



**MCMCT Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**CAST - 7<sup>th</sup> Floor – Room 7-2**

**Present:** Cindy H., Shaida A., Ian E., Sharma Q., David L., Wail E.H., Hanna D., Eunice K., Elizabeth M., Terry K., Vanessa C., Selvy K., and Shaden J.

**Regrets:** Diana G., Jillian S., Lisa S., Linda S., Nadejda L., Vicky T., Katerina L.

**Minute Taker:** Shaden J.

Discussions	Decisions/Actions
<p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ian E. welcomed MCMCT members and asked participants to introduce themselves.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>City of Toronto – Authorizing Recreation:</b></p> <p><b>Children’s Services Staff Report – City Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Lee updated MCMCT members on the report “Authorized Recreational and Skill Building Programs in Toronto” submitted to Community Development and Recreation Committee (CDRC) on March 26, 2018. He mentioned that Children’s services opted not to exercise authorization of recreational and skill building programs due to low expected need for a City-led authorization process, the unfunded costs associated with such a program and risks that may be associated with developing and administering such a process.</li> <li>David added when CDRC considered the report, it asked Children's Services to work with the Coalition and the Ministry of Education to identify any reductions in services and report back in June 2018 with any recommendations for restoring or replacing this service.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>On-line Survey:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David talked about a short on-line survey developed to respond to CDRC’s request. The purpose of the survey is to identify service reductions for before and/or after school programs, focusing on those that have occurred to comply with the Child Care and Early Years Act, and any options for restoring this service.</li> <li>• He asked MCMCT members to widely promote the survey and share with other groups outside MCMCT table by May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.</li> <li>• Sharma suggested sending the survey to the different advisory committees at TDSB and request its circulation with permit holders/Permit Department.</li> </ul> <p><b>Toronto District School Board Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy shared Nadejda’s update and mentioned that “TDSB will be opening 9 Extended Day Programs (EDP) in September 2018. The 9 programs are being implemented in schools that don’t currently house licensed before-and after- school childcare programs”.</li> <li>• Nadejda added that “by opening the 9 programs TDSB is filling an important gap service for families in those communities. The list of 9 EDP is available on TDSB official website”.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Provincial Election</b></p> <p><b>Children Ages 6-12 Election Sheet – Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharma shared with members the latest version of election paper and mentioned that she tried to put the issues on one sheet and narrowed them down to 3 asks related to more subsidies and flexibility, adequate funds for quality staff and investing in Middle Years Strategy.</li> <li>• Members discussed subsidies’ flexibility provincially and mentioned that in Toronto subsidy is only linked to licensed child care.</li> <li>• Sharma highlighted that service providers around the table can share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharma to add Twitter handle to the Election paper.</li> <li>• Shaden to tweet the election paper.</li> <li>• Jahy to share it with Parkdale community.</li> <li>• Sharma to prepare three questions to be added to the election</li> </ul>

<p>the election paper with community members they know who are affected by those issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members discussed next steps and suggested different actions for circulation as “all candidate meetings in neighborhood”, “What’s app”, “settlement sector involvement”, “ Facebook” etc</li> <li>• Members suggested attaching a letter to the election paper tool and agreed to send a letter as a Coalition to all 3 political parties in addition to adding 3 questions about their position on the 3 issues.</li> </ul>	<p>paper letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian to draft a letter and attach the election paper and send it to the 3 political parties.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Coalition Structure: reflection/Successes/Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy and Lisa S. will be developing a survey monkey questionnaire to reflect on the Coalition itself. She added that it will include questions related to the structure and content of the Coalition and asked members to respond to the survey once they receive it.</li> </ul> <p><b>Continued Discussion on MCMCT Focus Areas (see attached):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy mentioned that the Coalition had worked hard on MCMCT Vision and Mission and 3 focus areas on Public Awareness, Coalition Building and Parent Engagement.</li> <li>• Members agreed on inviting new people from community based organizations to the coalition’s meetings.</li> <li>• Sharma suggested seeking new funding opportunities so that we can continue to work on the focus areas.</li> <li>• Members were asked to work in 3 small groups and discuss 3 key questions (WHY? OUTCOMES and HOW) on the 3 focus areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To start conversation on seeking new funds at the Leadership Team.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parents Matter Project – Month in Review:</b></p> <p><b>Presentation Training manuals outline (see attached) &amp; Parent Learning Session Sleep:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaden presented to members about the 16 training manuals to be developed within Parents Matter project. She talked about the goal of developing those manuals, the role of Child welfare Institute (CWI)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaden to include</li> </ul>

<p>in evaluation of learning sessions, parent leaders instrumental role in delivery and evaluations of learning contents/manuals, outlines for 16 different parent learning sessions and why it is important for service providers to use those manuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaden also walked members through a draft of Sleep and Routines training manual design. She mentioned that all project resources as manuals and webinars will be posted on MCMCT new website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Launch Event (see attached):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaden discussed with the group the Launch event which aims to celebrate Parents Matter Project deliverables such as training manuals, webinars and new website.</li> <li>• The group discussed possible time and date, venue and audience.</li> <li>• Sharma and Jahy expressed their interest in joining the planning committee.</li> <li>• Shaden mentioned that the conversation about launch event details will continue over the summer.</li> </ul>	<p>power point presentations on parent learning contents to the training manuals whenever possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaden to start forming a small group of people to plan for the launch event.</li> <li>• An event coordinator from the community will be hired to support the work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next meeting: Monday June 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm - CAST</b></p>	