

	Date:	April 2, 2009
	Time:	10:00am
	Location:	NWHU
	Chair:	Debbie Cousineau
	Recorder:	Carolyn Skirten
Type of meeting:	Rainy River District Best Start Network	
Participants:	Debbie Cousineau, Ann Anderson, Anne-Marie Armstrong, Mildred Beck, Judith Lindholm, Kim Anderson, Nicole Cheetham, Carolyn Skirten Tammy Faykes, Leanne Mineault	
Regrets:		
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1. WELCOME

Introductions were made.

The logos need to be changed to the newest ones

2. OUR VISION

Ann Anderson read the Vision

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES -- February 5, 2009

Anne-Marie Armstrong will be the rep from the Coming Together for Kids Coalition
Mildred Beck is getting the Banner from Leanne Mineault. Mildred already has the decals.

The minutes were accepted with these changes.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

(a) Update of Actions from February 5, 2009 meeting

- 1) The Chairs will put a call out for agenda items and develop the agenda as well as order the lunches (billed to the DSSAB) based on the number of confirmed attendees. The recorder completes the minutes and sends them out to all network members.
- 2) Summer celebration survey: Ann developed and emailed to Leanne. Leanne share with her Data Analysis consultants and they felt they didn't need to develop a data base but could compile the data and use check boxes. Leanne will send the developed survey to Ann in Word electronically. Ann will send the survey to all Network members to provide to their people. Network members will collect the information for their service and forward to Chris Maltais. Results to be ready for the next meeting June 4, 2009.
- 3) ECE/K teacher exchange program. Kim Anderson developed the flyer and Donna Cutler made it into brochure format. The Best Start Logo needs to be updated on it. Kim will email out the new one with the correct logo. Once approved by the

Network, each network member is responsible for printing their own brochures and getting them to their workers.

- 4) Transition Plan. Ann Anderson has distributed the Transition Plan to all network members to present to their agencies/service providers. Let Ann know dates when you will be doing the presentation of the transition plan. Ann mentioned that this plan could be used for any transitions. There was discussion on a hierarchy of who should fill it out. Debbie will draft one and email it out to Network members.

(b) Committee Reports:

Communication Committee: Leanne Mineault

A sub-committee face to face meeting will take place in Dryden April 8, 2009. Shannon will be facilitating the meeting and Leanne will share information at the next Network meeting

Debbie sent an email to all Network members asking for information on who you represent. This if for the Partner Decals. She will send a reminder email.

Recruiting Partners: Ann Anderson

Only item left to address is Training on the School's Cool. Could Best Start as a Network train members or could we look at this as a training. \$395.00/person for 3 day training. Once certified get re-certified every two years \$125.00. Ann will add this as a question on the Survey as well as is there a specific program you would like the RRBSN to sponsor in the R.R. District. Eg) Mother Goose, **Action:** Ann will investigate the total cost and the ideal number for the training. This would not be part of Summer Celebration .

Ann Ainsworth: Mother Goose Training is being provided May 4, 5, 6. A question arose if the network should be supporting this type of initiative. Notice for this training was sent to child care centres (municipal & First Nation), Best Start Hubs, some schools and North Words. It was also posted on the NWHU & CDC websites. Leanne will share notices with Network members for future training opportunities as well. Interest was also expressed to receive the Early Learning & Child Care Connection quarterly newsletter developed by Wanda Gordon and Anne Ainsworth. Plus the Family Activity Calendar/Tip Sheets distributed to schools to send home with JK and SK students developed by Anne Ainsworth and Chris Maltais.

Action Leanne will send future training notices, EL & CCC Newsletter and Family Activity Calendar/Tip Sheets to all Network members.

Professional Development on Best Start Web site.

Action: Debbie will bring up at communication meeting.

(c) Financial Update

Mildred reviewed the 2008 budget. The 2009 budget is \$20,900.00

Action: Budget Plan on June Agenda

Action: Website: Mildred will look into costs and take to the communication committee.

(d) Ministry Update (Sandra Russell) ---No Report

(e) Coalition Updates/Reports

First Generation Coalition: Tammy Faykes Atikokan

Safety and healthy Lifestyle group. Gardening, partnering with library Best Start Hub, Mother Goose, and Alphabet soup program.

CTKC: Anne Marie Armstrong Fort Frances. Working on transportation issue.

Food Box committee is partnership between Health Access Center, Valley

Diabetes, Health Unit, sunset Country Metis. Food Boxes 600-650/month.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Network Membership/Committee Membership – Mildred Beck

Kim sent out a membership list to all members asking who were voting members and what network subcommittees they were on. We reviewed the list and Mildred updated it at the meeting.

Action: Carolyn Skirten will contact Lauris Werenko to see if Weechi-it-te-win is going to have a rep on the Best Start Network.

(b) 2008/2009 Best Start HUB Capital dollars/invoices – Mildred Beck

Mildred sent out letters, we have the invoices and all is accounted for.

(c) HUB Update – Leanne Mineault

Aboriginal HUB opening was held March 13, 2009. Judith Lindholm reported that the Times didn't get the Press Release in on time. DSSAB Children's Services attended the opening (Mildred & Cheryl) as well as Jack McMaster. It was very nice.

HUB Coordinators are having a face to face meeting April 30, May 1, 2009. They will be working on their HUB development workplan for the year ahead. They have an official Service Description form the Ministry. Some changes are that HUBS cannot provide informal Child Care. Also, there are talks about having a Universal Screening in the description. Kenora Best Start is looking at having a sub-committee to look at this and was wondering if Rainy River wants to do the same. Kenora meets again May 20th. Rainy River meets June 4th. There was some discussion and it was decided that Kenora will meet as a sub-committee and Rainy River will do the same. Down the road they may decide to get together.

(d) Understanding the Early Years North report – Leanne Mineault

Leanne thanked the Network for Funding. The presenter was a favorite. Data was introduced to Communities with 90 people attending. Leanne will provide the Co-chairs with a summary of the evaluation forms completed by participants.

Action: Bill & Chris will attend the June 4th meeting to present on the Early Years Data and look at what do we do next? No more than an hour. Ann Anderson mentioned

that she gave Bill Reynolds name to Heather Campbell regarding data analysis and a partnership with RRDSB.

(e) RRDSAB Website – Mildred Beck

Reviewed the categories and information currently on this Website. The Network is going to look at having a Best Start Website at the June meeting.

(f) Partnership Dollars – Kim Anderson NWDCSB

There are Student Support Leadership Dollars available, talked about making a Best Start Video. The money has been there since Feb 2008 \$18,000.00 to be spent. There will also be two High Needs students in this school board next year.

Other – Ann Anderson: Ann discussed a resource for school based speech. A toolkit for reading and writing, a tool kit for early childhood educators. **Language and Literacy from Birth for Life.** Ann shared a copy with network members and to find it on the website crrnet.ca Prints out in PDF

Other – Mildred Beck: Mildred gave an update on the 6th and Webster Outreach Project. It is looking good, hoping to start in May. Mildred submitted a proposal on behalf of the Partners. She heard verbally that the committee approved the application to move forward but nothing in writing yet. Once we get the lease in place, we will get together to review the partnership agreement. Daycare will be the lead agency.

Next meeting date – June 4th 10:00am – 3:00pm NWHU. Bill and Chris will be first on the agenda.