

Minutes

| <p>In Attendance: B. Gauthier, C. Hron, A. McDonald, R. Burke (TC), L. Carlson, C. Maltais, K. Gardiman, M. Gaudet, H. Gropp, D. Jutila, C. Krahn-Edwards, S. Penner, T. Zurkan Regrets: C. Marcino, C. Hendrickson, K. Negus, B. Van Diest, J. Dennis, S. Lalonde, T. Oberg, S. Parker, S. Stevenson</p> | | |
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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Follow-Up |
| Welcome/Introductions | B. Gauthier welcomed everyone to the Early Years Advisory Committee | |
| 1. Roll Call | C. Hron recorded the attendance of members Called to order at 5:30 | |
| 2. Approval of the Agenda | Moved by: S. Penner Seconded by: L. Carlson That the October 17, 2018 agenda be approved as amended. | |
| 3. Minutes | Moved by: S. Penner Seconded by: D. Jutila That the minutes of June 5, 2018 be confirmed. | |
| 4. Child Care Retrofit Update | <p>C. Hron gave an update as per S. Parker's notes Phase One-Dryden is almost complete- a few things yet to be done this year New Prospect Public School Renovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Playground area was renovated with new equipment elements, trees and a hard surface area ● Interior Renovations were made to accommodate younger age children <p>Open Roads Public School Renovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared kitchen space was renovated ● Playground will be expanded and a new childcare playground is underway ● Office Space for the childcare program was renovated <p>Phase Two-Sioux Lookout is almost complete-a few things to finish up in the next few weeks Sioux Mountain Public School Renovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School space/child care space was renovated to accommodate a preschool program and a toddler program ● Playground was renovated to accommodate the two programs ● The parking lot was also renovated to accommodate child care parents and staff ● EarlyON centre was renovated to give the program a washroom space and an entrance way for parents <p>Phase Three-Kenora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meetings will be held in the next month or so to begin planning for child care programs at both Keewatin Public School and Evergreen Public School | |

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| <p>5. ECE Programming</p> | <p>L. Carlson Discussed the ECE programming that they have through Confederation College Possibility of part time delivery mode-for people who are already working Still looking on acknowledging prior experience 27 students in the program (7 are distance) In the second year program there are 30 students in the program These students will graduate in May and will do 6 week placements in the Schools We need more instructors to run the current programs-need school placement supervisors First year students will do placements in January Apprenticeship program-People working in the field who are working full time/use outside work time for any other qualifications that they need to do for their qualifications H. Gropp The campus in Fort Frances for the last three years Seven Generations Courses The new ECE program was launched in Kenora in September with 13 students and Shoal Lake as well has 12 students in the program-instructors go to Shoal Lake Will start a program in Grassy Narrows in January will anticipate around 12 students Program is running very well-felt the program has met the challenges Bussing/supports have been provided for students Placement Team will oversee the placement of students in the schools/child care programs Will have a mid-November information evening with the Placement Staff so people had come and find out more information about the program/placements Will appropriately place the students in Kenora and surrounding areas Students will need to do an Infant, Toddler and Pre-school placement in a school A Literacy component is part of the program</p> | |
| <p>6. Journey Together</p> | <p>T. Zurkan Indigenous EarlyOn Centres are progressing-there is cultural piece to the programs SL, RL, K, and Dryden will all have programs-these will be new spaces for these programs The Province is working to support programs in our areas Early Years Indigenous Teaching Bundles were developed in 2008, 2013 and now 2018 C. Maltais C. Maltais presented the bundles to the committee Contributor-Aboriginal Advisory Committee of the Best Start Network September 14-the service providers got together in Wabigoon and the kits were blessed at the hall and the kits were assembled</p> | |

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| | <p>Some components have come from the original kit or the 2013 kit</p> <p>The Kit is for students in the early years</p> <p>Every kit has the same materials:</p> <p>There is a list in each kit</p> <p>Idea is to add to the kits through others and elders</p> <p>The Kits Include:</p> <p>Four Scenes, puzzles and Indigenous Books (4 books)</p> <p>Bag of stones to match the medicine wheel-to talk about inclusion, similarities and differences</p> <p>A Kokum bag-to encourage story telling-encourage oral language skills</p> <p>Anishinabe 101 The Circle of Turtle Lodge</p> <p>Ojibway Clans books, medicine wheel banner</p> <p>Talking Sticks-made by Arlene Williams</p> <p>Music-Whitefish Bay singers,as well as songs on a jump drive</p> <p>Cookbook, Expanding file of many resources-has a table of context-ie. Animals, Children's stories, traditional teachings, Canada's Healthy Foods Guide, Seven Grandfather Teachings, numbers, seasons, colours, songs, rhymes</p> <p>Early Years Indigenous Binder of Human Resources-elders, contact person,</p> <p>Will update any of the kits in the system</p> <p>Currently on sale for \$350-Contact Chris Maltais if you are interested in the kit</p> | |
| <p>7 a). Review/Updates of Early Years Partnership in Action</p> | <p>The committee members gave updates on the Early Years Partnership Action Plan</p> <p>D. Jutila/S. Penner-Evergreen PS</p> <p>Kindergarten Lunch program at break and at lunch for all students-has made a difference and everyone is eating healthy, and trying new things</p> <p>K.Gardiman</p> <p>NWHU are staying connected with Shannon Bailey at Evergreen on her pilot with lunch for all KG students and providing evaluation and menu support (but not additional funding).</p> <p>For Student Nutrition Programs, funding for the first installment has been sent. We fund 100% of KPDSB schools through the program, providing over \$200,000 last school year.</p> <p>A number of KPDSB schools will also be getting Breakfast Clubs of Canada funding through us in the next few weeks: Keewatin Public School, New Prospect, Evergreen, Crolancia, Ear Falls, Lillian Berg, Red Lake Madsen.</p> <p>NOW Program: KDSB gave us funding for Crolancia (year 2, already up and running); and we are in the process of getting started with Lillian Berg, Ear Falls Public School, and Sioux Narrows Public School. Red Lake Madsen runs this program too, but not funded by NWHU/KDSB.</p> | |

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| | <p>We are going to be reaching out soon to schools to do an evaluation of the use of staff/volunteers/paid positions for programs and see if there is a more equitable way to distribute the money MCCSS provides us for staffing support (as mentioned during the presentation to principals earlier this fall).</p> <p>Results of the Engaging Parents in Healthy Schools Research</p> <p>Our goal for this research project was to understand the barriers and discover some new and unique strategies to increase parent engagement. A report and infographic that highlight the results are available on our website in English and French. There are also printed copies of the infographic that we will share with schools. Highlights of the report – A total of 550 parents had their say through an online survey (191 KPDSB parents), focus groups, online panel, and school council/PIC discussions. Almost all parents believe that healthy schools are important; and most feel welcome in the school. Tips from parents on what would encourage them to become more involved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide more specific information about how parents can help 2. Hold fun, healthy events at school 3. Provide a welcoming atmosphere 4. Provide transportation/childcare/meals 5. Provide opportunities for parents to share their unique talents and gifts with others 6. Recognize that one-size doesn't fit all – some parents may need extra help and a personal approach 7. Acknowledge all parent contributions to the school community <p>Infographic will be shared electronically and hard copies with school councils.</p> <p>Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program</p> <p>This program will be rolling out in K-8 schools once again this year, from January to June 2019. The NFVP increases awareness and consumption of fruit and vegetables among elementary students in northern Ontario by providing schools with a weekly delivery of two servings of fruits and vegetables per student. It is a partnership of the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, the Northwestern Health Unit and schools.</p> | |
| <p>7(b) Engaging Parents in Healthy Schools Research</p> | <p>Ann McDonald EarlyON planning table has been discussing needs in the communities ECE professional development and learning with our partners-partnerships with Schools and Agencies are going strong Ann and Lynn sit on the Advisory Committee School Screenings-need to work as a school board to support screening of students before coming to the</p> | |

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| | <p>Kindergarten Programs to make the transition easier for students 18 months is a crucial time for screening before going in the system-supporting families and doctors of well baby screening Service Pathway so everyone understands where to go for different services Screening for younger students 0-6-collective impact for screening earlier</p> | |
| 8. Next Meeting | January 23, 2019 VMR 5:00 p.m. | |
| 9. Adjournment | <p>Moved by: C. Maltais Seconded by: M. Gaudet</p> <p>That the meeting adjourned 7:07 p.m.</p> | |