London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership

Agenda

LMLIP Education Sub-council Date and Time: March 19, 2013 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Location:
Kinsmen Room 2, 20 Granville Street

Item Description

1. Chair’s Opening Remarks
2. Adoption of January 15, 2013 Minutes
3. Additions to Agenda
4. Reports and Actions from Previous Business
   a. LMLIP Central Council Update
   b. LMLIP Work Groups Update
      i. Support for Students-
      ii. Support for Teachers-
      iii. Support for Parents-
   c. LMLIP Employment & Education Sub-Council Collaboration Update (Sheila)
5. Ongoing Discussion for 2013-2014 Prioritization
6. New Business
   a. March 27 Community Event (Staffing booth; FYI on handouts)
7. Chairperson’s Closing Summary and Review of Action Items
8. Adjourn
9. Upcoming Meetings, Location and Date: Please note all meetings will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Location TBD)
   - April 9, 2013
   - June 11, 2013
   - September 10, 2013
   - November 12, 2013
   - January 14, 2014
   - March 4, 2014 (to avoid March break)

Please be reminded to bring printed copies of the following:

- March 19 2013 Agenda
- January 15, 2013 minutes
- Year 4 Implementation Plan
- Pages 19-21 of the LMLIP Community Immigrant Strategic Plan (2010)
- Education Sub-council Priority Setting Template
London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership

Funded by: Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Financé par: Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada

Co-led by: United Way London & Middlesex
Change starts here.

London Canada
Minutes

**LMLIP Education Sub-council**

**Meeting Location:**
Room 2, Kinsmen Recreation Centre
20 Granville Street

**Date and Time:**
March 19, 2013, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Present:**
Muriel Abbott, Sheila Carson, Becky Howse, Huda Hussein, Mo Jeng, Kate Kennedy, Emily Low, Kathy Milczarek, Phillipa Myers, Lissette Ochoa, Helen Patterson, Janet Pinder, Susanne Quan, Ria Urbi, Gebre Woldemicael, Esra Ari

**Regrets:**
Dana Bekri, Jo-elle Rinker, Denise Taylor-Edwards

**Absent:**
Imtiaz Shah, Mureed Shahid, Jennifer Smith, Mahin Ghasemiyani

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item Description</th>
<th>Information, Update, Action, Lead and Due Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Chair’s Opening Remarks:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Muriel welcomed everyone to the meeting. Muriel encouraged everyone to attend the Graduate Student Symposium of the Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations. Esra is on the panel for Education &amp; Ethnicity.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Adoption of November 13, 2012 Minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motion to approve the January 15, 2013 Minutes as circulated was moved by Becky, seconded by Janet and approved.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Additions to Agenda</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motion to adopt the March 19, 2013 agenda was moved by Becky, seconded by Kate and approved.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Reports and Actions from Previous Business</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a. LMLIP Central Council Update</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Muriel shared some highlights from the February 25, 2013 Central Council meeting:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Council is preparing and looking forward to the March 27 LMLIP Community Event. There will be displays for each Sub-council profiling members and sample projects. There is also a video that is being</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
developed by Western film students about LMLIP.

- Communications Strategy is moving forward and group recently met with Rogers TV to explore options in working together for some programming opportunities. Huda noted that the group will be looking into Sub-councils for content.

- Rose Ricci is the new Citizenship and Immigration Officer in the Central Council

b. Reports from Work Groups

i. Support for Students

Kathy reported that the group met twice to brainstorm and discuss. Based on the available information, it was agreed that there is a strong need for homework help. They have been discussing ways how to support students and planning to involve SWIS workers and peer leaders to gather ideas from the students. Group is looking at partners to involve and in the process of developing a plan. A modern approach is also being considered (i.e. social media) to address the need.

Becky informed that there is a Learning Opportunities Grant from the Ministry of Education where projects for homework help with a literacy and numeracy focus are being funded. Becky suggested to move forward in the planning and checking the grant for funding opportunity.

Susanne noted that the schools must also be involved. Lissette suggested partnering with Family Centres. Sub-council agreed that there is a strong need for homework help and a survey would be able to identify the needs and gaps further. Group was also encouraged to investigate existing models to inform the planning (i.e. buddy system) and keep connected with community networks (i.e. Child and Youth Network).

ii. Support for Teachers

Phil informed that there is no update from the group. Huda noted that staff has been responding to queries from other LIPs regarding the endorsement letter.

Becky will send information to Kathy.

Lissette will send relevant links to Kathy.

Lissette will join the work group.

Janet will check if this item can be included in the next CYN meeting (youth initiative).

Group will plan for next steps.
iii. Support for Parents

Kate reported that the group has completed the review of the resource binder and workshop. Muriel, Kathy, Phil and Mayssa also presented at the Parent Leadership Conference on March 23rd at Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre. It was well-received by the parents and the resource was regarded by many as a valuable tool.

Group will also be presenting at the Ontario Federation of Home &Schools Association Conference on April 27th in Hamilton.

Becky noted that the group’s work is a good model to use in engaging First Nations parents as well and will be connecting with Denise to explore the opportunity.

c. LMLIP Employment & Education Sub-council Collaboration Update

Sheila noted that there is no further update from the collaboration since the October 2012 meeting. Sheila will connect with Robert Collins of London Economic Development Corporation for the Labour Market Information Knowledge System (LMIKS). Group will discuss how the information affects the education stream.

Will include in the Year 4 Implementation Plan.

5. Initial Discussion for 2013-2014 Prioritization

Accessibility & Eligibility Work Group

- Members from the Community Partnership Committee will keep the group updated with regards to funding and programming changes and impact on students.

- Group will seek partnerships and collaborations with agencies having similar mandates to respond to policy changes (i.e. connecting with Canadian Hearing Society to serve hearing impaired newcomers who need ESL training)

- Members: Helen, Mo, Jo-elle, Sheila, Becky

Support to Parents

- Continue with evaluation to get more data for further analysis. Also, to repeat workshops/revisit schools where workshops were already held and see how they have adopted elements from the workshops.

- Continue to reach out to London District Catholic School Board and Francophone School Boards (translate resource binder). Group will need to discuss how to deliver the workshops in French.

- Group to decide how to distribute the resource noting that the human experience in delivering the workshop is important.

- Invite newcomers from parent councils to provide perspective to the work group and make connections to newcomers as part of the delivery

Becky will join the work group.
CPC update to be provided at next meeting.

Emily will join the work group and act as a linguistic consultant for French.
process
- Group has some financial resources from the past year and will discuss on which resources to use it for
- Members: Kate, Kathy, Mahin, Michelle (currently represented by Mayssa), Denise, Arlene (parent representative), Phil, Janet, Muriel and Emily

Support for Students
- Work will continue as Kathy noted in her report.
- Members: Esra, Lissette, Kathy, Denise, Marcela, Mayssa, Jennifer

Support for Teachers
- Group will explore developing a resource that is sensitive to what works for the teachers and what they need. Denise will provide information on what already exists at Thames Valley District School Board and what else can be done. This will inform the development of the work plan.
- Members: Susanne, Phil, Dana, Muriel and Emily

LMLIP Employment & Education Sub-council Collaboration
- Explore how the LMIKS data can be used to benefit the community from the education perspective
- Will develop a work plan
- Members: Gebre, Lissette, Sheila, Emily

6. New Business
LMLIP Education Sub-council Booth Staffing on March 27
9:15 am – Kate, Susanne; 11:00 am – Emily, Phil; 12; 12:15 pm – Jo-elle and Kate; 12:30 – 12:45 – Helen and Muriel; 12:45 – 1:00 – Helen and Muriel; 1:00 – 1:15 – Mo and Janet

The following volunteered to be note-takers: Kate, Phil, Emily and Janet.

7. Chairperson’s Closing Summary and Review of Action Items
Muriel thanked everyone for their contributions.

8. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

9. Next Meeting Location and Date
London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership

April 9, 2013, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Location: Kinsmen Room #4