**MCMCT Meeting January 23rd , 2017**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**CAT 7th Floor Room 7-2**

**Present:** Cindy H., Cindy Mc., Beverly D., Paola M., Maria G., Diane B., Lisa .S, Lovelle SG., Shaila K., Shaden J., Diana G., Eneyda G., Dr. Lee F.

**Regrets:** Anna Maria P., Ian E., Jillian S., Linda S., Zulekha N.M.,

**Minute Taker**: Shaden J.

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| **Discussions** | **Decisions/Actions** |
| **Welcome:*** Cindy H. welcomed MCMC members and asked each one to introduce him/herself (name, organization and position) to the new participants attending the meeting.
* Members reviewed and approved Dec. 19th, 2016 meeting minutes.
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| **MCMCT Terms of Reference – Leadership Team:*** Cindy H. spoke about the development of the Leadership Team Steering Committee for the first OTF grant. The leadership Team supports the whole Coalition.

She thanked Eneyda G. for her commitment and dedication and announced that there is a vacancy within the leadership team since Eneyda stepped down. Cindy asked if anyone on the Coalition is interested to be on the Leadership Team. | * Shaden to approach an MCMC member who might be interested in joining the leadership team.
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| **2017 City Budget Update:*** Cindy and Shaden updated the members about the deputation held by two parent leaders on “Childcare” and “Transportation”. Cindy mentioned that the parents were trained by Social Planning Toronto (SPT) .
* Susan Kwong from SPT read the 2 parent deputations at the Budget Committee.
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| **Public Education Campaign – Taking Actions:*** Members highlighted the importance of refreshing the Coalition’s advocacy role and discussed potential key messages for middle childhood campaign such as asking the city to assign a full time staff for middle childhood.
* Beverly stated the need for affordable after school programs and mentioned that the money for those programs hasn’t improved especially that schools are expanding their own programs while institutes’ programs costs are high and families can’t fill those programs without subsidies.
* Few members mentioned they get funds from Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports however they stated that there is commitment for September 2017 and it is not clear how the funds look like.

**Developing Key Messages/Outreach to Politicians/Senior Policy Advisors (See attached):*** Cindy asked the group to divide into 3 sub groups to discuss and develop key concerns and messages for the Public education Campaign.

She explained that members have to think of their asks for the top three areas of concerns related to out of school time programs for children 6-12 and their families for them personally and for their organizations. |  |
| **Training Opportunities:*** Cindy informed members about training opportunities within Parents Matter Project.
1. She recommended Annahid Dashtgard as a trainer for “Facilitation Skills/Anti Oppression” on Feb. 27th, 2017 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
2. She also proposed Trish Hennessy from Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives to train members and parents on framing our Messages on March 20th, 2017.

Members showed interest in the topics and agreed to book that dates for the above mentioned trainings. | * Shaden to contact parent leaders and invite them to join the training opportunities.
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| **OTF Parents Matter Project:*** Shaden updated members on project evaluation implemented by CWI on 3 levels, parents, parent leaders and MCMC members.

She mentioned that CWI will be conducting focus groups, phone interviews and SWOT analysis to evaluate how learning sessions and the parent council model worked. |  |
| **Sector Uodate/Other:*** Diana G. shared with the members LatinX parent event on Feb. 21st, 2017 about “Learning How to Navigate the Education System” at Bloor and Bathurst in English/Spanish languages.
 | * Shaden to circulate the Flyer of Latin X parent event among MCMC members.
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| **Next meeting Feb. 27th & March 20th, 2017 – CAST- Room 7-2** |