



## Early Years Niagara Planning Council Meeting

Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 9:00am – 11:30am

**Please note new location:** Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Road, Welland

### Agenda

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| <b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b><br>Co-Chair Barb Sockovie  | <b>9:00</b> |
| <b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>   | <b>9:05</b> |
| <b>3. Approval of Meeting Notes – October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008</b>  | <b>9:05</b> |
| <b>4. Business Arising from Meeting Notes</b>  | <b>9:10</b> |
| <b>5. Correspondence</b>   | <b>9:15</b> |
| <b>6. Blind-Low Vision Presentation</b><br>Susan Honeyman  | <b>9:20</b> |
| <b>7. Children’s Sector Forum –Special Needs presentation</b><br>Kaarina Vogin   | <b>9:30</b> |
| <b>8. 18 Month Strategy Update</b><br>Anne Biscaro   | <b>9:40</b> |
| <b>9. Parenting Strategy –Next Steps</b><br>Angela Alfieri-Maiolo  | <b>9:50</b> |
| <b>10. Reports of Integrated Planning Committees &amp; Working Groups</b>  | <b>9:55</b> |
| <b>10.1. Executive Planning Committee</b><br>Barb Sockovie, Co-Chair   |             |
| <b>10.2. Coordination of Education, Screening &amp; Early Identification Committee</b><br>Jackie Van Lankveld, Lead                                    |             |
| <b>10.3. EYN Research Advisory Group</b><br>Mary-Louise Vanderlee, Chair   |             |
| <b>10.4. Hub Development Committee</b><br>Judy Reid for Lisa DeGasperis, Chair   |             |
| <b>10.5. Niagara Aboriginal Children’s Planning Council</b><br>Jaynane Burning-Fields, Representative  |             |
| <b>10.6. Full Day Early Learning</b><br>Kathryn O’Hagan-Todd, Chair  |             |
| <b>10.7. Regional French Language Network &amp; Niagara Best Start Francophone<br/>Advisory Committee Presentation</b><br>Jocelyne Blais-Breton, Chair |             |

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| <b>11. Ministry of Children &amp; Youth Services –Hamilton/Niagara Region</b> | <b>10:25</b> |
| Patti Moore, Program Supervisor   |              |
| <b>12. Regional Municipality of Niagara –Community Services Department</b>    | <b>10:30</b> |
| Kathryn O'Hagan Todd, Director, Children's Services                           |              |
| <b>13. Niagara Child Care Sector</b>  | <b>10:35</b> |
| Kim Cole, Chair   |              |
| <b>14. Business Education Council of Niagara</b>                              | <b>10:40</b> |
| Judy Reid, Manager, Labour Force Development                                  |              |
| <b>15. New Business and Announcements</b>                                     | <b>10:45</b> |
| <b>16. Adjournment</b>  | <b>11:30</b> |

**Next**

**Meeting: Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Niagara Catholic District School**  
**Board**  
**427 Rice Road**  
**Welland**  
**9:00am – 11:30am**

**Early Years Niagara Planning Council Meeting (EYNPC)**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 9:00 – 11:30 am**  
**Niagara District Catholic School Board**

**Present:** Barb Sockovie (Co-Chair), Brian Hutching (Co-Chair), Margaret Andrewes, Anne Biscaro, Jocelyne Blais-Breton, Natalie Chaumont, Kim Cole, Donna Cunningham, Lisa DeGasperis, Tammy Ferguson, Bonnie Filipchuk, Tiffany Gartner, Christine Graham, Debra Harwood, Trudy Hill, Patti Moore, Jean McBrain, Florence Ngenzebuhoro, Sandra Noel, Judy Reid, Lynda Reinhart, Joni Romano, Stephanie Stowe, Sandy Toth, Kaarina Vogin, Dr. Robin Williams, Tim Wright

**Regrets:** Jaynane Burning-Fields, Elke El Farsi, Frank Iannantuono, Carol Germyn, Bill Helmeczi, Cathy Jenkins, Raymonde Lafond, Daniel Lefebvre, Dawne Mach, Catherine Mindorff, Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd, Ted Palmer, Glory Ressler, Dr. Mary-Louise Vanderlee, Jackie Van Lankveld, Tracy Zachariah

**Copy:** Jane Bonaldo (for Dr.Robin Wlliams), Suzanne McPetrie (for Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd), Zineb Sebbane-Allouche (for Daniel Lefebvre), Debbie Urbshott (for B.Hutchings)

Item	Discussion	Action	Time
<b>1. WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Welcome and introductions were made. Transition of Co-Chairs, special acknowledgement and presentation of books to M.Andrewes and Dr. R. Williams		
<b>2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	The agenda was approved.		
<b>3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES</b>	Moved by M.Andrewes Seconded by S.Toth <b><i>That the EYNPC notes of September 12th, 2008 be adopted as written. Carried.</i></b>	Moved by M.Andrewes Seconded by S.Toth <b><i>That the EYNPC notes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adopted as written. Carried.</i></b>	
<b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING NOTES</b>	Co-chairs reminded all committees and groups to provide updated Terms of Reference		
<b>5. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	Correspondence circulated in folder during meeting	N.Chaumont to include in News Digest.	
<b>6. REGIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE NETWORK &amp; NIAGARA BEST START FRANCOPHONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION</b> Jocelyne Blais-Breton, Chair Florence Ngenzebuhoro	See attached presentation J.Blais-Breton presented recommendations by RFLN for endorsement by EYNPC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o That each local BSN handle distribution of Directory of French Early Years Services</li> <li>o That DAC complete a mapping process in consultation with the MCYS French Language Services Program Supervisor</li> <li>o That each local BSN update the directory regularly with the assistance of RFLN</li> <li>o That communication plans exist between RFLN and the four local BSN.</li> </ul> Recommended further discussion with small group including EYPNC co-chairs. Other volunteers: S.Noel, J.Blais-Breton, A.Biscaro, T.Ferguson to send representative.	Group to discuss and provide feedback at future meeting for endorsement.	

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<b>7. REPORTS OF INTEGRATED PLANNING COMMITTEES &amp; WORKING GROUPS:</b>  <b>7.1 Agenda Planning</b> B.Sockovie, Co-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible re-titling of Agenda Planning committee</li> </ul>		
<b>7.2 COESEI</b> J. Van Lankveld, Lead	A.Biscaro reported on behalf of COESEI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 5<sup>th</sup> gathering at Club Roma of Early ID Providers</li> <li>COESEI to take over wellness clinic, no longer able to maintain public health nurse</li> <li>Communication to be provided by A.Biscaro</li> </ul>	Communication to be provided by A.Biscaro.	
<b>7.3 Early Years Niagara Research Advisory Group</b> S.Noel, DAC	S.Noel reporting on behalf of M.Vanderlee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large data set not yet received from Offord Centre</li> <li>2008 Community report release tentatively scheduled for Family Day- February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009</li> <li>Further discussion to take place at next EYNRAG meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>7.4 Full Day Early Learning Committee</b> K.O'Hagan-Todd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments and endorsements to be submitted to Dr. Pascal within next week</li> <li>J.Blais-Breton reported on behalf of the French Director of Education:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endorsement of Full Day Learning Regional Submission with acknowledgement of existing full day learning and flexibility maintained.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Motion to endorse Full Day Learning Regional Submission with feedback from French school boards.	It was moved by T.Ferguson and seconded by L.DeGasperis. <b>That Early Years Niagara Planning Council endorse the Full Day Learning Regional Submission with feedback from French School Boards. Carried.</b>	
<b>7.5 Hub Development Committee</b> L.DeGasperis, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report from October 22<sup>nd</sup> Strategic Planning session tentatively scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>, EYNPC meeting</li> <li>Special needs representation by Kaarina Vogin</li> <li>T.Wright to be invited to session</li> </ul>	L.DeGasperis to invite T.Wright to Strategic Planning Session	
<b>7.6 Parenting Program Task Group</b> J.Reid for A.Alfieri-Maiolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A.Alfieri-Maiolo volunteered to chair Parenting Program task Group.</li> <li>Volunteers to form group: S.Toth, T.Hill, J.Reid, D.Dalgleish, B.Filipchuck, T.Ferguson recommends G.Ressler.</li> </ul>	N.Chaumont to fan out dates for meetings and send draft parenting report with minutes.	
<b>8. MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES</b> P. Moore, Program Supervisor	P.Moore reported on behalf of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services: In July, the Minister announced \$25 million in new child care funding across the province, primarily to support fee subsidy pressures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niagara's share of the funding on an annual basis is \$773,300.</li> <li>\$578,000 annually is to support fee subsidy for existing spaces and,</li> <li>\$179,000 annually is to support the 26 new child care spaces that opened at St. Antoine school in Niagara Falls in September 2008.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Start Symposium on December 12<sup>th</sup>: Agenda still in discussion. Focus will be integration.</li> </ul>		
<b>9. REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA – COMMUNITY SERVICES</b> K.O'Hagan-Todd, Director, Children's Services	J.McBrain reported on behalf of Children's Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T.Gartner has been promoted to Manager of Children's Services</li> </ul>		
<b>10. NIAGARA CHILDCARE SECTOR</b> Kim Cole, Chair	Kim Cole reported on behalf of Niagara Childcare Sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childcare survey results released, to be discussed at a future date</li> <li>Early Childhood educators must register by January 31<sup>st</sup></li> <li>Ministry will require proof of registration as part of licensing</li> </ul>		
<b>11. BUSINESS EDUCATION COUNCIL</b> Judy Reid, Manager, Labour Force Development	J.Reid reported on behalf of the Business Education Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximately \$15,000 raised and 175 volunteers at Touch a Truck.</li> <li>National Child Day is November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008</li> </ul>	N.Chaumont to update committee directory and create acronym listing.	
<b>12. 18 Month Strategy</b> A.Biscaro, Lead	A.Biscaro reported on behalf of 18 Month Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey sent to Best Start Tables through HBHC to determine where other tables sit.</li> <li>Results to be presented with Life of Max in January</li> </ul>		
<b>13. OTHER</b>	<p><b>December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting cancelled due to Chairs attending MCYS Symposium.</b></p> <p>Suggested G.Ressler highlight recommendations of UEY Final Report in 5-10 minute celebration.</p> <p>T.Ferguson reported on metoringparent.org website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 pilot communities of mentors and mentees -142 hours of training</li> <li>10 colleges have adopted curriculum, granting up to 3 credits</li> <li>Seeking contracts with other college to apply same curriculum.</li> </ul> <p>Kudos extended to ECCDC for province-wide project.</p>		

EYNPC Meeting Schedule	
DATE & Time	LOCATION
9:00-11:30AM  January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE LOCATION:</b></p> Niagara Catholic District School Board 427 Rice Road Welland

Ministry of Community and Social Services

Ministère des Services sociaux et communautaires

Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Ministère des Services à l'enfance et à la jeunesse

Hamilton/Niagara Region

Région de Hamilton/Niagara

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September 3, 2008

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Child Care Operators  
CMSMs General Manager / Commissionner

**FROM:** Lorraine Graham-Watson  
Regional Director

**RE:** **Membership requirements in the College of Early Childhood Educators for qualified staff in day nurseries**

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The College of Early Childhood Educators (CECE) is a professional self-regulatory body for early childhood educators (ECEs) that has been established to protect the public interest and focus on quality and standards in the practice of early childhood education. The new College will help to strengthen Ontario's early learning and child care system to help ready more children to achieve success when they enter Grade 1.

It is the first regulatory college for early childhood educators in Canada. The College will help support high standards in early childhood education. It will also help to ensure Ontario's children who attend early learning and care programs are being cared for by qualified professionals.

The *Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007* is the legislation that includes the definition of the profession as well as the scope of membership. The full act may be viewed online at [http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws\\_statutes\\_07e07\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_07e07_e.htm).

Membership in the College will be mandatory for ECEs and individuals with ECE equivalency certificates working as qualified staff in licensed day nurseries. Individuals who have Director approval to take the place of qualified staff in a day nursery are not required to join in the College.

A transitional council was appointed in August 2007 for an 18 month term to set up the new College. All day nurseries in Ontario will receive an information package about the College and membership application forms from the transitional council.

Operators are asked to provide the information packages and application forms to staff who are eligible for membership in the College. These staff should be encouraged to submit their applications for membership in the College as soon as possible to be eligible to stand for election or nominate and vote in the upcoming election for members for the council of the College.

Early in 2009 when the remainder of the *Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007* is proclaimed, operators will be required to have proof of application for membership in the College for each qualified staff on site at the day nursery. In addition, it will be the operator's responsibility to confirm that individuals they are hiring are registered with the College if they are an ECE or equivalent.

Should you have any questions about membership requirements, please contact the College of Early Childhood Educators at 416-961-8558. As an additional reference, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) has a link on the MCYS website to a fact sheet about the College of Early Childhood Educators which can be viewed at [http://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/news/facts/STEL02\\_186781.html](http://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/news/facts/STEL02_186781.html).

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