

Minutes

<p>In Attendance: M. Duncalfe, B. Gauthier, C. Hron, A. McDonald, R. Burke,, K. Gardiman, M. Gaudet, C. Maltais, T. Oberg, T. Zurkan,</p> <p>Regrets: L. Carlson, D. Jutila, S. Penner, B. Van Diest, J. Bachynski, S. Seymour, C. Krahn-Edwards, K. Negus, S. Stevenson, S. Parker, V. Moonias, J. Dennis</p>		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions	B. Gauthier welcomed the members	
1. Roll Call	C. Hron recorded the attendance of members	
2. Approval of the Agenda	Moved by: M. Duncalfe Seconded by: R. Burke That the March 4, 2020 agenda be approved.	
3. Minutes	Moved by: C. Maltais Seconded by: M. Duncalfe That the minutes of January 29, 2020 be approved.	
4. Review Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed the changes to the Terms of Reference Added to the Terms of Reference that they will be reviewed annually 	
5. Early Childhood Education Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Burke presented a powerpoint on 'Early Childhood Connections' She talked about her pathway into Early Childhood Education and the different pathways that people can take in the program The committee discussed how we can facilitate getting our young people interested in this profession What can different organizations do to promote the field of "Early Childhood Education?" Some suggestions were working with the highschoools to promote; Coop Placements, Community Volunteer hours for high school students and Job Fairs 	
6. Partnerships in Action Update a) Early Development Instrument b) EarlyON Open Gym c) Kindergarten Registration d) NWHU	<p>Early Development Instrument (EDI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. McDonald presented information on the EDI in a powerpoint presentation The EDI began in 2003 and the board has been involved in the collection of data through the EDI since the beginning A. McDonald discussed the five domains that students are measured against on the EDI in the Keewatin-Patricia DSB The most at risk domain is 'Physical Health and Well-Being' with 27% of students at risk and the domain that students in KPDSB are doing well on is 	

	<p>'Language and Cognitive Development' with 9% at risk compared to the province of 16% vulnerable on the domain of 'Physical Health and Well Being and 7.5% on the domain of 'Language and Cognitive Development'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in KPDSB are 40% vulnerable on at least one domain and 21% vulnerable on at least two domains compared to the province with 29% vulnerable on one domain and 13% vulnerable on two or more domains • At our May meeting we will look more indepth at the EDI data and brainstorm actions to improve the data <p>EarlyON Gym Nights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.McDonald discussed the success of the Free EarlyON Gym Nights in Kenora and how they will now be expanding to the Dryden Area-looking at hosting events at Open Roads Public School • The Gym nights have been running in the Kenora area by rotating through different schools • These Gym Night events run from 5:00-7:00 and families with children 0-6 are invited to come and play with a variety of equipment in the Gym • The evening is free and the families are provided with a light dinner by the schools • Currently at King George the Free EarlyON Gym Nights are on March 4, 11 and 25 • These Free EarlyON Gym Nights are also very successful due to the partnerships of many organizations that support this initiative <p>Kindergarten Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.McDonald discussed that the week of March 2-6 is Kindergarten Registration Week • This year they have tried a few new things for Kindergarten Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once a family has registered they will receive monthly emails in regards to preparation for the upcoming Kindergarten Year ○ Families will receive activities to do together at home ○ Families will also receive other information and resources from our partner agencies 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They will also receive a countdown calendar to Kindergarten ● All schools held open house nights this week ● Students registering were able to see the classrooms and the schools and were given a free T-Shirt welcoming them to Kindergarten ● With the ETFO sanctions Principals/Vice Principals facilitated the Open House events and they did a wonderful job preparing and celebrating their schools ● At these Open House Events if families required the schools also assisted with the families going onto the Buddy System to register for Kindergarten ● In Dryden on the Welcome Signs you can also see the Buddy System advertising Kindergarten Registration Week <p>NWHU Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program continues for K-8 students, with schools accommodating vegetable and fruit delivery during or around school closures related to job action. NWHU has also promoted the Great Big Crunch (GBC) 2020 with elementary schools, a food literacy program which encourages students to explore healthy eating and take a synchronized bite of a crunchy vegetable or fruit. GBC is a great tie-in with the NFVP, as schools will be receiving mini cucumbers and pears that week. GBC participation is tracked provincially by FoodShare – http://foodshare.net/program/crunch. ● Student Nutrition Program (SNP) grant applications have been shared with school principals and key contacts for a new cycle of April 2020 – March 2021 funding. All schools currently operate a breakfast, lunch or snack program offered free of charge for students, funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and other charitable grants. NWHU coordinates and distributes SNP funding for the Kenora and Rainy River districts. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 13. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWHU offered sensory path/Don't Walk in the Hall resources (hallway decals) to all elementary schools last year, to increase opportunity for physical activity. Remaining packages have been offered to EarlyON centres. Contact Elaine Fischer (efischer@nwhu.on.ca) if you are interested or with any questions. 	
7. Other Business	None	
8. Next Meeting	May 27, 2020 – Lillian Berg PS 4:30 p.m.	
9. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: C. Maltais Seconded by: T. Zurkan</p> <p>That the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.</p>	