

## Child Care Centres Supervisors Network Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 21, 2019 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Early Childhood Community Development Centre, 33340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - Regrets - Ministry of Education and Public Health
2. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting -accepted
3. Acceptance of Agenda
  - Reviewing the agenda and adding additional areas - accepted
4. Updates – parking lot for questions to send
  - Ministry of Education – The Ministry has reached out regarding their attendance at Supervisors meeting sending their regrets. Due to government commitment with fiscal expenditure management, the Ministry staff will not be able to travel to attend the meetings but could be available for video conference. Ministry staff also ask to still receive agenda and updates related to Ministry requirements and any questions forwarded will be answered to the best of their ability. No updates at this time
  - Niagara Region Children’s Services report – Laura Rasmussen – no updates at this time
  - Niagara Region Public Health – not in attendance
5. QCCN Update – reminders of new policy for Support Visits – moving forward for 2019 if a centre is part of an organization the Regional Director, Program Coordinator will be contacted as well for date of visit and to receive the Support Visit Form, if any materials are required please reach out to your QCCN Consultants
6. Exercise – Five Elements of Collective Leadership

Participants will have the opportunity to read the article and work in table groups to reflect on each element and what it means to them within their role.

  - Speaks to giving everyone a voice and the feeling of empowerment
  - “what do you think?” feeling as though they have been heard as well as an opportunity to provide feedback
  - Article also supportive when working with Boards
  - Reviewed the ideas of how to link to Program Statement with a shared vision, opinions matter, rewording questions, what to do when not all staff agree, drilling down to find out the real issue
7. Discussing Issues and Brainstorming Solutions
  - Snow Days discussion
    - Connecting with families to ensure that they have a back-up plan
    - Most of the centres present pay staff on snow days
    - Most centres present do not refund families for the days
    - Send a letter to families at the start of the winter season with a reminder about how a snow day works
    - Posting a letter

- Policies looked at either when school closed they close or when buses don't run they close
- Need to consider ratios and the possibility that not all children can attend

#### 8. ECCDC Resource Display

- Resource Display – reviewed new kit Loose Parts for Spring
- Professional Learning Opportunities offered in the ESTEEM – Shared Jean Clinton, Leadership Series, Susan Stacey, Reggio Series, Music and Movement, Yoga
- Shared article 'Going Deeper – Exploring Reflective Practices with Inspiration from Reggio Emilia'
- Upcoming Networks – Spring 2019 Supervisor hosted at Welland Parent and Family, New networks linked to age specific groups hosted at ECCDC – Infant/Toddler, Preschool and School Age, Nature Network in May at Fort Erie Regional Child Care Centre,

#### 9. Future Network Development

- Book Club – Change Your Questions, Change Your Life” by Marilee Adams
- Sharing of CPL Goals and how to work it into Team Professional Development
- Workshop on documenting more effectively – tips and tricks
- Struggling with Technology – what apps are there that can be used (Robin Cotton looking to see if she can share the book)
- Request a visit from Niagara Region to discuss how to with the budgets

#### 10. Meeting Evaluation