

# CAN

Collaborative Area Network

Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 3:00pm

Community Room, Mansfield Community Center

## DRAFT – Minutes

Present: Anne Bladen, Lisa Dahn, Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Kathleen Krider (staff), Rachel Leclerc (staff), Mary Jane Newman, and Kate Vallo

Guest: Amy Sevell-Nelson, Facilitator

The meeting was called to order at 3:06pm.

Amy Sevell-Nelson proposed two topics to discuss.

1. What should we work on?
  - a. Select 1, 2 or 3 priorities
  - b. Urgent
  - c. Necessary
  - d. Would be nice
2. Should we rebrand ourselves as MOEC or stay as CAN?

Some things that may be Urgent or Necessary

- Funding
- Already underway
- Doable, realistic
- Short term, soon, ready to go
- Long term, possibly a dream

We need to clarify and redefine CAN

- Is CAN still needed
- If not CAN, then what?
- Are these the correct players?

Should this group (CAN) still continue to meet? For what purpose?

- Ongoing collaboration and consistency of purpose
- What is our identity, who should be at the table

Possible Purpose

- Single point of service/information
- One voice – clarity of purpose
- Common Goals/Collective Consciousness
- Ongoing Communication, staying current with trends and new laws

\*\*\*All Mansfield Children Birth to 6 are successful learners. \*\*\*

Do we want to consolidate the work of School Readiness and MAC/Graustein?

Reinventing the Office of Early Childhood

- Open Meeting
- Invite everyone
- Want to be inclusive

- Write a brief letter/invitation/save the date missive to the community, inviting them to be part of the Early Childhood landscape in Mansfield.
- CAN has fulfilled its function, Mansfield Office of Early Childhood now in development, invite community to contribute compelling ideas, solicit public opinion.
- Overture to Early Childhood Community both public and private.

#### Next Steps

- Kate Vallo with Kathleen Krider will draft letter to Community and inviting them to a meeting in the spring.
- Will reference data and the newly formed Danbury OEC.
- Early Childhood Services will schedule an open meeting to solicit ideas and opinions from the Community, possibly mid-March? Evening hours?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

*Submitted by Sarah Delia  
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