

Exploring Early Years Emergent Practice Network Meeting

Tuesday February 19, 2013

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Highlights

- Exploring the EduGAINS Website
- Training Opportunities and Needs

Information, Ideas and Tips Shared

Information Sharing on Ministry Memoranda

- Program Advisor's written report – no new news from Ministry
- Niagara Region- Children's Services- Rosemary Martin
 - Children's Services will be holding community consultations with regard to school board retrofits
 - New funding formula
 - Modernization strategies
 - Discussed the changes in positions, Darlene Edgar now Director of Children's Services. Job postings up externally to be filled in March

Emergent Practices Discussion

Struggles

- Discussions around needing to see some centres in practice to have a better understanding of emergent practice and flow in action
- Some staff embracing emergent practices while others struggling to implement
- Discussions about what creative art experiences look like in play based environments

Successes

- ECCDC offering professional development opportunity with site tours
- Highlighted the Reflective Teaching Institute
- More discussions happening regarding emergent practices

Implementation Strategies

- Interactions, environments, planning, and observing and documenting were discussed as key elements in emergent practice
- PowerPoint of sample pictures taken at Niagara's Early Learning sites
- Ontario's EduGAINS website highlighted
- ECCDC Resources and support services were highlighted

Emergent training opportunities

- At future network meetings participants would like more opportunities to share cost effective or free resources such as other websites like EduGAINS, videos, etc.
- Participants recommended ideas for future professional development including authentic interactions and what they look and sound like, cost effective implementation strategies and suggestions for first steps in embracing emergent practices and philosophy

ECCDC Resource Display

- Books highlighted were *Inspiring Spaces for Young Children*, *Designs for Living and Learning*, *Emergent Curriculum in Early Childhood Settings*, *Reflecting Children's Lives* and *Learning Together with Young Children*.

Next Meeting date: Tuesday April 30, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, ECCDC-Niagara Room