**MCMCT Meeting**

Monday, February 10, 2020 | 10 am – 11:30 am

Social Planning Toronto, 1001-2 Carlton St, Toronto, ON

**Present:** Lisa Shortall (Family Day), Sharma Queiser (Social Planning Toronto), Paola Collini (Toronto Catholic District School Board), Kerry Bowser (Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre /Boys and Girls Clubs of Toronto), Tania Riverol Diaz (parent leader), Jillian Sewall (YMCA), Cassandra Collins (TIRF), Nicole Thibideau (FP Canada), Lee Ford Jones, Lee Soda (Agincourt Community Services Association)

**Phone:** Nade Lekosky (Toronto District School Board) Eneyda Guerra (Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre), Jasmin DeMatos (North York Community Centre), Matt Hilder (City of Toronto)

**Regrets:** Hanna Dada (parent leader) Diana Grimaldos (Working Women Community Centre), Vanessa Chase (Regent Park School of Music), Linda Saad (Family Day)

1. **Welcome**

* Lisa Shortall welcomed the group and had everyone introduce themselves
* Lisa noted that our guest speaker Erica Lalonde from Peacebuilders had an unexpected emergency and sent her regrets
* Minutes and action items from previous meeting were reviewed

1. **Parents Matter Project**
   1. **New Manuals and Rack Cards**

* Members received copies of three most recent manuals - cognitive, social and emotional development - and watched the corresponding video: <https://youtu.be/4Ademd1m_qI>
* Members were reminded that all the videos and manuals are available on our website
* Members were also encouraged to take additional copies of the rack cards for distribution
  1. **Parent Workshops**
* Members who are interested in hosting a parent workshop are encouraged to contact Diana from the Leadership Team
* Eneyda/Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre has one set for March 2

1. **Presentation, Matt Hilder, City of Toronto, Children’s Services**

* Matt made a presentation to the group which was shared electronically following the meeting
* He updated everyone on the steps the City has taken to update their Middle Years Strategy to date. Key points included:
  + An advisory table was established and has met 6 times. Work to date has focused on documenting barriers and challenges and moving forward will include actions and broad goals
  + New strategy will include 4-5 year olds
  + The group discussed in length the challenges around recruiting and retaining staff (especially with the split shift)
  + Strategy will go to City Council in July or September
  + Matt also welcomed suggestions from the group around other opportunities for input for future forums

1. **Sector updates**

* All members provided verbal updates of their work and organizations
* Several members expressed challenges with rotating teacher strikes
* Lisa noted that the Leadership Team is accepting new members and welcomed members to consider the opportunity. Anyone interested should let one of the current leadership team members know (Lisa Shortall, Lee Soda, Sharma Queiser and Diana Grimaldos)

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* Sharma mentioned that SPT is going through a strategic planning process and has sent SPT members a survey to gather input. Sharma encouraged people to complete the survey if they received it.

**4. Check-in**

* Members were asked how the new location worked for them and everyone agreed the location is fine as long as it is on the subway
* Start time being 10 o’clock is the most important and helpful
* Next meeting date:
  + Monday, February 10 at Social Planning Toronto, 2 Carlton St, Suite 1001