



MCMCT Meeting May 29th, 2017

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

CAT 7th Floor Room 7-2

Present: Ian E, Cindy H., Beverly D., Paola M., Vicky T., Linda S. , Sharma Q., David L., Tania R., Wail E.H., Julia P., Jahy V., Cindy Mc. Lovelle S.G., Shaden J.,

Regrets: Maria G., Jillian S., Suganthine S., Cherry Y., Alexandra A.,

Minute Taker: Shaden J.

Discussions	Decisions/Actions
<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy H. welcomed MCMCT members. • Members reviewed and approved April 24th, 2017 meeting minutes. • Cindy reflected with MCMCT members on April 24th session Vision and Mission Statements which were reviewed by members and mentioned that David Lee will discuss with members what’s going on provincially regarding the guidelines/regulations the province (MoE) developed to authorize recreational programs. • Cindy also mentioned that the Leadership Team suggested that Michael Polyani from CAST walks the members through the political environment and lay the ground for June session that will be facilitated by an expert who will help MCMCT identify key asks based on the political and provincial changes. 	
<p>Ministry of Education Authorized Recreation Programs: City of Toronto, Children’s Services as Service System Managers – David Lee:</p>	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Lee presented to MCMCT members the guidelines of Ministry of Education (MoE) on authorization of recreational programs. He mentioned that few changes came through the province leading to discussions at the City level on how to react to those changes. He said that Authorized Recreational and Skill Building Programs report will be presented to Community Recreational Committee at City Counsel on June 7th. • David talked about programs that may require a childcare license, others that may not and introduced a new category as authorized additional programs. He talked about the need to authorize recreational programs, kind of criteria, risks and opportunities and asked about the potential role that MCMCT could play. • He mentioned that the provincial government wants an overall role in some programs. The City is adapting to the changes and will see how the practice will go. He added that the guidelines are not to condemn programs and that authorized programs have to run 3 hours/day for only one period (either before or after school time), age 6+ years and that all programs run by municipality are recognized as authorized. Examples on such programs those of YMCA, BGC and Recreational programs by Ministry of Tourism and Sports. A lot of interpretations have to happen because programs are very diverse and different. There is no broad based criteria approach but mainly on case by case where the city sends description of the program and the Province reply. David pointed that shrinking the operation hours a day might make a program not under childcare. • Ian E. asked about nutrition programs definition and mentioned that the Ministry cares for in school programs and that legislation applies to Out of School Programs which might need a childcare license due to hours of operations and number of days. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members agreed to work with a specialized facilitator in Strategic Planning at MCMC meeting on June 19th 2017. • Shaden and Sharma to prepare parent leaders for deputations on June 7th. |
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- Paola spoke about the complications of having two different programs (recreation and licensed childcare) at one school and sometimes by the same service provider.
- Jahy (parent leader) highlighted the importance of giving service providers time to adapt to changes rather than shutting down programs in low income neighborhoods except when children’s health and safety is on the stake. She added that it is important to take into consideration the cost when implementation is at low income neighborhoods.
- David also spoke about episodic activities that have no threshold on how many hours operated. He mentioned that babysitting, day camps for 4+, care provided by relatives is not licensed childcare and that unlicensed childcare has to have not more than 5 children.
- He mentioned that MoE takes 6 factors into consideration when talking about childcare or recreation such as hours of operations and frequency/duration, ages of kids served, programing content (time dedicated to childcare and recreation), furnishing and type of facility and whether parents are willing to drive/drop their kids to programs (transportation)... He mentioned that some programs have to be modified either to be authorized recreational or childcare.
- He defined authorized recreational and skills building programs as those run for 3 hours, ages 6+ years for 1 period of the day such as programs run by School Boards, City Municipality and Sports funded programs by Ministry of Culture Sports and Tourism.
- David highlighted that the City could have the optional authority to authorize programs where lots of discussions and work have to be done to figure out implementation especially when there is no money attached to that and when the province gives the City “wishes to be” rather than clear guidelines.

- Cindy Mc. and Cindy H. talked about the challenge of establishing and monitoring the quality piece without knocking those programs down especially that the City doesn't know about what's happening outside the authorized ones. Ian mentioned that those programs will be limited and the City has to be friendlier to work with those programs because some are doing great jobs within their community while others are not being very positive.
- The members discussed MCMCT role in community consultations to alleviate the confusion and promote educational component because parents need to understand that childcare programs are way more expensive than recreational and the latter cannot take young children. They also requested City's leadership to protect families and ensure continuity of programs in communities.
- The group also pointed the challenge when there is no financial support attached to the guidelines, it is difficult to bridge the gap between recreational programs and guidelines in addition to the need for staff training and resources. They all spoke about the need for coordinated and planned services and that families need before and after school programs in addition to nutrition programs. Ian suggested forming partnerships between service providers to provide before and after school program.

Mapping the Political/social/economic child/family trends:

Laying the foundation for our strategic priorities and action plans for next two years – Michael Polyani:

- Michael presented that political landscape and where MCMCT would put its energy and education public campaign for the coming year. He spoke about the political context in terms of policy change and in relation to children 6-12 years old.
- Having a very clear ask “what is it that we want to change in

<p>policy” and highlighted the importance of research and thinking about strategy and strategic assumptions for example what’s that specific pressure to put on decision makers to make that change? Whether it is article, media, artists, community...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He also spoke about appropriate tactics and actions whether it is letter writing, meetings with ministers, research, grass root or organizations. He added tactics should be chosen to go with the ask. • He mentioned the importance of how we communicate and name our messages/issues (story, emotional ...) • Cindy Mc. Stated the challenge of identifying the clear ask with the diversity of MCMCT group. • Michael pointed 6 important points when defining the policy ask as Mission/Values where the ask has always to be related to values, research/evidence, political context as agenda of the government elections, compelling-ness and emotional impact to grab people, capacity (staff, funding, membership) and time frame to accomplish. • Michael pointed Provincial (Middle Years Framework, 2018 Budget, Party Election and platforms for the upcoming years, Throne Speech) and Municipal (Middle Years, Long term fiscal year plan, 2018 Budget, 2018 Elections) upcoming key decision points/opportunities for change. 	
<p>Month – in Review – Parents Matter Project (See attached):</p> <p>Learning Sessions/Sick Kids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaden updated MCMCT members that she received a draft copy of nutrition and physical literacy learning content from Sick Kids Hospital and she said that Leadership Team revised the content and provided their feedback. 	

- She also informed members that she will meet with Heather Johnson on June 12th to discuss the development of new learning content on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Website Development:

- Shaden mentioned that she conducted interviews to recruit the right fit for MCMCT website development project. She said that the interviewing committee chose Navicarta for the website task.

Training Manual Compilation:

- Shaden briefed members that she will be working with Diana Grimaldos from working Women Community Centre on learning content compilation.

Parent Symposium:

- Shaden attended STEM parent conference organized by Parents Advocating for Students' Success (PASS) on April 1st and mentioned that she has contacted PIAC members to form partnership with them for Nov. 15, 2017 parent conference. She added that they will get back to her after their meeting on June 1st, 2017.

Parent Leaders:

- Shaden spoke about parent leaders meetings to discuss year 2 activities, brain storm ways to enhance their involvement and develop personal action plans for summer activities.

Sector Update – Other:

- Paola C. Mentioned that the school boards and George Brown are in the planning phase for their annual conference which will include Kindergarten and before and after schools on October 14th, 2017 or the week after thanksgiving.
- Sharma informed members about Newcomer Youth Recreation Forum at City Hall on June 12th 2017 by Social Planning Toronto where different activities will take place as keynote speaker,



Henna, sports clinics and break dancing.	
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Next meeting June 19th , 2017 (Strategic Planning Training) – CAST- Room 7-2	
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