**RMCCT Minutes
November 18, 2020**

**Susan Foster
Presentation on the Early Development Instrument – EDI**

What is the EDI?

The EDI is a 103-item questionnaire completed by kindergarten teachers in the second half of the school year (February) that measures children’s ability to meet age-appropriate developmental expectations in five general domains and three subcategories.

* **Physical Health and Well-Being**
Sample EDI question: Would you say that this child is well coordinated (movies without running into things or tripping over things
* **Social Competence**
Sample EDI question: Would you say that this child is able to follow one-step instructions
* **Emotional Maturity**Sample EDI question: Would you say that this child comforts a child who is crying or upset
* **Language and Cognitive Development**
Sample EDI question: Would you say that this child is able to read simple words
* **Communication Skills and General Knowledge**
Sample EDI question: How would you rate this child’s ability to tell a story

Our community show 31% of children are vulnerable which means 313 children.

All completed a poll to see what area we think is the worst domain – answer – emotional maturity.

All completed a poll to see what are we think is the best domain – answer- language and cognitive development.

Went through maps of the community to see where we are vulnerable.

Questions we need to think about:

* What new questions emerge for you based on results in our community?
* What concrete actions can we take to address priority areas?
* Who else do we need to engage?

**Future Meeting**January 20, 2021 RMCCT
February MDI

**Round Table**

**Melanie:** We may not get the funds for ready set learn - kindergarten orientation. “Thriving in Kindergarten” via zoom monthly to cover different topics related to kindergarten to help parents support their child.

**Christina:** spaces available in Great Dads Group; children 0-6. Currently meeting via phone.

**Glenda – Fraser River Indigenous Society:** Newsletter postponed until mid January.

**Helen Rex:** two groups running virtually and one in person

**Kerry Lawson:** Supporting families via zoom

**Nikki Nevison:** Program will start up next week via zoom or *maybe* in person

**Liza Morris:** please share story time with clients; will be using zoom in the New Year. Family Literacy Day will be the last Saturday in January; won’t be in person, virtual this year

**Wendy Blaine:** Most things offered virtually, song and rhymes offered to some of our families. Tons of referrals even with COVID

**Joanne White:** CCRR very busy; Mother Goose offered virtually; lots of parents looking for childcare
Family Place – nursing student doing a lot of presentations
Community Parenting – numbers are really increasing re: poverty, mental wellness and nutrition

Susan Foster thanked Joanne White for doing presentation

Next Meeting will be in January.