

Minutes

In Attendance: B. Gauthier, M. Duncafe, J. Bachynski L. Carlson, D. Jutila, T. Oberg, S. Penner, B. Van Diest C. Hron, A. McDonald

Regrets: Kim Gardiman, Michelle Gaudet, Vanessa Moonias, R. Burke, J. Dennis, C. Krahn-Edwards, C. Maltais, K. Negus, S. Parker, S. Seymour, S. Stevenson, T. Zurkan

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions	B. Gauthier and C. Hron welcomed the members to the Early Years Advisory Committee	
1. Land Acknowledgement	Ann delivered the land acknowledgement	
2. Roll Call	C. Hron recorded the attendance of members	
3. Approval of the Agenda	Moved by: S. Penner Seconded by: B. Van Diest That the October 30, 2019 agenda be approved.	
4. Minutes	Moved by :S. Penner Seconded by: A. McDonald That the minutes of May 29, 2019 be approved.	
5. KPDSB/KDSB Update	A.McDonald gave an update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are both under the Ministry of Education • KDSB is our DSAB-They will be taking over child care in the Dryden Area • They have been a great asset for us and we meet continually to discuss projects that we have on the go • We discuss such issues as staffing, child care programming and child care facilities • They oversee quality assurance in our boards • November 20th we will have a virtual meeting with Tammy Zurkan and Vanessa Sheperd on licencing and using shared spaces with our School Child Care Teams 	
6. NWHU Update	<p>Immunization Services</p> <p>The regulations require that all students must have up-to-date immunizations, or medical/conscious exemptions in place for the following vaccine-preventable diseases: tetanus; diphtheria; pertussis; polio; measles; mumps; rubella; and meningococcal</p>	

(varicella for those born 2010 and later). Other routine vaccines offered in school-based clinics include Hepatitis B and Gardasil for Human Papilloma Virus protection. School-based clinics are held regularly throughout the school year. A chart of vaccinations by age is available on our website:

<https://www.nwhu.on.ca/ourservices/SchoolHealth/Pages/Immunization-Services.aspx>. All new registrants in a school are required to ensure Northwestern Health Unit has access to their current immunization record. An easy way for families to do this is to use ICON, an online immunization record system.

Dental Health in Schools

NWHU is in schools again this school year providing dental screening and free preventive dental clinics. Preventive services (i.e. fluoride, sealants, temporary fillings, and cleanings) may be offered to children as a result of their dental screening at school. Screening letters have been sent home with all students, and fluoride varnish consent forms with students in specific grades. Consent forms for preventive services will be sent home with those students needing further services.

Vision Screening

Vision screening for all senior kindergarten students is a new requirement in the Ontario Public Health Standards. NWHU staff will be trained to conduct the screen in November, with the roll out to schools planned for December/January. The vision screen will take place in schools, takes about 15 minutes per child and parents/guardians will receive a passive consent letter. If the student does not pass, a letter recommending an optometrist visit goes home.

NutriSTEP® - Child nutrition screen

The nutrition screen used by the health unit is called NutriSTEP®. This stands for **N**utrition **S**creening **T**ool for **E**very **P**reschooler. There are two different

	<p>NutriSTEP® screens: Nutrition Screening for Toddlers (ages 18 to 35 months) and Preschoolers (ages 3 to 5 years). It is a questionnaire that includes 17 questions that can help determine whether toddlers and preschoolers are getting the nutrition they need to properly grow. The purpose of nutrition risk screening is to identify issues before they become serious or cannot be repaired and to refer those at risk for appropriate assessment and treatment. An informational postcard was sent home with every JK/SK student in school in the fall. It is an optional screen that parents/guardians can access either in person at an NWHU office, or online at unlockfood.ca.</p> <p>Student Nutrition Program</p> <p>All KDPSB schools received funding to offer healthy meal and snack programs in schools (usually breakfast) in 2019/20. The program is available through funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and supplemented with charitable grants and bulk food purchasing programs.</p> <p>Nutrition on Weekends Program</p> <p>The health unit has received funding from Kenora District Services Board and the Moffat Fund to expand the Nutrition on Weekends program, which provides food for the weekends, for the most vulnerable students (generally 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 snacks). All schools in Kenora & Red Lake, plus Crolancia, Ear Falls, Lillian Berg, Open Roads, DHS, Sioux Mountain and Ignace are receiving funds to run this program, supported by various community partners.</p>	
<p>7. Early Years Ministry Update</p>	<p>A.McDonald provided an update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the Early Years leads met with the Ministry • New Resources have been provided • Theme for these meetings-we need to be working collaboratively with our DSABs the KDSB 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a plan due on October 31 outlining our plans for these partnerships • EYAC is one component of this work-currently only two school boards have an EYAC • It is important to have these connections to support our shared families • Have new resources that will be released in the coming weeks Working together in shared spaces Supporting students to attend Kindergarten • We need students to attend and we need to support families to get their children to school • Once these resources are available they will be shared out to all schools and partners • Our board is on the right track and are doing great things with our partners and organizations 	
<p>8. 2019-2024 KPDSB Strategic Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board of trustees met over a weekend and met to develop the Strategic Plan for 2019-2024 • They looked at the previous goals and four new goals were established based on survey feedback • The Senior Administration team also have action plans to support the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan • Everyone is engaged in the process 	
<p>9. Partnerships in Action Plan Update</p>	<p>Attendance Issues-Some solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Lunch to K students • Support People to work with families • Home Visits • Nutrition on Weekends-send home food on Fridays so students have food for the weekends-several organizations supporting this program (Rotary, NWHU) • Principals are working on best practices for attendance • Talking to families directly <p>Child Care Retrofit Projects will be underway shortly.</p> <p>L. Carlson gave an update on the College ECE program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Two students-24 in the program 	<p>Can we have the data in regards to attendance? Will need to work with Jason McDonald in regards to attendance. Lunches for students did help having students come every day at Evergreen School were this was implemented.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 will graduate in June in Kenora. • This year 31 students-13 in the Kenora area • Discussing the possibility of another intake later on 	
10. EYAC Meeting Dates	The next meeting date was set for January 29 th We were missing a lot of members so will set the dates for the year at the January Meeting	
11. Terms of Reference	Made a few revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed the Term of Office for all members to three years • We will elect the new trustee co-chair at the January/Winter Meetings 	
12. Other	Strike Options for ECE placements-if there is an upcoming strike the board will still support ECE candidates to finish their placements	
13. Next Meeting – Election of New Chairs	January 29 th , 2020 Videoconference 4:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chairs • Set new dates • Review updated Terms of Reference
14. Adjournment	Moved by: J. Bachynski Seconded by: S. Penner That the meeting adjourned 5:05 p.m.	