



MINUTES
MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
 Wednesday, March 3, 2010
 6:00-8:00 PM
 Council Chambers- Town Hall

Present: K. Grunwald (staff), J. Goldman, J. Higham, L. Dahn, J. Greene, P. Braithwaite, G. Bent (Chair), S. Baxter (staff), MJ Newman, J. Stoughton (Chair), R. Leclerc, K. Paulhus, T. Berthelot, C. Guerreri

Item	Discussion	Outcomes
<p>Actions Needed</p>	<p>-Welcome: J. Stoughton called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.</p> <p>-Adopt Minutes of February 3, 2010: J. Goldman identified two corrections to the minutes: Under the unmet needs survey, it should read “ survey the current cohort of pre-school children and try to identify if and where they attend pre-school. “ In the section on MAC co-sponsoring a Community Conversation on the 4-Schools Project, the Purpose is: “to discuss community opinions on the options being presented.”</p>	<p>The minutes were accepted as corrected.</p>
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Downtown Partnership –Winter Fun Day: J. Goldman reported that the event went very well. S. Baxter asked the group to consider how this event could be incorporated into the Plan, particularly for consideration for next year.</p> <p>Downtown Partnership –Planning & Design Meeting: T. Berthelot and G. Bent attended this meeting; they both felt that it went well. The committee asked a lot of questions about MAC and was open to the idea to building a playscape in the Storrs Downtown. They would be open to contributing space if another group would assume the expense of the playscape. The Downtown Partnership provided a letter of support for our grant application. J. Higham has a contact with an organization that builds playgrounds and is willing to research this.</p>	<p>Follow-up on funding options for a play space.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>S. Baxter announced that the Graustein grant application was delivered on time last Friday. She thanked the individuals who worked on it, and distributed some attachments from the application. C. Guerreri reported that we should hear back from Graustein the week of April 19. Fifteen applications were submitted and ten will be funded.</p>	

	<p>-Week of the Young Child-S. Baxter reported that she met with Lisa Young (MDD), Debbie (WH), J. Stoughton and Sonya Conrad to discuss activities. This group is working on planning events. All activities will connect to our Plan. Teams will decide on an activity for the WOYC related to Plan goals or Team Strategies. Discussion about using this as an opportunity to solicit feedback and recruit new members. J. Stoughton announced that there will not be a pre-school Fun Fair this year, which could have been tied into this week. MJ Newman suggested having a “reverse fun fair” that would be hosted by Centers. Children at MDD have invited President Hogan and his wife to visit the Center.</p> <p>-Timelines review individual team timelines and Group Timeline: to e done in Team meetings.</p> <p>-Work/Life Expo-J. Goldman reported that on April 21, 2010 from 9:00AM-3:00PM the Human Resources Dept. is hosting this event for faculty and staff in the Student Union. A request was made for MAC to have a table, and Jane suggested having a Mansfield Human Services table. Discussion about using this to recruit new members and identifying focus group attendees.</p> <p>G. Bent reported that MAC and the LWV of M are attempting to find a date to co-host a forum on the four school options. They are looking for panelists with expertise in different areas to participate in this. She will keep this group posted on the progress of this event.</p>	
New Team Business	<p style="text-align: center;">Team Work</p> <p>-Review WOYC activities for connection to Plan and your team strategies</p> <p>-Complete “Report Out “ form so reports can be shared electronically and not use meeting time</p>	
Plan Time	<p>Team Leaders give Team Plan work between now and next meeting –agenda item for next meeting to Sandy before leaving tonight</p>	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	<p>-Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2009- Town Hall, Council Chambers.</p>	<p>Any suggestions for that agenda, send to Sandy</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald