



## Meeting Minutes - Meeting 9

### Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee - Kenora Rainy River District

February 1, 2021

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

**Present :** Sherry Fournier, CCR (Chair)  
April Szpara, Parent  
Fallon Cody, Parent  
Barb Stainke, Parent  
Sheelagh Reid, KACL  
Joel Willet, FIREFLY  
Suzanne Morris, grandparent, NWHU  
Sarah Pyzer, KCDSB  
Nathalie Poitras (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Christie Nerino, TNCDSB  
Karly Janisse, SLFNHA

**Guest:** Caroline Auclair

Item	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm central time by April Szpara.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda – February 1, 2021 and approval of Minutes for January 11, 2021</b>
	The Agenda was approved by all members present as well as the minutes dated January 11, 2021.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Updates - CCR</b>
	In the Fall, the four chairs from the Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committees requested a meeting with Minister Todd Smith. Today, February 1 <sup>st</sup> the Chairs met with Minister Smith to discuss the unique needs of the North and seek his support to continue funding this initiative. April provided an overview of the discussion that occurred during the meeting with Minister Smith. A summary of the content of the meeting will be shared with the committee via email.

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<b>4.0</b>	<b>Progress Updates – District and Regional Goals</b>
	<p><b><u>District goal</u></b></p> <p>Joel provided an update with her guest Caroline Auclair. Caroline is approaching colleges for recruitment. Student awareness is the focus, to potentially be part of their curriculum in upcoming years. A presentation will be created to provide further information for the far North and this will be shared with the committee members; this presentation will also be accessible to the committees’ partners/connections.</p> <p><b><u>Respite :</u></b></p> <p>FIRELFY is creating a page to share information about training opportunities. eg. Red Cross, WHMIS training is also in the scope.</p> <p>Respite kits are still being created. Developing a community profiles that outlines resources and activities available in the different communities. Members are welcomed to suggest activities for the different age group.</p> <p>Current respite workers working with families at this table are welcomed to get involved in a short video making to inform the public of their role.</p> <p>Graduating classes or career fairs will also be explored as potential recruitment opportunities. Sarah Pyzer offered to provide Joel with a contact name for KCDSB.</p> <p><b><u>Regional goals :</u></b> No updates at this time however the work continues. Details will be provided in the next monthly Data Summary and Progress Report.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
	<p>CCR continues to wait for confirmation from MCCSS regarding the funding for next year. If the allocations are provided soon we will proceed with the plan to begin the work immediately to maximize the remaining funding from this year as well. A special meeting may be required as March is approaching quickly.</p> <p>A brief discussion regarding the role of parent mentors and the importance of compensation for participating in this work took place. We will continue to explore this request and work together to figure out the best strategy for implementation.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 central time
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Committee Action Items</b>
	<p><b>Members are asked to provide the following by the next meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>; please send your comments to <a href="mailto:npoitras@ccrconnect.ca">npoitras@ccrconnect.ca</a> :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback, amendments for minutes</li> <li>• Any feedback or tasks to be submitted</li> </ul>