



C&FC Minutes

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Date: June 9 , 2015
Location: Swan Lake Outdoor Education Centre, 1229 Bethesda Rd, Richmond Hill
Time: 9:00am – 12:00 pm

Present: Ed Bader, Mary Bianchi, Betty-Jo Cabell, Kelly Clare, Jeanan Denton, Tracy Dettman, Lois Fowler, Marlene Green, Jill Javelosa, Habibeh Iahijani, Lesley Pettigrew, Silvia Rizkallah, Sandra Sanz, Crystal Sotelo, Carol Taun, Lianne Terry, Mary Turfryer, Joy Vance, Andrea Wesson, Linda Wheeler, Barbara Winberg, Fran Zeppieri

No.	Discussion Item	Action Item
1.0	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb welcomed everyone. • Barb acknowledged that the event today is to celebrate all our valuable committee and agency partners for all their contributions this year. 	
2.0	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by Marlene, seconded by Andrea 	
3.0	Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by Tracy. Seconded by Lesley 	
4.0	Follow -up on Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time 	
5.0	Treasurer Report – Linda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance is \$5, 066.27 	
6.0	Outdoor Education Workshop by Dr Diane Kashin & Nancy McGee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane introduced the grounds and the York Region Nature Collaborative to the group • Choice to participate in journey stick making, clay models, sticks math, or go on a small nature hike • York Region Nature Collaborative website www.yrnature.ca 	
6.0	C&FC Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With current balance as low as it is we may not have enough funds for the Joy of Childhood Conference this fall • Decision to charge at all future workshops and events to at least cover the cost of food for the event. All were in favor. • Remember that when using eventbrite there is a 2% cost from Eventbrite, but can be worth it as it eliminates time collecting funds, etc 	Begin charging small amounts for all PD events to cover cost of food
7.0	Future Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb acknowledged that some members who are usually very active we 	Google calendar to be sent around to



	<p>unable to participate this year due to agency conflicts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey will be distributed electronically to indicate what day of the month (1st Monday, 2nd Monday, etc) and time of day (am/pm) are best for majority of the group 	<p>indicate dates for next year meetings</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Sector/Committee Updates</p> <p>P-6 Professional Development Subcommittee – Marlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One very successful event this year-Marlene Green gave a talk on ERIK and sharing sensitive news Although people had expressed an interest in having someone speak on managing hearing loss and visual impairment we had to cancel due to low registrations Thought that registrations might have been affected because the talk was scheduled for the same week as Think Feel Act. Having a meeting on Wednesday June 10 to plan talks for the next year <p>York Region Preschool Speech and Language Program – Marlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child development programs have been very involved in developing the Special Needs Strategy for York Region Ministries in Health and Long Term Care, Education, MCYS, MCSS developed 3 projects. CTN, School Boards, French School Boards are signatories. Ministries are supporting tables that are not meeting consensus Universal screening tool will be announced hopefully in the fall. This will be used in early years environments-screening in the community. OAICD preschool resourcing (EI's). Once screening tool for the whole province for infant and for preschool Coordinated service planning table-each region in Ontario (x34) to plan one point access to benefit all kids with special needs – identify a lead agency. Submit June 15 for September implementation. No extra funding but might get some after the application Integrated delivery of rehab services: single waitlist from birth to school exit for PT OT and SLP – who does what – money and resources will be reallocated-determined by planning table-school boards money is excluded-proposal to be submitted in October but difficult to meet over the summer time. Will have impact on all agencies. Implementation early 2016 We have recently published our latest newsletter which you can see on our website www.childdevelopmentprograms.ca and we will be publishing twice per year We are in the process of revising ERIK Growth Chart and this should be completed soon <p>Enhanced Funding Subcommittee – Tracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cleared the waitlist for 2014 we are currently serving 95 individual children, 43 groups and supporting 100 plus programs we continue to collaborate with 0-6 mental health services to ensure our programs with group applications receive support and strategies for interventions while waiting for service 	



School Age Subcommittee - Barb

- has finished up for the year
- This year presented 3 very successful learning opportunities: a networking session on behavior management in the school age classroom, a presentation by the college of ECE's on Continuous Professional Learning and a seminar on meaningful documentation and programming facilitated by Ruth Houston
- Our dates are set for the next year when we hope to add a second, more in depth presentation on documentation and programming, a look at how Bill 10 redefines school age provision and a look at positive engagement as behavior management tool
- Daniella Cristifaro will be stepping up as chair
- Sara Pilato as vice-chair
- Heather McLeod as secretary
- Thanks to all the committee members for their hard work and dedication to our committee and the front line school age staff

Family Literacy – Ed

- January 2015 the Family Literacy Sub-committee decided to repeat the first Trifecta program designed by Sandy Giles in the Fall of 2013.
- Changed the 2013 approach by targeting families, including parents and grandparents, and planned to offer three workshops in the Town of Georgina
- The first program was approved and funded by the C&FC Chairs and was held in March at R.L.Graham P.S. in Keswick
- support and attendance of the principal and three members of the Parent Council executive, but the number of parents and grandparents who attended was much lower than we expected
- Then joined the Linking Georgina organization, and a Family Literacy Task Force was formed; Grant Peckford agreed to lead the second workshop
- Advertising was done by the Linking Georgina network, but again the registration was very low and the second workshop has been postponed until the Fall 2015
- At Swan Lake Centre connected with Nancy McGee, Supervisor of the Education Program Services
- asked her if they offered this forest/nature tour to families, especially multigenerational families. Interest was shown
- Contacting her to see if this activity-based approach connecting Families, Forest/Nature could be more interesting to the families than our previous workshop in March
- Could co-host the third workshop at the Swan Lake Centre and invite families across all of York Region to come to a Nature Walk combined with the family learning together, which is the key to family literacy

Libraries – Andrea

- TD Summer reading club will be happening again this summer
- Joy asked if flyers can be sent out electronically to share with families. Andrea will send to Chairs for distribution

Communications – Joy

- This year they have ordered; October did water bottles for Joy of Childhood

Andrea send TD reading club flyer electronically for distribution



	<p>Conference as give aways, 2000 business cards for distribution, 2000 pens for distribution, Notebooks & C&FC bags.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 C&FC bags have already been put aside for this falls Joy of Childhood Conference • See previous updates from past meetings for more work completed by the committee this year <p>Raising The Bar – Sandra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECERS-R training was canceled. Looking to reschedule in the fall. For gold all centre staff need training in ECERS-R • Not getting a lot of new centres joining • Policies and procedures are a bit of a challenge to smaller sites that join • It is a small committee (10 members) so it can be a lot when binders are due for review 	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty-Jo Cabell was nominated as co-chair for next term. All approved. • Barb will move to her second year as co-chair • Lianne will move to past chair 	
	<p>Next Meeting: October 2015, location and date to be determined</p>	