



early childhood community development centre

**Child Care Supervisor's Network Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Niagara Nursery School and Child Care Centre**

**1. Welcomes and Introductions**

Participants introduced themselves to the group. In attendance were: Melissa Andrighetti, Jennifer Ballantyne, Terry Barclay, Samantha Beauparlant, Cynthia Bradshaw, Kelly Brochu, Ken Colquhoun, Sister Zelerina Escat, Catherine Foy, Joanne Janzen, Sister Glinda Maliyekkal, Candice Penny, Helene Randle, Laura Rasmussen, Patricia Couroux-facilitator and Ginette Wilson-facilitator and minutes. Thanks to Niagara Nursery School and Child Care Centre for hosting the network meeting.

**Regrets:** Christine Grey-Johnston

**2. Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting**

The Minutes were accepted by Kelly Brochu and seconded Sister C

Matters arising: CPL; if people would like to know what ECCDC training they have attended then ECCDC staff can retrieve this information upon request for individuals. CPL for RECE'S online module computer lab opportunity 6.30pm-8.30pm on June 8<sup>th</sup> and supporting teams to adhere to the CECE standards of practice and code of ethics and encouraging participation in CPL session for employers 12pm-2pm on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

- Reviewing the agenda and adding additional areas-No changes

**4. Updates**

• **Ministry of Education – Report, Cynthia Bradshaw**

- There is currently a two month delay for licensing and program advisors are currently doing their best to catch-up as quickly as possible. Centres were reassured that their license is still current even if it has expired.
- There were no questions from participants for Cynthia.

• **Niagara Region Children's Services – Report, Laura Rasmussen**

- The wage enhancement is applicable from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- The Child Care Plan is currently being finalized and will go to council June/July with an expected roll out in the fall.
- The CECE is excepting applications for the pilot leadership program for supervisors. The closing date is June 1<sup>st</sup> and interested supervisors can sign up through the college. Make sure that all forms are completed and in-place, as incomplete applications will not be considered. Niagara Region Children's Services will reimburse expenses. Laura advised participants that the program is very interesting and useful, and well worth the time. An article regarding Intergenerational Programming (IGP) in the CECE Winter 2015 newsletter Connexions was shared as it highlighted 'A Child's World child care centre Look Out Ridge' IGP and the ECCDC's IGP pilot project.

- **Public Health – Report, Ken Colquhoun on behalf of John Burnett**

- A copy of the Niagara Region Public Health 'Gardens & Food Safety' guide was highlighted and circulated copy attached with the minutes.
- Diaper change tables require disinfecting and not sanitation, which is only required in kitchen areas. Participants were encouraged to review their current process and read the product label information regarding contact time for product to disinfect. Contact your Public Health inspector if any questions regarding this.
- General equipment cleaning requirements- daily for infants and weekly for toddlers unless contact with the mouth. Equipment should not have cracks or crevasses and be cleaned then disinfected. Avoid sponges as they can't be cleaned and bacteria will grow at room temperature.
- Carpets should be steam-cleaned every four to six months.

## 5. Tour of Niagara Nursery School and Child Care Centre Candice Penny Supervisor

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

- The centre uses the 'Story Board' app on their I-pad and is part of the I-pad project. They also use the HiMama program.

## 6. Training/Network Development Activity

- **View 'Think, Feel, Act: Lessons from Research about Young Children' video *Pedagogical Leadership***<https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/leadership.html> followed by discussion and reflective question discussions.
  - Participants shared successes.
  - Some participants are using the videos with their staff at staff meetings.

## 7. Discussing Issues and Brainstorming Solutions

- **Round Table Discussion and updates**
  - Joanne Janzen thanked Candice Penny for her support and sharing her supply staff list with Northend Co-operative Nursery School.
  - A discussion took place regarding the difficulties faced by some centres regarding obtaining supply staff and keeping a list of supply staff particularly for stand-alone centres. This included liability, different screening, policies and orientation. It was suggested that small hubs, based in geographical areas could get together. Helene Randle and Joanne Janzen were interested in setting something up. Any other interested persons, who are willing to work on this, are asked to please make themselves known to the network.
  - Kelly Brochu will be attending future network meetings, on behalf as Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care, in place of Helene Randle (Executive Director of Rosalind Blauer). Thanks to Helene for all her efforts to promote the Child Care Centres Supervisors network meetings and increase attendance.

## **8. Highlight Naturalized Playspace webpage on the ECCDC website followed by discussion regarding rethinking playspaces**

- Participant viewed the webpages.
- The Naturalized Playground Partnership with Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds and the ECCDC pilot was highlighted. Five interested centres are being sought for this pilot and will receive a discounted rate. The Bienenstock Team will work with centres to develop a customized design and arrange for a survey to be completed, and the ECCDC team will facilitate customized training and support child care staff with resources, materials and planning experiences for children along with ongoing maintenance of the naturalized playground.

## **9. Development of Resources available at the ECCDC**

- Discussion regarding resources in the lending library, the role of Die cut press in the future etc.
  - Participants use the Die-cut press in the following ways; letters for bulletin boards and labelling shelves, special events and place mats, counting and classroom activities, and free standing art activities which are a choice for the children.
  - Participants felt that they were using them less than in the past.

## **10. ECCDC Resource Display**

- **Resource Reference List and Resource Display**  
Attached with the minutes
- **Professional Learning Opportunities & Needs**
- **ESTEEM**
  - CECE CPL sessions see above.
  - The launch of Niagara's Nature Alliance and feature presentation by Diane Kashin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Exploring Emergent Curriculum with Susan Stacey on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. Meeting Evaluation**

## **12. Next Meeting Date, Venue.**

Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm-8.30 and Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm-8.30pm, venues to be arranged.

