



<p><b>In Attendance:</b> B. Gauthier, M. Duncalfe, C. Hron, A. McDonald, J. Bachynski, L. Carlson, K. Gardiman, M. Gaudet, D. Jutila, C. Maltais, T. Oberg, V. Moonias, S. Penner, T. Zurkan, S. Parker, S. Pharand</p> <p>Regrets: R. Burke, J. Dennis, S. Stevenson, B. Van Diest, S. Seymour</p>		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions	B. Gauthier welcomed the members, as well as The Director of Education Sherri-Lynne Pharand	
1. Land Acknowledgement	A. McDonald delivered the land acknowledgement	
2. Roll Call	C. Hron recorded the attendance of members	
3. Approval of the Agenda	Moved by: M. Duncalfe Seconded by: L. Carlson  That the May 27, 2020 agenda be approved.	
4. Minutes	Moved by: D. Jutila Seconded by: S. Penner  That the minutes of March 4, 2020 be approved.	
5. Child Care Retrofit Update	A. McDonald and S. Parker gave an update on Phase 3 of the Child Care Retrofit Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Phase 3-Kenora Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evergreen has been approved by the Ministry and has been tendered- and construction to start soon</li> <li>○ Keewatin-waiting for approval from the capital branch, but Architect is set to go</li> <li>○ Will also do some work at New Prospect School on the outside with some paving and concrete work</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6. Community Partnership Sharing	Response to Covid 19 Actions  NWHU-K. Gardiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Their organization is closed for business but have appointments available for essential services</li> <li>● Ministry funding for nutrition programs has been deployed to other food services in the communities</li> <li>● Funding is used for hampers, and providing food to families in needs</li> <li>● Schools have been identifying families in need</li> <li>● Will apply for food grants over the summer to support food for families</li> <li>● High Risk appointments only</li> <li>● Providing education virtually through the Go To Platform</li> <li>● Have Prenatal referral programs, virtually, by phone and some at risk home visits</li> </ul> College/Rotary/Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC)-L. Carlson Confederation College	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Had a Pandemic Policy to support students to continue the year</li> <li>● There were 27 students in the First Year ECE program</li> <li>● New arrangements were made for field placements and they were done virtually for second year students</li> <li>● Course structure for next Fall of 2020 there will be no new intake of students</li> <li>● In September of 2021 will have the next intake of new students</li> </ul> <p>Rotary NOW Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rotary NOW program-working with school boards to provide food for families</li> <li>● All Elementary Schools as well as BBSS is receiving food for their families</li> <li>● Servicing around 300 families in Kenora Area</li> </ul> <p>OCBCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Researched developed plan to reopen publicly funded Child Care Programs safely</li> <li>● Essential to our economic recovery</li> <li>● Sent the plan to all EYAC members to review</li> <li>● There are 27 recommendations</li> <li>● Parents are not able to work unless they have the necessary Child Care supports for their children</li> <li>● Ontario has Child Cares to open as part of Phase Two-no date to activate Phase two yet</li> </ul> <p>Firefly-M. Gaudet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Firefly is operating at 100% virtual service</li> <li>● Child Care Programs/Before/after care programs closed at Evergreen and King George</li> <li>● Operating Emergency Child Care at Cameron Bay</li> <li>● Early Years/EarlyON engagement on Social Media-shifty to what families need-slowly looking at re-opening</li> <li>● Providing virtual services but providing service to high needs families</li> </ul> <p>Kenora District Services Board</p> <p>C. Maltais</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Still providing supports</li> <li>● Some staff working at the office and some virtually</li> <li>● Providing resources and learning opportunities to families</li> <li>● Have Communication Platforms for different groups</li> <li>● Providing Emergency Child Care</li> </ul> <p>T. Zurkan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In March there was a Provincial Closure of all Child Care Programs</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Since then KDSB has been able to reopen seven emergency child care programs throughout the region of which two are in the KPDSB</li> <li>● Have provided emergency child care services to 70 students/families</li> <li>● Have around 100 students who require service for essential workers</li> <li>● The process for applications for emergency child care is looked at very closely</li> <li>● V. Sheppard is part of the process as well when determining applications of essential workers</li> <li>● No fees have been charged for Child Care</li> <li>● Mostly school aged children requiring Child Care as their parents are working</li> <li>● Each class is allowed to have 5 children-try to keep siblings together and the same workers</li> <li>● Are allowed to have family aged groupings which allows 0-12 year olds in the same program</li> <li>● Follow all NWH procedures for safety-NWHU has been a huge support for planning through the Ministry for safety protocols</li> <li>● Closure for child care has been extended to June 9th</li> </ul> <p>Aboriginal Head Start-V. Moonias</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Running an emergency child care centre with 15 children-currently half staffed</li> <li>● The staff are doing an amazing job</li> <li>● Have had some policy changes in order to run</li> </ul> <p>Keewatin-Patricia DSB J. Bachynski-SEL Dryden Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supporting Schools in a virtual way</li> <li>● Using different platforms to provide services</li> <li>● Supporting schools/administration with the Transition to School Document</li> </ul> <p>D'Arcy Jutila-ECE Evergreen School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Offering virtual classrooms to students</li> <li>● Providing online lessons for students through the Zoom Platform</li> <li>● Families without access to internet are provided with mailed packages for equity of service for all families</li> <li>● Currently providing opportunities for new families to come online and have a Q &amp; A session with the classroom teacher and ECE</li> <li>● This will help to get to know the families and children coming into Kindergarten</li> <li>● Lots of communication is happening between home and school</li> </ul> <p>S. Penner-Kindergarten Teacher Evergreen</p>	
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	<p>a) How can we support each other in supporting our communities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● From the above reports the EYAC committee members have been definitely working together to support families and staffs during these difficult times</li> <li>● Please reach out to others if there are ways we can work together</li> </ul>	
<p>7. Year End Review Reflection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The committee was thanked for their work the last three years.</li> <li>● The agencies and organizations have worked together very closely to support families in all areas of the board.</li> <li>● The committee has definitely made a difference in the lives of children across the system</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Other Business</p>	<p>C. Hron thanked the committee for their unbelievable work over the last three years and wished them well as this was her last meeting as she was now retiring at the end of June.</p>	
<p>9. 2020-2021 Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Proposing the following Dates:          Wednesday, October 28th 4:30 F2F meeting          Wednesday, January 27th 4:00 TC meeting          Wednesday, March 31st at 4:00 TC meeting          Wednesday, May 26th at 4:30 F2F meeting</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by: A. McDonald          Seconded by: C. Maltais</p> <p>That the meeting adjourned 5:53 p.m.</p>	