

Child Care Supervisor's Network Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 22, 2015 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care

1. Welcomes and Introductions

Participants introduced themselves to the group. In attendance were: Sandra DiMaria, Joanne Janzen, Carmela DeLuca, Kim Burgess, Lil Gialanella, Leah Philbrick, Lori Stewart, Jamie Pignotti, John Burnett, Candice Penny, Robin Cotton, Tracy Booker, Micki Horton, Kari-Lyn Burkholder, Jen Stewart, Helene Randle, Kelly Brochu, Sister Glinda Maliyekkal and Sister Zelerina Escat
Regrets from Christine Gray-Johnston and Danielle Longboat

2. Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting

The Minutes were accepted by Sandy DiMaria and seconded Joanne Janzen

3. Acceptance of Agenda

- Reviewing the agenda and adding additional areas-No changes

4. Updates

• Ministry of Education – Report, Jen Stewart

- Kari-Lyn Burkholder has joined as a program advisor in the London Region and is based in the Hamilton Satellite Office.
- Questions from How Does Learning Happen? sessions. The Leadership team is meeting with the Program Advisors every 2 weeks and looking at HDLH. More HDLH community sessions are planned to be held in Regions, across Ontario, during the spring. No dates have currently been set. Once dates have been set people will be notified through email. The information will be the same as the Toronto session, so people only need to attend one session.
- Think, Feel, Act videos on Ministry of Education website; the Inclusion video is due to be uploaded to the website shortly, however there is currently no date planned for the Pedagogical Leadership video.

• Niagara Region Children's Services – Report, Darlene Edgar

- The premiere announced funding to increase the wages of ECE's including unqualified staff, who earn less than \$26.26 per hour, by \$1 per hour in 2015 a \$1 per hour in 2016. The funding will also include 17.5% to cover benefits. Home Child Care Providers licenced through an agency will also receive funding. The funding is to close the gap wage gap between ECE's who are employed by the school's boards and those not. The Region is waiting for further information from the Ministry and once this is received they will be compiling templates, which will go to centres. The funding will be backdated to the beginning of the year. Centres were asked to check that the Region contracts have been signed and returned. Darlene encouraged everyone to write to the Minister thanking the Government for the funding.
- The province now has a funding formula in place, which links Child Care to economic development. Niagara has benefited from the change.

• Public Health – Report, John Burnett

- John the team leader and will be the Public Health representative for the Supervisor Network. He would like everyone to feel free to call him with any questions.
- John talked through the Influenza outbreak score card for centres. He stressed the effectiveness of how an outbreak is handled. For ongoing disinfectant use Quat for normal usage but need higher strength disinfectant if in outbreak. Hand washing is important and the use of hand sanitizer and when handle laundry us gloves.
- Health Department receive feedback from Doctor's forms and will notify centres of incidents as necessary.
- Centres need extra precaution as children are still developing their immune systems and have not built up their immune systems.
- Noro virus is currently going around and is very contagious. It has a 24-48 hour incubation and lasts 24 – 48 hours. Centres were encouraged to monitor what is happening.
- Centre's laundry can to be sent out for professional cleaning.

5. Tour of Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care by Helene Randle, Executive Director and Kelly Brochu, Assistant Director

Thank you to Helene and Kelly for hosting the network and providing a great tour of the centre, which looks wonderful.

6. Training/Network Development Activity

- **View 'Think, Feel, Act: Lessons from Research about Young Children' video *Pedagogical Documentation* <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/documentation.html> followed by discussion and reflective question discussions.**

Participants viewed Pedagogical Documentation video by Dr. Carol Anne Wien and discussed given reflective questions in small groups then shared their discussions with the whole group. This included; documenting children's experiences, interests and interactions with other staff. Documenting can be intimidating but it is something we have been doing for years just looking at it a little bit different. Emotional milestones e.g. children having a rough time leaving parents, things have changed, personal stories brought into the classroom. How others can contribute to your interpretation as a colleague may have another piece of the puzzle to share, another set of eyes. Looking at photos can help one to look at it differently. Team teachers researched photography shots in black and white shows children's emotions better, communication and trying new things. Sharing with colleagues will ensure that information can be shared with families even if the member of staff is not there are pick up time.

7. Round Table Discussion and updates

- **Regarding the *How Does Learning Happen?* Niagara event and how this has been utilized in programs**

The session was facilitated by Rod and Karen from the Ministry of Education and it look at relationships and how important they are. The penguin video was a nice visual to reinforce the message. If people want to use it video or just watch it again, it can be found on YouTube by searching John Lewis Penguin. Rod brought a Kolar bear which he has had since he was a child. People who attended left feeling great and brought the experience back to their centres'.

8. Discussing Issues and Brainstorming Solutions

- Parents are finding it difficult to navigate the DPS referral. They are having issues obtaining the number required to complete the form and have to answer questions regarding income. Also issues regarding labelling within the referral for 'special needs'. Some supervisors are doing it with parents and there is a crib sheet for parents.
- A discussion took place regarding washroom routine and scheduling. Group time changing with children not being required to attend, however many are because educators basing it on the children's interests. Sleep time letting children move around near bed. Discuss why a rule is a rule.
- Supply staff for stand-alone centres is an issue. A few suggestions were posed. If anyone can help Joanne Janzen please contact her.

9. Network Development

- **Future Child Care Centres Supervisors meetings – venues and discussion topics**
Rosemary Martin and Jackie Galloway from Niagara Children's Services will be attending March's meeting to discuss the Intake process for assisted child care costs, seasonal camps, resource support, prokids and child care registry (formally One List).
- **The program staff network meetings and potential new networks**
Supervisors were asked to discuss with their staff teams and bring suggestions to the next network meeting in March.

10. ECCDC Resource Display

- **Resource Reference List and Resource Display**
Attached with the minutes
- **Professional Learning Opportunities & Needs**
The Reflective Practice Book Study-Designs for Living and Learning: Transforming Early Childhood Environments by Deb Curtis and Margie Carter on Tuesday the 3rd February 2015 5pm-6.30pm at the ECCDC
- **ESTEEM**
 - Welcoming Dad's conference on Friday the 30th January 2015 at Amici's conference centre in Thorold
 - The Infant and Toddler Institute on the 27th and 28th February 2015 at The Holiday Inn and Suits in St. Catharine's

11. Meeting Evaluation

- 12. Next Meeting Date, Venue March 24, 2015** C. Sisters of the Sacred Heart Children's Day Care, 32 Sullivan Ave, Thorold, ON L2V 2Y4 6.30pm-8.30pm