**MCMCT All Members Meeting- Next Steps**

**April 28, 2014**

Present: Ian Edward, Sharma Queiser, Cindy Himelstein, Jillian Sewell, Venessa Chase, Vanessa, Diane Banks, Lee Ford Jones, Paola Collini, Cindy McCarthy, Shaida Attedia Kathy Droy, Lorraine McLeod, Lorna Weigand, Lesley Johnston, Lisa Shortall, Eneyda Guerra, Jennifer Drummund, Gila Raposos

Regrets; Lee Soda

Sharma presented the Survey results from Coalition members/enthusiasts- reviewed results- see attached

Ian presented the Coalitions narrowed focus areas:

* If we can focus attention on three pillars: **Civic Engagement, January 21st Middle Childhood Day, Training and Education**
* brainstorm session
* Advocacy, in the past has included one pagers, meetings, deputations, parent civic engagement
* January 21 event, educational event that involved children and brought out politicians, date declared Middle Childhood day in Toronto; I heart my out-of-school-time program campaign; both of these events might have to be reviewed in scope if we decide to repeat
* Training, example with SickKids residents and in partnership with Model Schools, conference on children’s mental health
* Over the last three years, sat on many networks, coalitions, etc.
* Dr. Lee Ford- Jones believes that MCMCT needs to stay in touch with the workshops at SickKids
* Loraine Mcleod – MCMCT name has become well-recognized network; City has posted job for policy development officer for middle childhood implementation plan
  + Will mostly likely get a grant to hire consultation to look at guidelines
  + Environmental scan looking at guidelines
  + Next year will be developing guidelines
* Group engaged in a discussion about working with the Ministry of Education and Toronto school boards – specifically about programs accessing space in schools and how it differs between the TDSB and TCDSB (permit vs. lease) – solution – change the agreement so the delegate could be a representative from the program
  + TDSB has said caretaker can’t be responsible for issues that arise
* Lee Ford Jones has suggested that MCMCT write a letter to the TDSB, and have Lee and the Resident doctor co-sign, Loraine will also mention it to GM and see about working on this too

Three group brainstorming sessions- each member went to the three focus areas for 10 minutes

**Civic Engagement:**

**Lorna Weigand, Lesley Johnston, Cindy McCarthy, Paola Collini, Jillian Sewell**

* + Pending elections identified as most important issues – continuing to update one-pagers
  + Meetings with municipal (and pending provincial) candidates
  + Letter writing re: TDSB
  + Setting up letter writing team
  + Partnering with Coalition for Coalition for Better Childcare for all candidates meeting
  + Concern around how does this Coalition endorse messages?

**January 21st event** :

**Lorna Weigand, Lisa Shortall ,Dr. Lee Ford Jones, Jennifer Drummond**

* + Inviting groups to partner with the Coalition on the event
  + Lee ford Jones will give list of names and contacts
  + Clear goal on why we’re having event- raise awareness and celebrate successes
  + Have workshops or presentations being done in different rooms to talk about benefits (this can help scale it back)

**Training and Education:**

**Eneyda Guerra, Diane Banks, Jennifer Drummond, Kathie Droy**

* + Good to have day and evening
  + Find out what in-kind staff and training resources we can access from various groups
  + Get a champion for middle childhood (**Arlene Perly-Rae** )
  + Strong need for developmental milestones
* Meeting dates and times
  + May 26
  + June 23
  + Summer will depend on what we have to do
  + CAST at 10:00 am works for everyone
  + Resuming in Sept, it will be third Monday of every month
* Leadership team needs help with social media and updating website
* Website will be renewed for three years
* Important for everyone to outreach and represent the Coalition
* MCMCT representative on the Child and Family Network – next meeting will be May 5 (Cindy and Cindy will be there but not specifically represent MCMCT)