



Pandemic Working Group (PWG)

Location: Zoom
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021
Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Agenda & Notes

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Emergency Child Care (ECC)	ECC is still running and the intent is that it will operate until the end of the school year, or the return to in-person learning, whichever comes first.
Child Welfare	Still no request for foster care for children with parents who are ill.
Education	<p>Trauma Informed Work with Barbara Ward, Mental Health Lead at WRDSB > With the influx of Syrian refugees, began to be more open to Trauma Informed practices and how resources can be shared and implemented. Created 5 Principles of Trauma Informed practices: Establish Connection; Be Predictable; Be Flexible; Delight in your Students; Co-Regulate. Also created a modules training on Trauma Informed classroom practices. Feedback so far been positive and that the training is accessible. Providing trauma informed resources is instrumental for welcoming students back to in-person learning. In future, will continue to focus on how they can support teachers to implement trauma informed work.</p> <p>Question raised on how the 5 Principles were established. Answer given that they were rooted in research, but were developed collectively by educators.</p> <p>The 5 Principles of Trauma Informed Work infographic can be accessed here, and organizations collaborating with WRDSB are encouraged to familiarize themselves with it and continue to use the same language in working with students.</p> <p>Noted that post-pandemic, it may be time to create a common, community-wide Trauma Informed Work resource, and that perhaps there is additional alignment with the Brain Story work also happening in the community. Will continue this conversation at a future meeting.</p> <p>WRDSB > Continue to finalize summer work. Have had almost 4x more students register for summer programming. Survey to choose remote or in-person learning come September extended to June 2nd, with more choosing</p>



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	<p>in-person learning. No indication on whether students will return to in-person learning before end of current school year.</p> <p>WCDSB > Summer and fall planning continuing. Have opened a second survey re: choosing in-person or remote learning come September, with most students choosing in-person. The Region of Waterloo, WCDSB & WRDSB are working together to provide mental health resources for students during the post vaccine waiting period at the focused vaccine clinics in June 2021 for youth between ages 12 and 17. Following consultation with our community partners and support from CYPSC, we have recommended the Be Well Bookmark as the key resource shared with youth either as is and/or with some minor modifications.</p>
Vaccination Roll Out	<p>Pre-registration has opened up for 18+, with a caveat that it may take time to get an appointment. Pfizer vaccine has been approved for youth aged 12 to 17 and are a current priority group, with the goal of getting all youth their second dose before the start of the school year in the September.</p> <p>In answer to a question about children in foster care and children not connected to schools can be given vaccine information, answer given that there are numerous avenues of vaccination including neighbourhood mobile clinics to help extend reach.</p> <p>Question raised if youth aged 12 to 17 are a priority group all across Ontario, answer given that yes, but the approaches may differ.</p>
Summer Programming	<p>Across organizations, planning for virtual programming, pop-ups, and full day camps.</p> <p>Noted that plans for summer programming changing frequently, with many asks being made to community partners for spaces, access to washrooms, etc.</p> <p>Reminder given that if there are availabilities for summer programming, to reach out to Monika so it can be updated to Family Compass.</p>
Member Updates/ Other	<p>New Member: Grace Bermingham; Director for Child, Family and Dental Health with Public Health – replacing Andrea Reist, who is retiring as of June 4th. Grace has been with Public Health for a number of years, most recently having worked with a focus on Harm Reduction.</p>
Next Steps	<p>Next meeting: June 10th, 12pm to 1pm</p>



Future Agenda Items

- Health and wellness of the workforce
- Supports needed for children/youth/families during pandemic recovery
- Development of community-wide Trauma Informed Work resource, with possible alignment with Brain Story work.