.
 - The type of water to make infant formula updated; purified and distilled water is not guaranteed safe, providers on well or cistern water are advised to contact Public Health if they are making formula so that their water can be tested.

Offering a variety of textures and finger foods at 6 months of age and lumpy food by 9 months of age.

Niagara Region Public Health contact is Melissa Westaby 905-688-8248 ext. 7764.

5. Tour of Power Glen Early Learning and Child Care Centre

Tracy Booker gave a great tour of Power Glen's new facility.

6. Discussing Issues and Brainstorming Solutions

- Round Table Updates
 - Quality Child Care Niagara is holding an event on Monday December 1 to celebrate 10 years of QCCN.
 - Sven Dohnberg, AFFSN has had a name change and is now called Strive Niagara.
 - Grapeview YMCA - CATCH meeting this week for lunch time, case group.
 - Seven C's is organizing a trip to Samko sales in Toronto on November 22. If anyone is interested in attending it is \$20, will leave at 8:00am, returning back by 6:00pm.
 - Western Hill is making renovations to the playground.
 - St. Catharines Regional has been holding activities with parents; healthy dinner table, food challenge with Local Wednesday's featuring locally grown produce for families to sample.
 - Port Colborne Regional as St. Catharines.
 - C. Sisters, Sister Zelerina is the new supervisor. She feels that she is still learning so will be attending every meeting.
 - Power Glen staff are enjoying the move to their new facility and the change from half day to full day. They have full enrolment.

7. Training/Network Development Activity

- "Continuing the Momentum" discussion – due to the current high level of participation at meetings it was decided that this is no longer required as an agenda item
- Update from the *How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years*, conference in Toronto. 350 people attended from across Ontario. A Pedagogical Documentation session was led by Dr. Carol Anne Wien and Karyn Callaghan with a Pedagogical Leadership session led by Lorrie Baird, Anne Marie Coughlin. Participants also broke into Regional groups to discuss parental engagement. This is the first of many conversations that will be taking place in Ontario with the London Region event being held on November 18. The network would like more in-depth feedback at future network meetings. The Ministry of Education has produced 3 introduction booklets to *How Does Learning Happen*; one each for educators, leaders, and home child care providers. Copies are available from the ECCDC. More *Think, Feel, Act* videos will be available on the Ministry of Education website shortly.
- Review *Everyone is Welcome: Inclusive Early Childhood Education and Care*, pp. 31-36 chapter in *Think, Feel, Act: Lessons from Research about Young Children*, written by Kathryn Underwood, <https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/researchbriefs.pdf> followed by reflective question discussion. As there is currently no video for Inclusion on the Ministry of Education websites, the network asked to revisit the *Learning Environments* video. Following the viewing of the video participants discussed the reflective questions in small groups then the small group discussions were shared with the whole network.

8. ECCDC Resource Display

- **New ECCDC Website:** www.eccdc.org was demonstrated with location of log in for stats highlighted.
- **Resource Reference List and Resource Display:** please see attached with the minutes.
- **Professional Learning Opportunities & Needs:** *How Does Learning Happen?* event in Niagara November 13, Awards Of Excellence November 20, the Pedagogical Leadership Institute December 5 and 6, Adam Bienenstock's Cultivating Natural Playgrounds that Nurture Children's Curiosity and Wonder November 7, January 23 & April 10, and the Infant and Toddler institute February 27 and 28, were highlighted on the website along with the online registration link www.eccdc.org/professional-learning/workshop-registration
- **ESTEEM online was also highlighted:** www.eccdc.org/professional-learning/workshop-registration-esteem

9. Meeting Evaluation

10. Next Meeting Date and Venue

January 22, 2015 • Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care, 500 Glenridge Ave, St Catharines

March 24, 2015 • C. Sisters of the Sacred Heart Children's Day Care, 32 Sullivan Ave, Thorold



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Resource Listing
 Child Care Centre Supervisors Network

Catalogue Number	Item	Type	File Number
5727	Think, Feel, Act: Lessons From Research About Young Children	Planning & Research Documents	RES.0009.01
5014	SpecialLink Early Childhood Inclusion Quality Scale	Planning & Research Documents	EVA.0065.00
407	Learning Through Play: Curriculum And Activities For The Inclusive Classroom	Planning & Research Documents	SPE.0052.00
1293	The Exceptional Child: Mainstreaming In ECE	Planning & Research Documents	SPE.0015.00
1337	Educating Children About Autism In An Inclusive Classroom	Planning & Research Documents	SPE.0072.00
2340	Big As Life - the Everyday Inclusive Curriculum	Planning & Research Documents	SPE.0053.00
3464	Inclusive Curriculum Books	Play-Based Learning Kit	BOX.0323.00
1795	Getting Along with Others: Exploring Inclusion with Young Children	Play-Based Learning Kit	BOX.0151.00

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