



**MINUTES**  
**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, November 3, 2010**  
**5:30-6:30 Team Meetings**  
**6:30-7:30 MAC Meeting-Council Chambers- Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** G. Bent ( Co-Chair), S. Baxter, E. Gresh, A. Bladen, V. Fry, R. LeClerc, K. Grunwald (Staff) M. Barton, J. Goldman, J. Higham., MJ. Newman, P. Braithwaite, L. Young, S. Davis, C. Laughran, E. Soffer Roberts, L. Dahn, J. Stoughton (Co-Chair), D. Gianakos, S. Conrad  
**REGRETS:** A. Bloom, F. Baruzzi, M. LaPlaca, D. McLaughlin, L. Young

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
<p><b>Actions needed and Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>-Welcome</b>  <b>-Adopt minutes of October 6, 2010</b>  <b>Judy Stoughton called meeting to order, all in favor to adopt minutes at 6:40</b></p> <p><b>Introduced: Sasha Davis, CT Parent Power, is responsible for providing us with materials for 'I Care About Kids and I Vote'</b></p> <p><b>-MAC Financial Report for October-Hand Out, not complete because more information is needed, that won't be available until next week.</b></p> <p><b>K. Grunwald asked if this material is something that everyone even wants. J. Higham brought up that she would in fact prefer an electronic copy over the hand-out, and can just bring up questions in regards to the hand-out at the next MAC meeting.</b></p> <p><b>S. Baxter informed us that data about the CMT scores are available in packets here tonight and on the Web BOE</b></p> <p><b>-See Mansfield CMT Data Packet –This will be studied by the Successful Learners Team and submitted as additional information for our Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes were adopted as written</b></p> <p><b>Will be sent out electronically next week by Sandy Baxter</b></p> <p><b>If you have any questions contact Mark Laplaca or Sandy Baxter, all of this material is also available online.</b></p>

<p><b>Community Conversation</b></p>	<p><b>\$1,500 grant –MAC group is the Working Group</b></p> <p>K. Grunwald opened the topic, J. Higham and K. Grunwald attended the meeting, found it to be more like a ceremony, received \$1500 in funds. Grunwald and Higham both said this is an opportunity to engage our Community; it will provide updates to community about plan and solicit feedback. Getting information out, and hearing from the community makes it fun and fulfills the requirement of the Plan to have a continuous feedback loop with the Community. Can bring into play our community connectedness survey. Will need coordinators for this activity, if you are interested contact K.Grunwald. Six moderators, six recorders are needed. Can use this training in other aspects. Grunwald brought up that publicity is important, to get the word out to the community.</p> <p>Will need to ask people to RSVP. We will need a count for small groups' assignment, and for food, and for organizational purposes. Really need diverse participation, and recorders who are multilingual for our diverse population, age, income as well. Diversity will lessen the problem of people being intimidating if is dominated by professionals.</p> <p>J. Goldman asked why are we doing this, what do we want to know? Is it education? Why did we write for a grant in the first place? J. Higham says that we want to use this as an opportunity to talk about our Plan, to meet requirements for education, following through with our continuous feedback obligation. K. Grunwald mentioned that it can be much broader than education, educating those who are attending. S. Baxter we will be meeting the requirements of the grant, valuing the community input, finding out what we may not have yet focused on and providing that information via this opportunity.</p> <p>J.Goldman, asked if we would be able to make changes to the Plan. This is an opportunity to do that so that we can reflect the Community's feedback. Most of that work is done in our MAC meetings.</p> <p>-Place for the C.Conversation: J. Higham suggested we could use a school building, split up the gym, and use the classrooms for break out groups</p> <p>-J. Goldman suggested the MCC, Baxter brought up that it's hard to reserve rooms, Parents and kids might not want to get split up if the Conversation is in Town Hall.</p> <p>-There was discussion about what meal it should be offered- dinner or brunch.</p> <p><u>-Jobs That Need to be Filled:</u> primary coordinator, food, invitations, moderators, recorders, publicity, childcare, translators, graphic recorder, date, site, topic were discussed.</p> <p>Childcare needs will change when we decided the when and where the Conversation will be. Suggestion: Centers may be able to help here, A. Bladen will post the jobs which UConn students at their Center may opt for. J. Higham suggested Mad Science or Villari's to entertain</p>	<p>Training will take place in Mansfield, takes about 4 hours and is needed for those who wish to participate as Moderators or Reporters. Contact K. Grunwald if you are interested.</p> <p>While working in groups, think about ways that your Team will be able to use this opportunity to reach out to the Community through the Comm. Conversation.</p> <p>If you would like to sign up for a position see S. Baxter. Some POSITIONS STILL NEED to be Filled.</p> <p>Anyone interested in the Harwood group documents can email J. Goldman or S. Baxter for the materials.</p> <p><u>Jobs That Are Filled by Volunteers:</u>  <u>Food:</u> P. Braithwaite, S. Conrad. <u>Invitations:</u> J. Higham, M. Barton. <u>Publicity:</u> J. Higham, M. Barton. <u>Graphic Recorder:</u> V. Fry to find one.</p>
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	<p>the children.  J. Higham will ask people on her street, J. Stoughton will ask at the library, and G. Bent will ask the Korean congregation about translators for the different groups.  <u>Positions that were not filled:</u> Primary Coordinator, Need 2 more Moderators and 1 more Recorder, Childcare, and Translators</p> <p>Grunwald started discussion on time and date:  S. Davis (CT Parent Power) said they found that Tuesday and Wednesday seem to be good slots for parents, brought up 6-8 as usually the best.  It is important to have a social time before the conversation, people seem to like this and feel more comfortable to go on.  It was suggested that perhaps Spring (early April or late March) Saturday around 3-6, would be a good time leaving people with the evening for their plans. Provide coffee, tea and snacks before the Conversation begins then Dinner at the end.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion on the date related to the National College Basketball Championships at that time of year.</p> <p>J. Goldman went to the Stone Soup Conference, where Community Conversations were discussed. The Harwood Group is interested in this type of work as well.</p>	<p><u>Moderators:</u> K. Grunwald, E. Soffer Roberts, K. Dorgan, M. LaPlaca, V. Fry  <u>Recorders:</u> J. Stoughton, J. Goldman, L. Dahn, G. Bent, J. Higham, R. LeCerc</p> <p>Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 3-6PM was the final date chosen, but schedules will be checked</p> <p>Everyone will seek out connections for those to invite and return next meeting with their list</p> <p>Anyone interested in the Harwood group documents can email J. Goldman for the materials.</p>
<p>New SDE Grant Funds</p>	<p>Town received \$10,961 to match Graustein Option 1 Funds; these funds must be used by 6/30/11 and should be used first as there is no way to carry over these funds</p> <p>Brainstorm- Ways to make best use of this \$</p> <p>S. Baxter and K. Grunwald attended Graustein Data Workshop today. In the discussion on obtaining local data they were asked to talk about our Community Connectedness Survey. They were asked to share the survey on the Graustein listserve. People from other communities are jealous. So job well done community connectedness!</p>	<p>This will be on the Agenda next month, as we need to figure out how to use it first</p> <p>Send short note to L.Holle about all the compliments we have received on o.</p>
<p>Team* Up-Dates</p>	<p>Team Leader share Action Plans with the group and take 5 min. to update the whole MAC group assembled and give some highlights</p>	<p><u>C.Connectedness-</u> Survey returns at almost 20%,  <u>S. Learners-</u> CMT Scores made available by the BOE,  <u>Health-</u> Healthy Snacks and Activity at PreSchool level survey results almost all in.</p>

<b>Team Assignments</b>	<b>Work on Action Plans –be specific</b> <b>Story behind the numbers must come first</b> <b>Up date Plan electronically (see Patty B. method)</b>  <b>Next MAC Meeting December 1, 2010 –Council Chambers- 6:30-7:30</b> <b>*If Teams need more meeting time tonight, you may stay in Council Chambers till 9:00PM</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>
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At 7:45 Submitted, Emily Gresh