

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Education Sub-Council

Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 3:00 – 5:00

Location: Kinsmen Recreation Centre, 20 Granville St, Rm. 3a

Present: Jean-Pierre Cantin , Raja Al-Abed, Sheila Carson, Mureed Shahid, , Susanne Quan, Jolene Rinker, Janet Pinder, Muriel Abbott, Tamara Kaattari, Kate Kennedy, Candace Miller, Cynthia Konnerth , Becky Howse, Mo Jeng, Farahnaz Faez and Huda Hussein.

Regrets: Kim Godin, Nancy Pollard, Denise Taylor-Edwards, Helen Patterson, Sonia Muhimpundu

Welcome & Introductions

Jean Pierre thanked the committee for their immense contributions in the area of education. He also noted that today is a celebration of the work accomplished thus far and thanked the group for their continued commitment and contributions. The group was updated on the status of the Draft Strategic Plan for London and Middlesex.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of April 21 was reviewed and approved.

Debrief:

May 26 Community Strategy Meeting:

The chair requested everyone's feedback on the day. Few thought not much information was given on the sub-councils and that the information on the slides was presented without much elaboration and some thought that a lot of information was given that day. The majority responded that the day went well and the information presented was well paced and efficient.

Community Feedback:

The group reviewed the feedback on the education sector. In response to the comment to engage the francophone school board, Jean-Pierre stated that he personally invited the board and did not receive response to his invitations. He promised to keep trying.

It was noted that the LMLIP is recognized among all the LIPs in Ontario as having successfully engaged the francophone services in the region. Seven francophone agencies sit on the LMLIP Council and thanks go to Jean-Pierre for these connections.

It was also noted that if templates were shared with the community, the community would have seen that most of their suggestions are captured as the sub-council's strategies.

Role of Sub-council

Jean-Pierre went through the email sent by project staff outlining the roles of the sub-council in the implementation phase. He also clarified the minor change in terms of the "chair and co-chair" which has been changed in the Terms of Reference to read as "chair and vice-chair". It was also indicated that meetings will not be as intensive as it was in the phase one; meeting will be 3-4 times a year.

It was noted that an officer from the Education Ministry needs to be invited to sit on this sub-council to be involved and see the need of the community. It was noted that all school boards in Ontario must have a policy on equity and inclusion by the end of this year (?). To achieve the goals of equity and inclusion, as well, an officer from the ministry needs to be invited.

ACTION: Becky Howse will send contact person's name to project staff and sub-council will invite that individual to our fall meeting. Chair will follow up on that as soon as Becky sends the name of the person to be invited.

Few questions were raised on processes. If a proposal is out, how we can go about it, do we come here to discuss it and then coordinate who does what or take it to the Central Council. The group was directed to the Terms of Reference and the Intent of the LMLIP Council. The group also noted that coordination among service providers and other sub-councils is crucial to move forward.

ACTION: Literacy Partnerships Module to be reviewed for future projects

Other

Jean-Pierre checked with the group for ideas to discuss in the fall meeting: for our next meeting:

- Members will share information on their submitted proposals to Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)
- Review of the submitted Strategic Plan
- Where we see our fit within our priorities and where we are focused on our priority
- Share information on services sitting around the table

ACTION: One or two service providers or organizations will present its services at each subsequent meeting. (5min)

Next Steps

Jean-Pierre reiterated that the group's work will continue in phase two of the LMLIP and that a meeting will be scheduled for the fall. As he thanked the group, Jean-Pierre requested commitment in attendance and participation.

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