



**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**  
**Community Room, Mansfield Community Center**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Sara Anderson, Terry Cook, Sarah Delia (staff), Jordana Frost (EHHD), Katherine Johansen, Kathleen Krider (staff), Marl LaPlaca, Rachel Leclerc, Brett Reynolds (staff), Pat Schneider, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Judy Stoughton and Jillene Woodmansee.

**Regrets** Lisa Dahn, Susan Daley, Jane Goldman, Cindy Guerreri, Mary Jane Newman.

**Guests:** Julie Campbell, Rita Kornblum, Jeff Smithson, Linda Williams, Kelly Zimmerman.

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
CALL TO ORDER	Terry Cook called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of December 4, 2013 meeting.	<i>The December 4, 2013 Minutes were approved with amendments.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<p><b>Staff Reports:</b> Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PEP Class starts on January 21. This is a ten week class with a four week project at the end of the class. Graduation will be at the end of 14 weeks. There was a MMS Q-Notify that went out this week. This class is targeted at parents.</li> <li>• There will be a POP (Power of Play) Workshop which will consist of three parts, Provider POP, Parent POP and Kid POP. Early Childhood Services would like to gain support of the Home Care Providers. Early Childhood Services is working on a grant to help support POP.</li> </ul> <p><b>School Readiness:</b> Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Race to the Top – the state did not receive this grant from the federal government. There are components that the state is working on.</li> <li>• CT Charts –a- Course is <del>giving away</del>awarding funds for teacher training and education including summer school.</li> <li>• The School Readiness and the Quality Enhancement Grant will become one RFP this year.</li> <li>• SR Slot changes – We will be changing Mansfield’s slot allocation to 16 slots as</li> </ul>	

	<p>follows: 6 Full Day slots, 6 School Day/School Year slots and 4 Part Day slots. We are awaiting approval from Gerry Rowell.</p> <p><b>Playground Committee:</b> Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Playground Committee received \$9, 906 to date from the Playground Mailing in early December. There was approximately \$3000 in expenditures.</li> <li>• The Committee is waiting on the Town of Mansfield for a firm commitment for in-kind services and a build date.</li> <li>• The Committee received a \$3000 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast CT. The Committee will organize a one Mansfield Middle School Group and one High School group with these funds.</li> </ul> <p><b>MAC Website:</b> Brett Reynolds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brett shared with the membership that the website will go live shortly.</li> </ul>	
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p><b>Development of Executive Council/Revision of By-Laws:</b> Jillene Woodmansee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The By-Law Subcommittee has met twice and has worked very hard. They will have a draft of the revised By-Laws by the next MAC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Physical Education Survey:</b> Esther Soffer Roberts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Esther looked at the Physical Education Curriculum Guide. This documents the entire year in physical education and includes fitness tests, such as push-ups, sit &amp; reach and the mile run.</li> <li>• She also looked at Human Development and Health Education Curriculum, which is a comprehensive holistic plan for K- 8 students.</li> <li>• There was a question about what exactly we were looking for in crafting the physical education survey. Is it Fit by Fourth? Or something else?</li> <li>• MAC is looking for Community involvement.</li> <li>• There was a suggestion to include information in the student packet given out at the beginning of the school year. It may be possible to create a survey to access the same information from parents/families.</li> <li>• There could also be a link on the MAC website or school website.</li> <li>• The goal is to get parents involved, but many times, the motivation comes from the children when they are exposed to information in school.</li> </ul>	<p><i>The By-Law Draft Revision will be included on the February agenda.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>95210</b> is a current program that MAC could build on and promote. This stands for <b>9</b> hours of sleep each night, <b>5</b> servings of fruits and vegetables each day, no more than <b>2</b> hours of screen time daily, <b>1</b> hour of physical fitness daily and <b>0</b> sugary drinks.</li> <li>• A subcommittee will meet to investigate what it would take to invigorate the 95210 program in the schools.</li> <li>• It was again emphasized that Community involvement was key.</li> <li>• There was a suggestion to gather all three PTO's/PTA's together to share ideas and information.</li> </ul>	<p><i>The subcommittee will consist of Esther Soffer-Roberts, Rita Kornblum, Jordana Frost and Jillene Woodmansee. They will report back at the March MAC meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Esther Soffer-Roberts, Jillene Woodmansee and Sara Anderson will speak to their respective PTO/PTAs about this idea. Goal is to meet sometime in March. Jeff Smithson would like to be involved, Linda Williams is willing to organize food, and Kathleen Krider will find a space for this meeting.</i></p>
PARKING LOT	1. Transportation	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, <b>Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm</b> at the Council Chambers in the Mansfield Town Hall.</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at <a href="mailto:kriderk@mansfieldct.org">kriderk@mansfieldct.org</a></p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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