

Agenda / Minutes

In Attendance: C. Hron, A. McDonald, R. Burke, L. Carlson, K. Gardiman, M. Gaudet, B. Gauthier, C. Krahn-Edwards, S. Lalonde, C. Marcino, K. Negus, T. Mitani-Oberg, A. Schardt, S. Stevenson, D. Jutila, S. Penner, S. McFee, K. Melanson, S. Parker, D. Jutila, C. Maltais

Regrets: C. Krahn-Edwards, C. Marcino, B. Gauthier, C. Henrickson, K. Gardiman

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions		
1. Roll Call	Attendance was taken and recorded.	
2. Approval of the Agenda	That the February 1, 2018 Agenda be approved. Moved by: S. Stevenson Seconded by: S. McFee	
3. Approval of Minutes October 19, 2017	That the October 19, 2017 minutes be approved. Moved by: S. Stevenson Seconded by: M. Gaudet	
4. Capital Funding for Stand Alone Programs (S. Stevenson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 1, 2017-moving to a school's first approach, there was no funding for stand-alone locations • KDSB budget was only 12-20 thousand for capital projects • The KDSB can access additional capital funds through the Ministry • The KDSB has submitted 4 applications for receive funding for stand-alone programs in the area • These applications will help support the Ministry of Education's goal to add 100,000 new child care spaces in Ontario • These stand-alone submissions for funding will not impact on the current programs that will be moved into schools, but will facilitate adding additional spaces for programs 	Discussions for Phase 3 in Kenora will happen soon.

- Must expand to have other types of programs for the funding
- The expansion will keep the stand alones open-there is a need for infant care-which has a 3 to 1 staff ratio per child
- Programs in schools that did not have full day childcares-Ignace, Sioux Narrows, Pickle Lake, Lillian Berg are being considered for programs
- Funding for EarlyON Centres in some areas in the board-SL and Dryden
- Do not want to saturate the child care programs, but there are high needs in most areas
- Looking at flexibility of hours in Full time Child Care Programs-12 hours or mixed shift hours-will be considered under the expansion of the day cares
- Survey people who work 12 hour shifts to anticipate their needs for child care-a survey is being developed
- Retail workers working later hours-need for care later until 9 or 10
- Need to recruit more ECE workers-working with Confederation College on options for ECE-compressed programs-18 months or 12 months-program just for ECE programming-looking for opportunities
- 46 students in the Kenora District taking ECE program
Changes in the KDSB-created an Early Years' team
Supervisor Vanessa Sheppard
Urban and Indigenous
Supervisor Tammy Zurkan
Quality Insurance and Training
Coordinator-Chris Maltais

<p>5. Licensing Presentation (N. Nabb)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Nabb has sent us a document titled “Requirements for New Child Care Centre Licences” for our reference • How can we share information-requirements for child care licenses? • Continue to forward the questions to Nicole and she will be able to send us back the answers. • Send to Shirley or to Ann if you have any questions or wonderings 	<p>Will attach to the minutes</p>
<p>6. Retrofit Update (S. Parker)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Roads kitchen will be open on Monday, February 5th, 2018 • Some last minute changes to the kitchen for the child care program occurred • The office partition needs to be completed as well as the playground equipment • New Prospect PS- will phase in on a monthly basis as per the weather-renovations to start soon at the school for the washrooms, electrical and playground elements-in storage until weather improves • Multi use equipment and trees for the playground • Phase 2 in Sioux Lookout-have had 2 good meetings with the team • Will start Phase 2 in March • Tender in the Spring and start as soon as possible • Phase 3 in Kenora in the fall • At Evergreen a fence was installed in the playground to provide a playground closer to the Child Care program • Board is installing LED lighting across our school board-will impact on some child care programs-all elementary schools will be impacted-they will be dimmable as well as change the colour-can change 1-2 	

	<p>lights at a time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First of its kind in North America as a project • 80% more efficient-cost is high but has a good pay back-got program incentive funding 	
<p>7. Sharing of Resources (A. McDonald)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann shared some resources to support children and families • At the March meeting will share out the link for the Early Years Google Site • Will have documents, videos and information on the Early Years site • Will get feedback on the site and then will launch to our partners at the March meeting • Early Years' Experience prior to coming to Kindergarten will be doing a survey to collect this information-there are 7 questions in the survey • The ministry is collecting this information now on a yearly basis as part of the registration process • We have been given funds to support this new initiative-maybe provide technology during registration time to support families • Can be done electronically or on paper and then entered into ONSIS • Prompts and guides will be provided to families to help them understand the questions • Registration process will be done on line-we have the Buddy System in place for information and for Registration • EDI process will occur again this year • Will be doing the EDI Kindergarten and Parent survey again this year 	
<p>8. EarlyON Child & Family Centres (S. Stevenson)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EarlyON child and family centres-all programs now under one name 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% provincial funding under the Ministry of Education • EarlyON consultation took place across the region to get feedback on all programs • Early Years team going back to the community stakeholders to talk about next steps-have implemented Planning Tables to discuss feedback for next steps • Increase service Pickle Lake, Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls • In the process of looking at needs based for providing programs in each community • Community Based Planning tables in each area • Two areas of feedback-people did not know about the programs and where they were located and people who attended loved the programs • Hoping with the new branding will help for people to access these EarlyON programs • 45% engagement is considered successful for these programs • Using the EDI information to help look at how to improve upon the programs • People have been honest and truthful in the consultation process • Both programs-Child Care and EarlyON programs will be funded and be sustainable but still will be overlapped in sharing of resources and access to programs 	
<p>9. Policy Review (Reflection) (A. McDonald)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action-kids in poverty are not supported in terms of accessing specialized services, parents sometimes feel judged • Finding that kids in poverty do not get access to supports to specialized programs-parents are not able to get them to school and are now not coming to school 	<p>Discussion Items/Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can we bring specialist to the families who require supports? 2. Can we have an Integrated Social Services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absences in Kindergarten-children do not have to enter school until 6 years of age, so we are not able have them come to school • We thought-Day Care Supervisor in Red Lake might be a good addition to this committee • Families on family assistance if they do not bring their children to school they do not get social assistance for the ages of 4 and up • Administrators contact Ontario Works if they have concerns about regular attendance • Ontario Works does follow up in regards to high school attendance for Ontario Works • Have Case Managers across the boards to support families • There is a fear to get the assessments done as parents feel they will be judged-there are opportunities for us to look at how assistance and subsidies work-ask them what would make the difference • Opportunities are endless when we all work together • There are multiple entry points for all of us to work together • Access to education is how things will change • KDSB is open to all partnerships that support families and children • Across the board we tap into grants and funding to support programs across the board • Can we tap into Lorna Tremonti as a support for this committee • Strength is our community partners-Friendship Centres-can we access our partners more at this table-come with some solutions • Friendship Centres offer after school programming which is 	<p>individual join the committee-(Jennifer Dennis)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Can we access our lead Lorna Tremonti to help us apply for programs to have equitable programs across the board? 4. S. Stevenson will contact some individuals that were suggested tonight to see if they have an interest in joining. If so a formal letter will be sent.
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	great as we do have waiting lists in some of our Before and After School Programs	
10. Partnership – How do you envision us all working together to support children & families?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to the next meeting 	
11. Open Discussion & Sharing of Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to the next meeting 	
12. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new business 	
13. Next Meeting	Tuesday, March 20, 2018 Videoconference 5:00 p.m.	The date was changed from March 23 to March 20th
14. Adjournment	That the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 pm Moved by: Chris Maltais Seconded by: M. Gaudet	