



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: K. Grunwald (staff), K. Krider (staff), J. Woodmansee (staff), G. Bent, J. Stoughton, F. Baruzzi (in at 5:37pm), R. LeClerc, J. Goldman (in at 5:40pm), J. Higham, V. Fry, E. Soffer Roberts (in at 6:10pm), S. Anderson, P. Braithwaite, MJ Newman, C. Guerreri (in at 5:42pm), E. Tullman, Y. Kim, J. Boltseridge J. Suedmeyer and P. Doyle
Regrets: L. Dahn, L. Young, S. Daley

WHAT (topic)	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
CALL TO ORDER	G. Bent called the meeting to order at 5:32pm	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2012.	<i><u>Motion:</u> J. Higham moves to approve the 3/7/12 Minutes as written. V. Fry seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Introduction of Patrick Doyle - J. Suedmeyer introduced MAC to her replacement, Patrick Doyle.</p> <p>Review of P. Rozansky follow-up email from Retreat – Members were emailed a copy of P. Rozansky’s email following the Retreat. G. Bent noted that the decisions made during the Retreat regarding meeting practices and facilitation was beneficial.</p> <p>G. Bent also noted that the terms of the Co-Chairs of MAC will expire in July.</p> <p>GMF Grant Submission Update – J. Higham noted that the Community Connectedness Team now has additional data information that can be included in the update. K. Krider reported that she, K. Grunwald and J. Woodmansee continue to work on the Grant and hope to have it finalized for mailing on Monday, April 23rd (due to GMF April 25th).</p> <p>Report regarding GMF Capacity Building Meeting – K. Krider reported that she and G. Bent attended this meeting on March 29th and that they learned that with regard to the grant renewal application GMF is looking to ensure that MAC is committed to early care and education for Mansfield children, that MAC continues to look at and gather data and that MAC is thinking about funding sources for the future.</p> <p>G. Bent noted that a power point presentation was given by Malwin at the meeting and that MAC should make time to</p>	

	<p>look at this in the future.</p> <p>K. Grunwald reported that the matching funds required for the grant renewal application have been included in the town manager's budget.</p>	
SCHOOL READINESS	<p>K. Krider reported that School Readiness will appear on MAC's calendar monthly for a brief update. She noted that the school readiness slots for the 2012/2013 school year are filled with the exception of 1 full time and 2 part time slots at Willow House.</p> <p>K. Krider also reported that Week of the Young Child is coming up in April. A paper doll project has been forwarded to early care providers with the hope that the children will decorate them to post in public places around town. On April 26th from 5:30 – 6:30 a reception will be held at the library so that these providers can come together to be celebrated. All are welcome to attend.</p>	
WORK GROUP ORGANIZATION	<p>Transportation – K. Grunwald reviewed the Work Plan and Action Steps he developed regarding the Transportation Strategy. It was suggested that interested persons from past community conversations be contacted and that students could be recruited to assist in some of the action steps.</p> <p>Members discussed some of the possible questions to be included on the survey. It was also noted that permission from the apartment complex owners would be needed. J. Goldman suggested that a “warning” be given to the tenants that the survey would be conducted and might include a list of items for individuals to think about prior to the survey.</p> <p>Members discussed the potential of partnering with Generations on this initiative and linking it with summer school related programs such as the summer breakfast at the Middle School.</p> <p>Members discussed potential survey sites including Holinko Estates, Northwoods Apartment, Colonial Townhouses, Mt Hope Apartments and Maplewood and whether a few could be chosen for a pilot initiative.</p> <p>Read – E. Soffer Roberts reviewed the Work Plan and Action Steps she developed regarding the One Read Strategy. She noted that “identify a performance measure” should be listed as the second action step and that public relations should be added as an additional action step.</p> <p>With regard to the first action step of selecting an appropriate book, S. Anderson presented an idea from the Playground Committee that a book be developed surrounding the playground build and that this could be the book chosen.</p> <p>Plan Rewrite – K. Krider reported that J. Bolsteridge has volunteered to assist her and that J. Goldman will also be helping as needed. They will meet soon to locate an</p>	

	<p>appropriate consultant.</p> <p>K. Krider proposes that the full MAC meeting adjourn for 30 minutes to allow the strategy teams to meet and discuss the work plans,</p>	<p><i>Members of MAC affirmed the proposal to meet in strategy teams.</i></p>
<p>UPDATES</p>	<p>The meeting reconvened at 7:20pm.</p> <p>Playground Committee – S. Anderson reported that the Committee is moving forward with Design Day on May 4th. The day will begin with a designer going to each elementary school to work with the children on a design, then the design will be revealed that evening at the Middle School</p> <p>She also reported that the first Children’s Committee was held on March 31st and a donation of \$30.00 was received from Wal-Mart. They await donation responses from other businesses. Members discussed that they need a well known community person to kick off the fundraising. K. Krider mentioned that MAC also is in need of a community champion.</p> <p>Community Connectedness – J. Higham reported that CCEA has delivered data analysis which includes recommendations regarding those items which are low cost and actionable.</p> <p>Health – P. Braithwaite reported that the Health Team wants to follow up with the BMI indicator and that they will be speaking with the nurse at the Middle School about how to obtain BMI data and if there are any legal issues associated with obtaining this information. Members discussed that Coventry has looked into these same issues and the Discovery Coordinator there can be contacted.</p> <p>Successful Learners – MJ Newman reported that the K. Inventory will be revised by the SDE to now align with the common core standards.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, May 2, 2012 5:00pm – 5:30pm Arrival and Dinner 5:30pm – 7:30pm MAC Meeting Next Executive Council meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 1:15pm – 2:45pm at Town Hall in Conference Room B</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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