



MCMCT Meeting March 19th, 2018

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

CAST 7th Floor – Board Room

Present: Cindy H., Paola M., Jillian S, Sharma Q., David L., Wail E.H., Nadejda L., Vicky T., Katerina L., Ian E, Alexandra A., Lisa S., Luisa O.G., Jahy V, Julia P., Elizabeth M., Shaden J.

Minute Taker: Shaden J.

Discussions	Decisions/Actions
<p>Welcome/introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian E. welcomed MCMCT members who introduced themselves. 	
<p>ON Middle Years Strategy- February 26th meeting feedback:</p> <p>What are Coalition members doing with the provincial Strategy? – Revisiting Toronto’s Middle Childhood Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David L. mentioned that he will take another look at Toronto’s Middle Childhood Strategy developed in 2012 to see where it fits with the provincial Middle Years Strategy and to figure out what’s important to focus on with the provincial framework. Ian mentioned that BGC are looking at the report to see the connections between the 3 strategies and what’s happening in reality. <p>Next Steps with MCYS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy highlighted importance of replicating MCMCT model across the province, funding and supporting it because it is lacking. She added that MCMCT could be a portal for parents’ info through replicating the parents’ sessions across the province. Ian suggested asking MCYS to find funds from other programs such as youth programs. Members talked about summarizing the Strategy, meeting with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian to set a conference call with some MCMCT members and the City to discuss an upcoming meeting with the Minister Coteau.

<p>Minister Micheal Coteau (to ask about the Strategy plans and prepare key asks for him) and working with the City Strategy. They also spoke about lack of information on how the provincial Strategy is going to be implemented and how the info for their card report will be collected.</p>	
<p>ON After School Programs – Update on Feb. 26th meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian updated members on Feb. 26th meeting around Ontario After School Programs (OASP). He mentioned that 11 organizations out of 17 were present at the meeting. • Data is being collected to figure out who is doing what, where programs are being operated in, how many schools and how many children are being served. • Lee Soda and Ian requested a meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) to ask for a 3 year renewal for OASP and to find out what was in the report written 2 years ago on OASP. 	
<p>MCMCT Focus and Influence for 2 years:</p> <p>MCMCT Position paper/promotional materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharma spoke about the work done by Lisa, Alexandra and her on updating the position paper which briefly looks over middle years’ children in Toronto, who they are and the diversity. She mentioned that the paper contains 3 recommendations on resources, access to programs and supporting parents. She also added that the paper can be presented to Minister Coteau. • Sharma asked members on how the paper will be useful to them. She suggested summarizing the document into one page with more visuals. <p>Provincial Elections – Key questions for candidates:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharma stated that provincial asks can be derived from position paper recommendations. • Jillian suggested talking about affordability. • Katerina added that spaces at Parks and Recs will be increased to 70,000 from 2018 – 2020 with 20,000 more spaces for 2018. • Nadi mentioned that TDSB is looking at schools without programs and is conducting a survey asking parents where their children attend programs and what they do if they aren't engaged in any programs. • Parents' choice is not available in the City's subsidy programs. MCMCT can talk to politicians to reduce costs and increase services by providing the choice to parents in choosing their programs between authorized recreational and licensed childcare- the subsidy should go with the child as in other cities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadi to ask about sharing the results of the survey with MCMCT once it is ready. • Alexandra to work on updating ON Provincial Elections tool and to send a draft before next MCMCT meeting.
<p>Parents Matter Project: Fall 2018 Training Manuals and Website Launch – Initial Coalition discussion/input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaden spoke about a Launch event for service providers in Oct/Nov to promote the 15 training manuals and MCMCT new website. She also spoke about doing mini launches at different member organizations to talk about the new curriculum with staff working with children 6-12 years old. • Sharma suggested organizing a celebratory event in the evening for service providers with MCMCT website/training manuals on iPads and screens with people having access to the resources. • Ian and Shaden spoke about the website launch and Ian suggested having a social media launch. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharma to provide the contact for a social media person from SPT.
<p>Sector Updates:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David to send the



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Lee mentioned that the City’s budget was approved in February 2018 and City’s Children’s Services will report to Community Development and Recreation Committee (CDRC) on April 5, 2018.	report to Shaden and Cindy.
<p style="text-align: center;">2018 Meeting Dates: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Mondays April 16th - May 14th - June 18th</p>	