

Minutes

In Attendance: B. Gauthier, M. Duncalfe, C. Hron, A. McDonald, R. Burke, L. Carlson, K. Gardiman, C. Maltais, D. Jutila, C. Krahn-Edwards, B. Van Diest, V. Shepherd, T. Oberg Regrets: M. Gaudet, H. Gropp, S. Lalonde, K. Negus, S. Parker, S. Penner, S. Stevenson, T. Zurkan		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions	B. Gauthier/Rikki Burke welcomed the members	
1. Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Hron recorded the attendance of members 	
2. Approval of the Agenda	Moved by: M Duncalfe Seconded by: A. McDonald That the agenda be approved.	
3. Minutes	Moved by: D. Jutila Seconded by: C. Maltais That the minutes of be confirmed.	
4. Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed and revised the Terms of Reference of the EYAC Committee The new Terms of Reference will be used by the committee moving forward 	The new Terms of Reference will be attached to the minutes
5. Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Van Diest-recommended a representative from Head Start 	We will send a letter to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Start Program in Sioux Lookout/Kenora Seven Generations Friendship Centre Child and Family Services asking for representation.
6. Kindergarten Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. McDonald shared the Buddy System for families registering their children for Kindergarten If you would like anything added to the system send to Ann The Buddy System will send out alerts/information to families Parents are taking advantage of registering on line 115/179 families registered on line There is a link on the board website 	
7. Early Years Open Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the past few months there have been several 	Look into implementing in other communities as well as part of the Community Planning Table

	<p>Early Years Open Gyms in our schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Open Gym feeds families and have the gym open for two hours-last time over 128 participants at King George School • It is open for families and kids from 0-6 years of age • Have partnered with several organizations • BBSS-culinary arts programs have provided some of the food and left over food is taken to the Fellowship Centre • Schools at Valleyview PS and King George PS took part in the Open Gym Nights in April • Families are feeling there are not a lot of things happening in the communities to take part in for kids 0-6 years of age 	
<p>8. Child Care Retrofit Update Phase 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Hron Presented the update on Phase 3 of the Child Care Retrofit Project • Phase 3 involves Keewatin PS and Evergreen PS • Keewatin will receive a Preschool program • Evergreen will receive a Toddler Program and the current Pre-school program will be moved-will have an Early Learning Wing with Kindergarten Classrooms, and Child Care Programs • Will implement in the Summer and into the new school year 	
<p>9. Partnerships in Action Update</p>	<p>NWHU-Public Health Update by K. Gardiman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes attached from K. Gardiman <p>Confederation College-L. Carlson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confederation College-27 students graduating • 17 in the Kenora District • 5 in Rainy River and 5 more outside the district • There are job opportunities for the graduates 	<p>Mental Health Awareness Week May 6-10th</p> <p>If you have any brochures to add to the Kindergarten Bags-please send to A. McDonald (we are putting together 250 bags) EarlyON Cards/Brochures would be a great info to add-C. Maltais will give to A. McDonald</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 in Second Year of the Program-16 in the Kenora District • The times of the programs have been changed to help facilitate the students working in the Before and After School Programs <p>Nutrition on Weekends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have partnered with a school in Kenora to provide food to families on the weekends <p>Kindergarten Registration-A. McDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K Packages were handed out to families • Early Years Survey before entering Kindergarten • Working on Welcome to Kindergarten Bags with books (Welcome to Kindergarten Book with KPDSB info), magnetic letters and numbers, bubbles, informational brochures will be added to the bags • Before and After School Programs Survey-engage through Social Media for online process, as well as hard copies are provided to families in our schools-this is a way for us to collect information for Before and After School Care-Closes May 3 • Transition to School Document is used when sending agencies feel the child needs extra supports to provide a successful transition into Kindergarten • There have been challenges with our Before and After School Programs finding staff-looking for creative ways to support our providers with staffing 	
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	<p>programs-in the past we have changed ECE/EAs schedules to work in the programs</p>	
11.. Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday, May 29, 2019 Lillian Berg PS 5:00 p.m.- F2F Dinner Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let Shirley know if you cannot attend
12. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: R. Burke Seconded by: C. Maltais</p> <p>That the meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.</p>	