



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
Council Chambers, Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Anderson (staff), Lisa Dahn, Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Maggie Ferron, Jordana Frost, Jane Goldman, Cindy Guerreri, Rachel Leclerc, Pat Schneider, Judy Stoughton, Kathy Ward, Ben Wiles, Linda Williams and Ana Zeller.

Guests: Jen Scanlon, Amy Sevell-Nelson, Marie Hodrinsky, Heather Lasky

Regrets: Lisa Young, Jillene Woodmansee

WHAT	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
CALL TO ORDER	Jordana Frost called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of January 7, 2015 meeting.	<i>The January 7, 2015 Minutes were approved by consensus.</i>
STAFF REPORT	<p>Graustein Funding 2015-16: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Graustein Fund has made a commitment to fund communities for the next fiscal year; however, these funds must be matched by the state. • MAC has put a letter of intent to contact our state legislators in the Town Council Communications. • Gregg Haddad has introduced a bill with four other legislators (AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVES: To require the Office of Early Childhood to collaborate with and provide resources to local early childhood collaboratives) which is co-sponsored by five legislators. <p>Communications Consultant: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signature Brand has been chosen by the selection committee to be the Communications Consultant. • There will be a Kickoff Meeting for a three hour block, possibly 5:30 – 8:30pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided. <p>*****</p> <p><i>There is a change of plan for the rest of the evening. Jordana Frost will lead the Sustainability Discussion and others will meet regarding Kindergarten Transition in Conference Room B.</i></p>	

<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Sustainability Discussion: Jordana Frost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jordana presented the <i>MAC Draft Advocacy Plan</i>: Members reviewed the General Aim and the Objectives. Members felt that the objectives should include the Communications Plan and the Accountability Manager. Discussion continued and included whether MAC should remain a Town committee or revert to a non-profit entity. Two topics need discussion, the short term goal of funding for MAC for this budget year; and the long term decision of whether MAC should separate from the Town. <p><i>Jordana Frost excused herself and Maggie Ferron took over mediating the discussion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAC is regarded as a resource for families about early childhood in Mansfield. Concrete steps were decided in how to proceed in contacting legislators. It was also suggested that MAC appear before the Town Council to give them an update on what MAC is doing and the funding situation. Marie Hodrinsky will provide data and history of MAC efforts and successes. 	<p><i>Ben Wiles will work with Jordana Frost to flesh out the MAC Advocacy Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Sara Anderson will send an official letter to the Town Manager requesting to provide a MAC update to the Town Council.</i></p>
<p>CLOSING</p>	<p>Plus/Delta or Pros and Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A short survey was handed out and people were asked to respond about the meeting in general and asked them to give specific feedback. 	
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.</p> <p>Next Executive Council Meeting, Thursday, February 12, 2015, 10:00am – 11:30am, Conference Room B.</p> <p>Successful Learners Special Meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2015, Buchanan Auditorium 5:00pm – 5:30pm Arrival and Dinner 5:30pm – 7:30pm Special MAC Meeting</p> <p>Next Regular MAC Meeting, Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Sara Anderson at AndersonSD@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners, and their families are connected to the community.