

## Strive Community Meeting Minutes

**Friday October 11, 2019**

**Attendees:** Ally Scott, Michelle Valladares, Sheri Spriggs, Sheryl Third, Teresa Sulowski, Jessi Keenan, Cheryl Read, Lauren Goosens, Jan Gaudet, Cora Burns, Anthony Silveira, Cassandra Douglas.

**Present via Zoom:** Barb Jackson, Aimee Kelly, Kinderville

Agenda item and Discussion	Actions
1. Welcome and Introductions	
2. Agenda approval / additions	
3. Approval of minutes from September 20, 2019	Minutes approved.
<p>4. Updates from Project Manager</p> <p>a) Provincial Centre of Excellence. Over the summer the Ontario Reggio Association (ORA) announced that they would no longer be a COE partner, citing 'irreconcilable differences.' The Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario (AECEO) was named as the new co-lead agency.</p> <p>“Through this partnership, the AECEO seeks to make public the work and value of ECEs while supporting their pedagogical journey. This not only benefits children, families and societies but also advances the early childhood profession.”</p> <p>A new cohort of pedagogists started their journey this afternoon. We recognize that the times of their pedagogist gatherings conflict with our Strive community meetings. Strive has offered workspace within Childreach to make participation accessible for those affected.</p> <p>b) Strategic Planning. Advisory committee met on October 8<sup>th</sup> to work on the new strategic plan. Kovacs group has been facilitating this process. We want to thank those who shared and completed the</p>	



<p>survey we sent out in July. We received really thoughtful and insightful feedback that will strongly benefit our planning.</p> <p>c) Elgin Updates. Elgin Professional Learning Committee will be updating their Terms of Reference to reflect current practices and to outline participants' engagement.</p> <p>The committee is finalizing St Thomas-Elgin winter professional learning opportunities and collaborating with Strive to ensure a cohesive, intentional approach across all three counties.</p> <p>The <i>How Does Learning Happen in your Organization?</i> Showcase is planned for Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Child Care and EarlyON programs across Elgin County were invited to participate in a five-month process where they used the foundations from Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years to strengthen and improve quality practices. Participants were asked to document the journey; capturing their progress, successes and challenges. They were asked to consider their professional and personal growth and the ways in which it has transformed their relationships with children, families and colleagues. . Participants will be sharing their displays at the Showcase event, which is open to all child care and early years professionals, whether they participated or not. The evening will be a celebration of successes; with light refreshments and networking with thousands of dollars of play based materials to be awarded.</p> <p>Leadership Communities of Practice sessions will begin at the end of October in Elgin. These Communities of Practice sessions will meet monthly and will be fluid in nature as the groups will collectively determine the topics for future discussion.</p> <p>The Children's Services Team hopes to visit multiple organizations on October 24<sup>th</sup>, <i>Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day</i>; to show gratitude for all the passion, hard work and dedication shown by the educators in our community.</p>	
<p>5. Professional Learning Opportunities</p> <p>a) Fall registration has been moving along steadily with 929 tickets sold this calendar thus far.</p>	



Registration for Francophone events are slowing coming in. Anne has gone around to her community to encourage and remind them to share.

We are encouraged to see that site tours are also coming along in the surrounding counties. We recognize that London site tours also started slowly and now have strong attendance and feedback.

The Family Literacy Conference for Professionals is October 26<sup>th</sup>! The day will focus on the voice and rights of the child. Karyn Callaghan from the Ontario Reggio Association will be delivering the keynote address, and will, along with two colleagues from Hamilton, be discussing the process they undertook for creating Hamilton’s Charter of Right of the Child. Participants will then engage in a reflective dialogue about what that may look like in the London context. We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

b) Winter Planning

Due to overwhelming interest, we will be offering the Understanding Trauma session in the winter calendar in all three service regions.

We are putting together a pathways panel focused on the apprenticeship process. Representatives from the College, the Ministry of Labour, as well as successful graduates will help clarify the apprenticeship process for providers and Educators. If you currently support, would like to support or have been considering becoming an apprentice yourself, keep an eye out for this opportunity.

Winter ReThink – Potential date: March 7 with a focus on belonging. Our hope is to consider the different areas of belonging including in children, by the entire family, and educators/communities. We are hoping to also include belonging from the lens of children new to Canada. If you have an impact story or experience that you would like to share at our event, please contact us at [info@striveswo.ca](mailto:info@striveswo.ca)

6. Information Sharing (Organizational, Community, Provincial)

a) LCCN and LCCN Advocacy

The recruitment and retention campaign is officially live! The video is so beautiful and really speaks to the heart of Early Childhood Education and Care. The landing page is also a great resource for information sharing. We know how much work went into making this campaign a reality.



LCCN’s video will be playing at Cineplex Silvercity during the previews section for select movies. Video will be playing from November 29 to December 26<sup>th</sup>. Kudos and thanks for the LCCN Advocacy sub-committee for their amazing vision and dedication to this project.

Watch video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lo8fgzeekbg>

Visit the landing page: <https://unsungheroesece.com/>

b) Federal Elections, October 21<sup>st</sup>!

The federal election is coming quickly. We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for Educators to get out to the polls. Strive has put together a resource guide of information related to the election, from ensuring you are properly registered to where the parties stand on issues related to childcare. This guide can be found in the News section on the Strive website.

Read it here: <https://striveswo.ca/our-news/election-guide-2019/>

c) ECE Appreciation Day

This year’s official date for ECE Appreciation day is Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 2019. We will be celebrating at Literacy conference. Karyn Callaghan will give a message of gratitude to all attendees followed by a presentation of LCCN’s video. THANK YOU in advanced to all our educators and community members who bring light and joy into the centres that help to grow the children in our care. Our hope is to continue to grow together to further our profession and lead inspired learning together.

7. Community Updates

a) Health Unit Screen Time Campaign

On average, 27 families participate in presentations given at the library, child care centres, museums, and EarlyON. The response have been positive from families having great conversations about the importance of relationship building, attachment, and fostering conversation about screen time. The campaign is set to end near the end of November.

b) LCC Event – October 16<sup>th</sup>

LCC is hosting Nate Sheets from Oregon Behaviour Consultation to deliver a session around supporting children through a ‘rough day.’ The focus will be on executive functioning skills and programming strategies. Spaces are open to the public for his 12:30-2:30 presentation. It will be held at Western Fair (Carousel Room) and is free to attend.



<p>c) CDP Program</p> <p>Sheryl brought more information about the Child Development Practitioner (CDP) apprenticeship program. Please see attached PDF. Again, we are putting together a pathways panel focused on the apprenticeship process that will be available in our next calendar. If you currently support, would like to support or have been considering becoming an apprentice yourself, please consider joining us.</p>	
<p>8. Open Spaces for Conversation</p> <p>In a profession of uncertainty, how can we lean into gratitude and not fear?</p>	
<p>9. <b>Next meeting:</b> November 08, 2019 1:00 to 3:00 pm @ Childreach</p>	

