

Niagara Children's Planning Council Meeting (NCPC)
January 27, 2006, 9:00 – 12 noon
Winifred Cropper, Community Services

Attendance: Barbara Ally, Margaret Andrewes (Co-Chair), Brigitte Bergeron, Anne Biscaro, Jocelyne Blais-Breton, Bill Charron, Paul Collins, John Crocco, Donna Cunningham, Eleanor Dolan, Lucette Farr, Richard Francki, Pat Heidebrecht, Brian Hutchings, Geralda Jamieson, Margaret Jarrell, John McNamara, Suzanne McPetrie (recorder), Patti Moore, Sarah Pennisi, Judy Reid, Barb Sockovie, Susan Speck (Consultant), Michelle Thacker, Dr. R. Williams (Co-Chair), Art Wing, Tim Wright

Regrets: Bruce Henry, Daniel Lefebvre, Tammy McCormick Ferguson, Steve Novosedlik, Wendy Sturgeon, Jackie Van Lankveld

Item	Discussion	Action	Timeline
1. Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Williams extended a welcome and invited all in attendance to introduce themselves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
2.1 Approval of Niagara Children's Planning Council Meeting Notes of Jan. 13, 2006	<p>Moved by Donna Cunningham Seconded by Margaret Jarrell <i>That the NCPC notes of January 13, 2006 be adopted as written. Carried.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
2. Business Arising 3.1 Organization for "Mobilizing Private Sector Support" teleconference 3.2 Meeting Schedule 3.3 Site Selection	<p>3.1 Council for Early Child Development Teleconference "Mobilizing Private Sector Support" – Jan. 30 – 1-2:30 p.m. - Dr. Williams highlighted this opportunity for Council members to participate in the teleconference. Contact Michelle Thacker for further information. Judy Reid will monitor outcomes</p> <p>3.2 Meeting Schedule – NCPC meeting dates have been scheduled until December 22. Confirmation of dates will happen as time goes on. Note - one meeting in February 17 due to BEC Partners Breakfast being held Feb. 10.</p> <p>3.3 Site Selection – P. Heidebrecht advised that school site visits with both English Boards of Education were conducted and decisions will be confirmed. Collaboration with the Boards of Education have been very positive. Sites for the Francophone Boards have not yet been discussed. A media release with the Boards of Education and Children's Services will be released in the next couple of weeks to identify the sites. The Ministry allowed us to include licensed child care spaces established since April 1, 2005. Expansion of child care spaces will exceed Ministry requirements for Years 1 & 2 with heavy emphasis on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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	<p>JK/Sk. Year 3 will have an infant/toddler expansion. It is important not to destabilize current child care providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites selected for Year 1 include: NCDSB - St. Martin (West Lincoln), Canadian Martyrs (St. Catharines), St. Andrew (Welland). DSBN – Ferndale (St. Catharines), Glendale (Welland) - P. Collins commended Pat & staff on the thoughtful, balanced, model of collaboration. - Further discussion will take place with the Francophone Boards. - R. Francki noted that the Francophone have determined where the child care spaces should be and information will be forthcoming. Cost estimates and number of spaces will be included. - E. Dolan acknowledged the great work that has been done and the excitement that new spaces are opening and respecting existing providers. Recognized that parents may still want the choice of a home child care provider. 		
4. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter (2006/01/24) – Minister of Children & Youth Services, Mary Anne Chambers. Further direction to support the development of the Phase One Integrated Implementation Plan and thank you for commitment and investment in transforming and expanding our early learning and care system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
5. Integrated Community DRAFT Plan Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Speck reviewed the revisions in the Draft Plan as requested by feedback received and asked for confirmation that elements contained in the Plan reflect needs and reality in community. Some text has been relocated. <p>Moved by Anne Biscaro Seconded by Bill Charron <i>That the NCPC supports the Niagara's Best Start Integrated Community Plan and directs the Co-Chairs to submit this Plan to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on their behalf on January 31, 2006. Carried.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Speck thanked the working group for reviewing the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to provide further feedback to Susan Speck • All members of NCPC to receive final Plan • Plan to be translated in French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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<p>6. Infrastructure Working Group Report</p>	<p>document and providing information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Jarrell noted that the negotiations with BEC as the infrastructure support to the Network and Planning Council have not been completed. In the short term, the secretarial function will be handled through BEC. • M. Jarrell also reported that she has sourced a facilitator to conduct a team building exercise – to find common understandings and enable the possible morphing of Early Years Niagara and the Niagara Best Start Network/Niagara Children’s Planning Council. • A. Wing supported the team building exercise. • J. Reid suggested that Early Years Niagara needs the opportunity to get a full understanding of Best Start and EYNs role. • M. Andrewes noted that one of our immediate tasks was to discuss and revise the Terms of Reference for the Niagara Best Start Network & Children’s Planning Council. • It was determined that plans for the team building exercise and facilitator be further developed by M. Jarrell and the Infrastructure Working Group in cooperation with BEC. <p>Moved by Brian Hutchings Seconded by Art Wing <i>That the NCPC supports in principle that the Business Education Council of Niagara (BEC) provide infrastructure support to the Niagara Best Start Network and Niagara Children’s Planning Council and that further negotiations be made by the Infrastructure Working Group. Carried.</i></p>		
<p>7. Communications Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. McNamara distributed the <u>Communications Working Group report, January 27, 2006.</u> • P. Heidebrecht suggested a parent representative be included in the Communications Working Group and possible advertising opportunities could include Cogeco, newspapers and radio. • J. Reid noted that ECCDC is looking for articles for a supplement being placed in the 3 large regional papers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to bring communications opportunities to next NCPC meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 17
<p>8. Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. McPetrie reminded members of Toque Tuesday February 7th. With the purchase of a toque for \$10.00 - 		

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	<p>80% of funds raised supporting The Hope Centre (Welland), Project SHARE (Niagara Falls), and Community Care of St. Catharines/Thorold. The remaining 20% is devoted to lobbying the federal government for a national homelessness strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Niagara Research Advisory Group is hosting a community forum “Readiness to Learn – How well are we doing in preparing our children?” – Tues., Feb. 21, 2006 from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Quality Parkway, Ontario Street. Keynote speaker is Jason Ramsey – Centre for Inner City Health/St. Michael’s Hospital. Message “Neurodevelopmental Aspects of Readiness to Learn”. 		
9. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Niagara Children’s Planning Council meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. 		

NCPCC Meeting Dates

DATE		LOCATION Community Services Department 3340 Schmon Parkway	DATE		LOCATION Community Services Department 3340 Schmon Parkway
			July	14 28	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper
February	17 Note only one meeting during February	Corporate Learning Centre – Training Room A	August	11 25	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper
March	10 24	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper	September	8 22	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper
April	13 (Thursday) 28	To be determined Winifred Cropper	October	13 27	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper
May	12 26	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper	November	10 24	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper
June	9 23	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper	December	8 22	Winifred Cropper Winifred Cropper