



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, June 5, 2013
Council Chambers – Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Anderson, Gloria Bent, Anne Bladen, Kyle Chmielecki (for Ande Bloom), Terry Cook, Sarah Delia (staff), Cindy Guerrerri, Mark LaPlaca, Kathleen Krider (staff), Rachel Leclerc (staff), Esther Soffer-Roberts, Judy Stoughton,

Regrets: Susan Daley, Vicki Fry, Mary Jane Newman, Bill Waite

Guests: Jill Coghlan, Ben Wiles

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	G. Bent called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of May 1, 2013 meeting.	<i>The May 1, 2013 Minutes were approved without changes.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<p>One Book:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one was available from the One Book Committee who had access to the data gathered from the April 20th event. <p>Playground Committee: Sara Anderson reported on the Playground Committee activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a 5K Fun Run on Saturday, June 8 at the Community Center; there will also be a grant award celebration and cake! Jeff Smithson will also perform. • Grocery bags with the Playground logo are still available for a \$3 donation. • There will be a big check event on Monday, June 10 at 7:15 in the Town Council Chambers before the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting. Please come and join the celebration on Monday. • The Playground Committee is trying to plan an Art, Wine and Cheese Event this summer and needs someone to chair this event. <p>School Readiness: Anne Bladen reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Readiness Grant and the Quality Education Grant have been submitted. • School Readiness Slots for the fall are filled and there are several children on the waitlist • School Readiness Council Bylaws and Policies should be reviewed over the summer with a presentation to the full MAC in October. 	<p><i>Mary Jane Newman will compile the data from the surveys and present at the next MAC meeting.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Krider reported that Before and After School Care costs were approximately \$6.00 - \$6.50 per hour. • There was discussion of fee waivers at the Community Center and why the level is so high this past year and the reason for the increase. • It was noted that students receiving Free and Reduced lunch were at a very high level in Mansfield. • M. LaPlaca will ask TC members about this process. • It was requested that Fee Waivers and Before and After School Care be placed in the Parking Lot. <p>Faith Leaders: K. Krider reported on this event on May 22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Emery and Nancy Bolt-McLaren were the lead organizers of this event. • It was very successful with 30-35 people invited and 20 RSVP'ing that they would attend. • Kathleen Krider, Sara Anderson and Jennifer Kaufman attended from the Town. • Follow-Up; Matt and Nancy will initiate the follow up efforts; they now have a mailing list and an email list. They will send out Thank you letters. • K. Krider, S. Anderson and J. Kaufman will get a copy of the email list. 	<p><i>G. Bent will investigate the numbers and data of children 0-8 applying for and receiving fee waivers at the Community Center.</i></p> <p><i>K. Krider will follow up with Matt Emery.</i></p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Development of MAC Membership/Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki Fry is no longer serving as Co-Chair. • Gloria Bent's term as Chair is up in August, 2013. • List of Potential Members; attendees were asked to ask one person to attend a MAC meeting in the near future. A list was passed around which members filled in. • Discussion ensued on whether School Readiness families should be encouraged to join MAC and become part of the decision making process governing Early Care. • There were questions about the Communications Plan. • Questions about a list of accomplishments of MAC. Staff will try to find previous list. • Possible Meet and Greet meeting in October to welcome new members. 	<p><i>K. Krider will draft a paragraph with key points from the Plan to use when recruiting new members.</i></p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Festival on the Green will take place on Sunday, September 22 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Bladen announced that the UConn Soccer Team has agreed to be a Community Champion for MAC and will appear at the Festival on the Green. • Please save the date for the Stone Soup Conference, that will be on October 22, 2013. 	
TEAM TIME	<p>Review Draft Team Sections: The membership split into groups to work on reviewing drafts of their specific team sections.</p>	

PARKING LOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Plan • Community Champion • Before and After School Care • Fee Waivers at Community Center 	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Executive Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 2:00pm – 3:30pm at Town Hall, Conference Room B.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, August 7, 2013.</p> <p><i>There are no MAC meetings in July.</i></p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>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.”

Mansfield Advocates for Children List of Potential Members

This list was developed at the MAC meeting on June 5, 2013

MAC Member	Potential Member	Outcome
Gloria Bent	Julie Campbell	
Ben Wiles	Stefan Kaufman	
Rachel Leclerc	District PK/K teachers	
Terry Cook	Barry Casts	
Esther Soffer-Roberts	Kelly Zimmerman	
	Erin Ballou	
	Elle Oumet	
Mark LaPlaca	Lisa Manville	
Sara Anderson	Jana McDonald	
Judy Stoughton	Wednesday story time moms	
Anne Bladen	President Herbst and SR families	
Kathleen Krider	Jillene Woodmansee	