

Meeting Minutes

Strive – Sept. 14, 2018

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Present via Zoom: Kristen Vauthier; LCC, Sarah Mavrikkou; Kids and Company, Tamara Blaney; Chelsea Green

Regrets: Lee-Anne Cross, Kathy Harris, Barb Jackson, Kelly Smith

1. Welcome and Introductions Sheri welcomed everyone.

2. Adoptions of Agenda/Additions Nothing to add

3. Approval of Friday June 8, 2018 Minutes Approved

4. Updates from Project Manager

4.1 Mid-year highlights and engagements stats

Strive submitted the work plan to the city and were asked to provide a mid-year report. This has been submitted to Janice Walter at the City, along with a mid-year tracking chart for measurement.

Mid-year engagement stats that are noteworthy: January – June 30 there were 33 PL /network sessions offered. 15 of those were somewhere other than Childreach. Tracking unique participants identified 754 unique participants have been reached as of June 30. There have been 32 London- Middlesex collaborations since January, as well as additional Elgin partnerships. 978 users have been reached in the last 3.5 weeks. Website visits is indicating good engagement.

4.2 Centre of Excellence Update

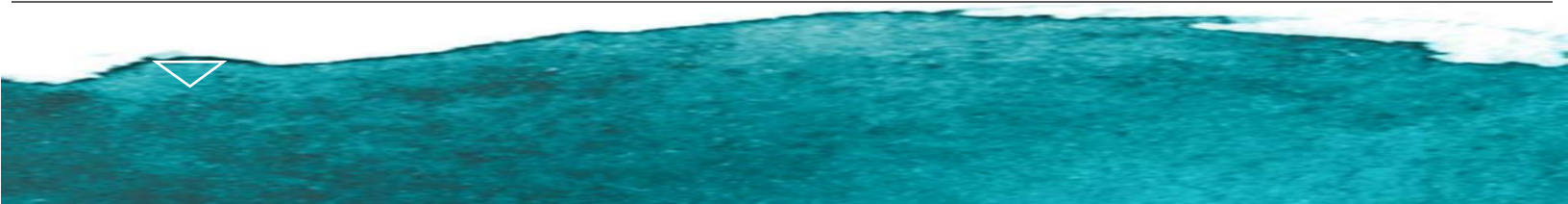
Strive is a supportive partner and has been engaged in the monthly online meetings, as well as additional dialogue with Karyn Callaghan. Regional Coordinators and Pedagogists have been chosen for the first phase of pedagogist sessions (Sept-Dec). Ally Scott will be attending the pedagogist sessions on behalf of Strive. This opportunity will enable us to provide input into strategies that are specific to our community, as well as potentially develop Communities of Practice to engage organizations that wouldn't have their own Pedagogist.

5. Professional Learning opportunities – highlights from the Calendar, and online Learning Platform Reveal

The Early Years Professional Network is now offered in the evenings to potentially engage practitioners who could not attend during the day. Low registration for Sep meeting; it will likely be cancelled. For the November EYPN they are looking into a screening of the Mr. Rogers documentary.

Rainbow Families with Shelley Secrett is in collaboration with LCC. There is a daytime session that has a leadership focus and an evening Part 1 Rainbow Families session. Part 2 will be offered in October and will engage participants to dig deeper. Shelley Secrett is an RECE from the KW area who is a huge advocate in the LGBT2Q community.

The following sessions are sold out: Somewhere Between Bubble Wrap and a Chainsaw and All



Weather Play.

Kim Woods and Sheryl Third will be offering a Tools of Mentoring (students) presentation at Fanshawe College.

Networks: Dietary Planners, Nursery School and EYPN.

Tool Time is a partnership with AKB and the City of London. Greg Lubimiv, the facilitator for this, comes from the Phoenix Centre for Children's Mental Health and is known for his play therapy sessions.

There are still spaces for the Vision Board workshops. One is a weekend retreat opportunity and there is also a day trip later in the November.

Wee Wonders will be offered again but this time in Strathroy.

In partnership with the CECE there will be two sessions about Professionalism in a Regulated Profession with Melanie Dixon.

By request, there will be a 3 part French workshop "Children at the Centre of How Does Learning Happen?", the first of the series offered in December.

A video was shared to advertise the new online platform. The Members section is now live and people can start registering. There is a free membership for London, Middlesex and Elgin. If you work outside of these counties, there is a \$20 membership fee for a year. Once your membership is approved you will receive a confirmation e-mail and you can start to access the online resources provided. Right now you can access documents, videos, and resources.

6. Sub-Committees – Updates, Questions or Clarifications

Professional Learning Committee and Mentor Working Group have merged. Strategically this makes sense as it all falls under the umbrella of professional learning.

7. Action Conversations: Effective, impactful communication and reflective strategies – action plans/solutions

Action Conversations: How do we (you) ensure effective and impactful communication about Strive? – Organization wide, community wide?

Suggestions:

Create a scavenger hunt on Strive website. This can be shared with educator teams at staff meeting and potentially there could be a monthly draw to win Strive swag.

Make the new Power Point presentation into a webinar to engage a wider audience.

Bring Strive into the initial interview and orientation (organizations)

Make Strive updates a standing staff meeting agenda item.

Could organizations put a Strive link on their websites?

Ally shared that they are continuing to look at communication strategies. We want to do everything we can to make sure the word is out there. A 15 minute presentation has been developed about Strive.

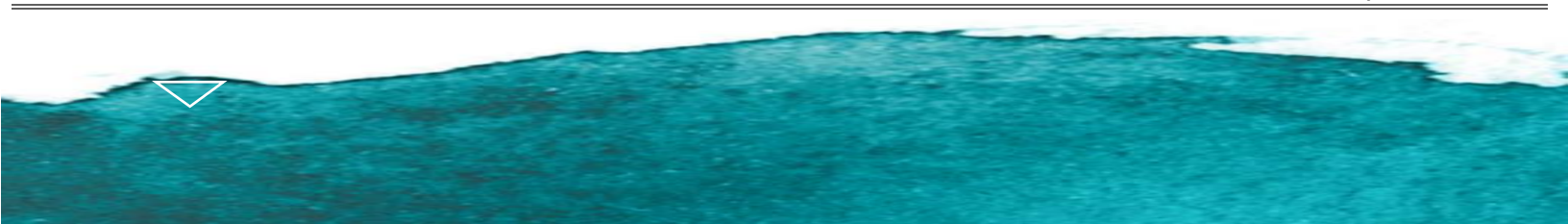
In terms of reflection; it was shared a lot of practitioners may still want paper copies to provide feedback.

Be transparent with people about why we need feedback and how our funding depends on it.

8. Information Sharing (Organizational, Community, Provincial)

With support from the Service System Manager - London-Middlesex (as part of the 2018 Licensed Child Care Affordability Pilot funding), London Bridge Child Care Services is offering an opportunity for current and emerging Leaders in the field of Early Learning to participate in a nine (9) month, professional learning experience. This opportunity is aimed at current Early Learning Childcare Directors, Educators or other early learning providers.

Participants will be selected through a 'Letter of Interest' process that must be submitted by



September 17, 2018 (extended deadline)

Licensed Child Care Network (LCCN) applied for the same funding and was awarded funding for an attraction, recruitment and retention campaign. More information on this to come.

Cheryl Killip has retired so Anne Rae will now be the Manager in Children's Services responsible for funding and contracts. **There will be an open house for Cheryl on Tuesday Sept 25 5-7:30 at Joe Kool's. RSVP annerae@rogers.com**

CMSM Elgin and Milestones Children's Centre are offering a presentation on Risk Management for Boards of Directors on Oct. 27 in Elgin County.

Fanshawe is working on documentation and information sharing strategies on the various paths to obtain ECE credentials. This will make it easier to navigate the options. The weekend Fast Track has become very popular. The apprenticeship is also popular and heavily subsidized.

Family Centres are celebrating! Join them on Nov. 8 at BMO for a full day session to celebrate the successes, and to delve deeper into future possibilities. More details to come. Talk to your local family centre to learn more, or explore <http://familyinfo.ca/> or the City of London website. You can also connect with Lori Wilson at loriwilson@whitehillsschildcare.ca. There will also be a tribute to Michael Goodmurphy who has dedicated so much of himself to the sector.

9. Open Spaces Conversations

No additional time

10. Next meeting:

Friday October 12, 1:00-3:00 at Childreach

