**MCMCT Meeting Minutes**

**April 18, 2016**

**CAST Room 7-2**

**10:00-12:00**

Present: Cindy Himelstein, Shedan Jebahi, Cindy McCarthy, Linda Saad, Zulekha Noormohamed, Anna Polla, Beverly Ann D’Souza, Ian Edward, Diane Banks, Sharma Queiser, Lisa Shortall, Paola Collini-Martins, Lovelle San Gabriel, Shaida Addetia

Regrets: Lee Soda, Dr. Lee Ford Jones, Jillian Sewell, Eneyda Guerra

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **Welcome** | Minutes of March 21st, 2016Minute Taker- Sharma Queiser |  |
| **Shaden’s update** | Month-in-Review Shaden has now been with the Coalition for a month. She has done and continues to do a lot reading to understand the sector and related policies. She prepared a high level workplan which she presented to the Leadership Team. She will prepare another more detailed workplan (either for 3months or 6 months) once her field visits are complete. She has made three field visits to: Family Day Care, Model Schools (Zulekha) and Social Planning Toronto. These have been very exciting and helpful.  | Shaden will continue to visit Coalition members between April- May 2106 |
| **TDSB Parent Conference****April 16th 2016** | Shaden and Sharma attended the TDSB Parent Conference on behalf of MCMCT. It was a good opportunity for MCMCT to network with other agencies, as well as parents. Over 1200 parents registered; between 1000-1100 were present. 60 parents provided feedback on learning session topics, probably spoke to 20 more. MCMCT entered survey participants in a raffle for $50 gift card.Some of the other vendors included Sick Kids, Public Health, Kids have Stress Too, Working Women Community Centre, North York Community House, Let’s Get Together | Lisa Robinson and Shaden will correlate the 100 parent survey responses and present the findings at the next Coalition meeting |
| **OTF Evaluation** | Cindy updated the group on the discussions MCMCT has been having with Trillium in terms of conducting evaluations throughout the project. MCMCT needs to do pre and post surveys with parents at every opportunity. Leadership Team sent Trillium email with concerns regarding data collection tool (age appropriateness, language, context, cultural appropriateness). The group discussed the learning session outline and framework and Cindy immediately incorporated changes. It was agreed that Family Assets would be our objectives for all learning sessions. Also important to include something like “Community, youth and communities benefit from strong families.”In conversations with OTF, it has become clear that each workshop needs to be related to the social and emotional wellbeing of the child. This is something that needs to be conveyed to those developing and executing the workshops. | The attached document was send to our OTF Project Manager on April 20th 2016[H:\Data\MswData\Middle Childhood Coalition\OTF 2016 to 2018\OTF - MCMCT Parent Learning Sessions Framework April 2016.pdf](file:///H%3A%5CData%5CMswData%5CMiddle%20Childhood%20Coalition%5COTF%202016%20to%202018%5COTF%20-%20MCMCT%20Parent%20Learning%20Sessions%20Framework%20April%202016.pdf)Leadership Team to meet with OTF representatives to further discuss our grant on May 11th 2016 |
| **Brainstorming Sessions** | Parent Event Year 1:* Discussed focusing on east and west parts of the city (Model School areas)
* Potential speakers: Stuart Shanker; Jennifer Kolari; doctors were suggested but members were concerned they might be too clinical for parents
* Topic/theme: Resiliency
* Day: Saturday; presentation in the morning, breakouts in the afternoon
* Exploring November 5 or 12 (these dates make sense considering TDSB event schedule)
* Aiming to have 50 parents attend
* Potential venues: CAS, North York Centre Library, BMO Financial Group Institute for Learning

Social Media/Website:* Parents and service providers identified as two main audiences; coalition as a third audience
* Login portal for Coalition Members
* Service Providers and parents – what do we want them to know and what do we want them to know
* Discussion on how we can have our website revenue generating (donations, copyright on materials)
* connectABILITY.ca was suggested as a good website to look at
 | Shaida offered to find out costs of the venue where her organization held their strategic planning sessions- The Ismaili Centre located at Don Mills and EglintonThese two working groups will continue to be added to the agenda |
| **Coalition Members** | No updates were provided |  |
| **Next Meeting** | **Monday, May 16th, 2016; 7th floor; Room 7-2** |  |