

CHILD CARE COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE
November 4, 2008

PRESENT:

Nelia Madeira	Vice Chair/Community of Maple CCS
Franca DiStefano	Joy of Childhood Conference Committee
Stephanie McKenzie	Kids Connection Care and Education
Pat Henry	YPCE
Sandra Sanz	York Region District School Board
Fran Zeppieri	Past Chair/York Catholic District School Board
Susan Morris	Treasurer
Jean Wise	Family Day
Marc Marasco	School Age Sub-Ctte
Patti Griffin	York Region Enhance Funding Ctte
Amy Chui	York Region Health Services
Shawna Lee	Quality Assurance/Children's Mental Health
Nadia Waddell	York Region Health Services
Roger Charlesworth	Nursery School Operator
Marlene Green	YRPSL
Ruth Houston	York Child Development
Kelly Timewell	Family Day – Bayview Hill
Linda Wheeler	EIS
Christine Kasperavicuis	York Region Community & Health Services

REGRETS:

Joy Lerman	Chair/TJ Solutions
Joy Vance	York Child/Communication Committee
Marilyn Santaguida	Acting Secretary/Community of Maple CCS
Charlena Harvey	Our Lady of Annunciation
June Brown	Secretary/Kids Connection Care and Education

ABSENT:

Lori Young	Regional Municipality of York Children's Services
Debbie Brauswetter	Regional Municipality of York Children's Services
Nancy Mosey	Denison Child Care
Toni Pellicano	AECEO York Branch
Gail Wright	YPCE
Diane Taylor	YMCA
Diane Kashin	Seneca College
Kathy Lucky	Regional Municipality of York Children's Services
Debbie Hart	YRRSLP
Cathy Elliott	Region of York
Pat Hofsepien	Family Day
Josephine Mayles	YRHS
Mary Turfryer	York Region Public Health Services
Alicia Acosta	Supervisor's Association
Bernice Landry	Early Learning and Care Steering Committee

**CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 4, 2008**

1. Approval of Agenda

With the following additions: Treasurer's Report and Charles Pascal Update

Motioned by Shawna Lee and seconded by Stephanie McKenzie to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes

With the following addition to the Ministry of Children and Youth Presentation by Pat Chapados;

- X-rays, mild concussion or butterfly/glue for stitches are not considered a serious occurrence.

Motioned by Shawna Lee and seconded by Jean Wise to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008.

3. Follow Up Action

- Review new procedures and sponsorship in June 2009. – Ongoing
- Proposal for funds to employ someone to do the work associated with this project. – Ongoing – Committee has not met yet.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Bank Total as of September 30, 2008 is \$63,608
- Notation this has been banked before the bulk of expenses from the Joy of Childhood Conference.
- The next four to eight weeks will see approximately a thirty one thousand dollar payments made to speakers, food, vendors, promotion (mints), etc.
- Much smoother payouts for the conference.
- Invoices for the first enhanced funding committee have gone out for the Triple P Training.
- Proposed sheet to be used for committees to request funds

Committee estimation of costs

Date of event: _____

Food: pizza, pop, water and salad **300.00**

Photocopying **10.00**

310.00

Money requested by: _____

Invoice submitted: _____

Receipts submitted to treasure: _____

5. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

a) Communication – Ruth Houston reported for Joy Vance

- Mint containers were distributed at the Joy
- Calendars were distributed for Nov and Dec for input.
- Website stats were also distributed.

b) Childcare Professional Development – Nelia Madeira reported for Paula Stranieri

- Workshop on Behavioural Management on November 19, 2008 at Richmond Hill High School at 7-9pm
- Next meeting is November 25, 2008 from 9:30-11:30am, location to be announced.
- This is Paula and Alicia's last year as co-chairs, looking for replacement. Paula will continue on as a committee member.

c) Joy of Childhood Conference – Franca DiStefano

- The conference was a great success.
- Over 500 delegates.
- Tradeshow and agency fair exhibitors were pleased.
- Next meeting on November 18, 2008 from 10-12pm at the YCDSB. Will be reviewing the conference.

d) Quality & Accessibility – Shawn Lee

- Shawna to email October and November's report

Motion to request funding up to \$400 for printing an additional 500 copies of the inclusion document for distribution. Moved by Shawna Lee and seconded by Nelia Madeira. All approved.

e) School Age Professional Development – Marc Marasco

- Networking session "Keeping positive communication with the School" on Thursday November 27th @ 10:00am in Rouge Woods Community Centre. 110 Shirley Dr, Richmond Hill. Please send all registration to Daniella Cristofaro @ daniellar@comccs.com or by phone at 905-303-2702 by Monday November 24th.
- Working on updating "911 Summer Savers".

f) Emergency Preparedness Taskforce – Jean Wise

- Phone tree is ready to go.
- Telephone communication plan to be posted on website. This will help in the case of any emergency.

Action: *To remove this item from the agenda. Jean will share any information when necessary.*

g) Recreative Village – No report

6. SECTOR UPDATES

➤ **AECEO-Marc Marasco reported for Toni Pellicano**

- Workshop on October 28, 2008 on Full Day Learning was well attended.
- Next workshop scheduled for November 13, 2008 on the College of ECE's
- College of ECE's looking for York Region representation on the new council. In order to be nominated you have to be registered with the College.

Action: *Ruth to ask Lois to create a link from the Child Care Committee website to the College of ECE's website.*

➤ **Children's Mental Health – Shawna Lee**

- Shawna to email report.

➤ **Enhanced Funding-Patti Griffin**

- Currently there are 44 children on the waitlist (24 individual, 8 groups).
- Triple P Training started for 10 Enhanced Funding Workers and 7 team members.

- Training at Richvale Community Centre started October 21. The sessions are co-facilitated by Lisa Whitney from Kinark, Willie Dingwall from York Region and Cindy Ignacio from York Centre.
- Enhanced Funding application deadlines are November 7.
- Review Committee meets December 11 and 12.
- Silvia Gasper the co-chair has finished her term and Sandra Sanz has accepted the position of co-chair for a two year term starting January 2009.
- An orientation Session for Operators was held on October 27 at the South Service Centre in Richmond Hill. An overview of the program, highlighted changes and introduction of the new priority rating scale were presented.

➤ **Region of York – Cathy Elliott not present**

- Operator's meeting scheduled for November 6, 2008. Morning session in the North and Afternoon session in the South.

➤ **Seneca College – Diane Kashin not present**

- BCD program is full.

➤ **Supervisor's Association – Stephanie Mckenzie**

- Next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2008. Presentation from David Bigelow on Hiring and Firing policies and procedures of Human Resources Canada and the Labour Act.
- Pat Chapados will be presenting the changes to Serious Occurrence Reporting at January's meeting.

➤ **York Catholic District School Board – Fran Zeppieri**

- Emailing Christmas closure.
- "Count Me In" workshop at 310 delegates.

➤ **York Region District School Board - Sandra Sanz**

- Lease agreements are in the process of being sent out.
- Welcome to Kindergarten Training scheduled for January 28/29. Centres are asked to take part in this.
- No plans to build child care centres in new schools built in 2010.
- Participation in Mentoring Pairs project is low in York Region. Deadline for submissions is November 15.
- Seneca will be recognizing staff who participate, with 1-2 credits towards the BCD program.

Action: Sandra to email Mentoring Pairs information to attach to minutes.

➤ **Community & Health Services – Amy Chui**

- Information shared with regards to "Petting Zoo – Infection Prevention Guidelines"

Action: Amy to contact Lois to create a link to document on the website.

➤ **York Region Preschool Speech and Language – Marlene Green**

- In process of faxing ERIK to all Doctors and asking if any guidance is required to complete.
- Attended Supervisor's Association and related information on ERIK.
- If a child is referred before Kindergarten then they will have full service.
- Funding continued until 2009.

- Would like to present an overview of "Reaching In Reaching Out" to the committee. It is approximately a 45 minute workshop.
- Looking for people who have completed Learning Language and Loving It™ to complete 2 day training in Reaching In Reaching Out.
- Marlene working on statistics in regards to the effectiveness of ERIK.
- Revising Red Flags and looking at the ELECT document.
- Workshop on Multilingual Tool for York Region on November 27 at 5:30pm at Thornhill Early Years Centre.

➤ **EIS Report – Linda Wheeler**

- Organizational changes are taking place at the Region. Family and Children's Services is no longer; now Child Care Services and Early Intervention Services is under Social Services, Community and Health Services Department
- Early Intervention Services, at the end of September, went through an accreditation process with CARF International. The outcome was a 3 year accreditation which is the highest accreditation they could receive.
- Early Intervention Services reviewed four areas of service to child care programs; inclusion, forms, transition to child care programs and model of service. Linda shared the new flyer and child care transition process as well as the Child Care folder for parents. All will be in place beginning January 2009.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

➤ **Pre-Natal – 6 - No report**

➤ **Best Start**

- Next meeting scheduled for November 17, 2008 at 55 Eagle Street.

➤ **Early Learning and Care Steering Committee – Sandra Sanz**

- The Early learning and Care Committee met on Thursday October 23. It examined the Parkland PS Presentation and worked to set goals for each of the sites to bring them forward on the continuum of integration. A presentation took place on October 10, 2008 at Parkland PS. It was co facilitated by the Principal, Child Care Supervisor and ECE from the child care centre. It highlighted the practices and activities that were happening at Parkland that is moving the site programs from Awareness to Collaboration to integration. It was attended by a Principal, Kindergarten Teacher, and staff from parenting and child care programs from all the best start hub sites.
- The next meeting will be held at Charlton PS and the goal is to rotate the meetings at each of the sites to share strategies and highlight the sites.
- The committee hopes to make available best practices and strategies that can be used in other schools with child care to build relationships.

➤ **College of Early Childhood Education – Ruth Houston**

- Ruth attended conference on the weekend.
- New council in place by February 14, 2009.

Action: Ruth to email document to add to the minutes

**Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2008
1-3pm at the Catholic School Board
320 Bloomington Road**