

## Minutes

<p><b>In Attendance:</b> B. Gauthier, M. Duncalfe, C. Hron, A. McDonald, C. Maltais,, K. Gardiman, M. Gaudet, D. Jutila, C. Krahn-Edwards, S. Penner, S. Stevenson,T. Zurkan, B. Van Diest</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> K. Negus, R. Burke, L. Carlson, H. Gropp, S. Lalonde, T. Oberg, S. Parker</p>		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions	B. Gauthier welcomed everyone to the meeting	
1. Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C. Hron recorded the attendance of members</li> </ul>	
2. Approval of the Agenda	<p>Moved by: C. Maltais Seconded by: A. McDonald</p> <p>That the agenda be approved.</p>	
3. Minutes	<p>Moved by: M. Gaudet Seconded by: D. Jutila</p> <p>That the minutes of October 17, 2018 be confirmed.</p>	
4. Membership	<p>The Committee Discussed other organizations to invite to be part of the committee. We will send out letters to the following organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ontario Works Case Manager TBD</li> <li>Agencies-Foster Care</li> <li>Friendship Centres</li> </ul>	S. Stevenson will send us a name to replace Jennifer Dennis.
5. Kindergarten Entry	<p>A McDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have a Buddy System Portal in place on the KPDSB website for Kindergarten information and registration.</li> <li>We are looking to elicit feedback to support families in Year 1 and 2 with some concerns like Toileting, Language (Non Verbal), and Self Regulation</li> </ul> <p>This is what is happening in our schools;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Schools provide information to parents through open houses, Buddy System, and in the Spring all new Year 1 and Year 2 students-will receive a 'Welcome to Kindergarten Bag'</li> <li>-Brochures from EarlyON Centres, as well the list of all centres in our area could be included in the Welcome to Kindergarten/School Packages</li> <li>-Insert Banner could be placed in Ontario Works Check Envelopes-</li> </ul>	<p>Will need to confirm numbers for the Welcome Back to Kindergarten Bags</p> <p>Need to give the information to T. Zurkan for pamphlets etc. for the bags</p> <p>We will need to look at getting feedback on the open houses</p>

	<p>would need by February 20th to include in the March mail out-would need to contact T. Zurkan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Support workers may be able to assist families with registering online or they could give the link to people</li> <li>-Healthy Babies/Healthy Children can assist as well with registration</li> <li>-Can connect with D. Cousineau as well for Speech Assistance</li> <li>-SMPS-leverages community partners by having them attend the Kindergarten Open Houses-will set up booths or activities to promote strategies for families</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Registration Week-Open Houses will occur across the System from February 26-March 1</li> </ul>	
<p>6. Partnerships In Action Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue to have great working relationships with Child Cares and EarlyON centres</li> <li>● LBPS will be getting a license for a Family Child Care Program</li> <li>● NWHU update attached</li> </ul>	<p>Need to add a link to the board website under the families section for EYAC</p>
<p>7. Child Care/EarlyON Retrofit Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Child Care Program and the School at Sioux Mountain worked together to have a Grand Opening of the new retrofitted child care space</li> <li>● Things are going smoothly with the program in the school</li> <li>● Still working on the sharing of facilities-Kitchen etc.</li> <li>● EarlyON Centre is now staffed and up and running with regular hours</li> </ul>	
<p>8.Outreach Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trying to support our partners with Child Care in our communities</li> <li>● Confederation College Program-A. McDonald and T. Zurkan talked to the students in November as well did a presentation to ECE workers in our College Programs</li> <li>● Students are looking for some employment in School Boards</li> <li>● Discussed potential jobs in schools, child care programs and before and after school programs</li> <li>● A. McDonald and T. Zurkan were able to get some students on the casual supply lists to support programs in our areas</li> <li>● Shared with the ECE students the number of programs in our</li> </ul>	

	communities for possible job opportunities	
9. Other-KPDSB Strategic Plan	<p>KPDSB Strategic Plan has expired in 2018 The Trustees are having a retreat on March 1 and 2 and are looking for feedback on the current Strategic Plan</p> <p>This is the feedback from the EYAC Committee: Must Stay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids Come First Vision needs to remain in the plan</li> </ul> <p>What is Missing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach work with other agencies/partnerships to be included</li> <li>• At Risk terminology in the plan may single out certain families- maybe use a more positive term like 'all of our students'</li> <li>• Use of the 21 Century wording could be updated</li> <li>• Innovative and leading organization may be other terms to use like "We have innovative programs to meet the needs of all students"</li> </ul> <p>How can we recommend getting feedback from families? Maybe quick survey on FaceBook or website Chart Paper on the walls at schools to collect feedback from families and students</p> <p>We elected a Chair initially-would we like to have an election of a new chair? Will add to the next agenda.the election of a new Chair/Co Chair</p>	<p>Can email the feedback as well to Shirley Fecho</p> <p>A plan is in place to collect feedback on the Strategic Plan</p>
10. Next Meeting	March 27, 2019 5:00 p.m. VMR	Next Agenda-Discussion of election of the Chair
8. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: M. Gaudet Seconded by: S. Stevenson</p> <p>That the meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.</p>	