

Child Care Centres Supervisors Network Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 23, 2017 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Port Colborne Regional Child Care Centre, Steeles Avenue, Port Colborne

1. Welcome and Introductions

- **Regrets-** Niagara Public Health Jeremy Kelly and Laura Rasmussen from Niagara Children's Services

2. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting; Accepted

3. Acceptance of Agenda and Additions

- Reviewing the agenda and adding additional areas; the agenda was accepted with no amendments.

4. Presentation by Darlene Drouin, ECCDC

- Smart Saver and Parent Direct Niagara
- Canada Learning Bond
- Information packages, flyers, and business cards left to contact Darlene for more information

5. Updates

- **Ministry of Education – Cynthia Bradshaw**
- Tip Sheet was shared with Supervisors via email (by Ministry) prior to the meeting. Cynthia spoke to items on Tip Sheet to the best of her knowledge.
- **New requirements for reduced ratios** – for a program that runs 6 hours or more its the 90-minute period after program starts and 60-minute period before program ends of reduced ratios – for a program that runs less than 6 hours it is the 30-minute period after the program starts and 30-minute period before program ends of reduced ratios.
- **New Family Age Group** – doesn't apply to many centres
- **New requirements for children with medical needs** – any child with medical needs will need a medical plan with step by step procedures and accessible in every classroom
- **New requirements for parent issues and concerns** – conflict resolution policy needed
- **New requirements around emergency management-** policy templates will be made and available on Ministry website if centres choose to use
- Tip sheet will be sent out again by ECCDC

- **Niagara Public Health – Jeremy Kelly (absent)**
 - New manual available for Public Health
 - Online registration for food handlers only posted for 3 months at a time
 - Cook's network looking at going for grocery store tour

- **Niagara Children's Services – Laura Rasmussen absent**

5. Tour of Port Colborne Regional Child Care Centre

6. Discussing issues and Brainstorming solutions

Round table discussion

- A few organizations shared the news of infant room approvals for September opening
- Organization opened a 7th site
- Discussing solutions of how to organize re-vamping and time for reorganization for the fall when a centre is open all year round – suggestions to specify dates in handbook for parents awareness or week long period after summer care before the long weekend, building the dollars in the budget for time

7. ECCDC Resource Display

- Resource Reference List (attached with the minutes) and Resource Display
- Professional Learning Opportunities offered in Spring Esteem
 - Engaging Families in the Early Years in Authentic Ways and Fostering Effective Communication with Colleagues and Community Partners
 - Creating Strong and Resilient Teams Through Mindfulness
 - Strengthening Your Resiliency and Lowering Your Stress Through Mindfulness
 - Nature Forum and Stakeholder Survey

8. Future network development; participants would like Helen Lake to attend meetings. The next meeting date and place to be determined.

9. Meeting Evaluation