

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Sarah Dufresne, Pat Schneider, Katie Bell, Tracy Smith, Shamim Patwa, K.C. Carrancio, Lisa Dahn, Jane Goldman, Anne Bladen, Jeanette Picard, Jen Scanlon, Miguel Colon

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 4, 2019 Minutes were approved by consensus at 5:40 PM

4. SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL ITEMS/STAFF REPORT

a. Additional Space Update

Mansfield was awarded two additional School Readiness Spaces, bringing our total to 25. Funding for these spaces will begin immediately. The two recipients were on the waitlist and were already enrolled at a School Readiness Site.

b. Book Buddies

There will be a special Book Buddies on February 27, 2020 in honor of the Jazz & Friends National Day of School and Community Readings to support transgender and non-binary youth. This will take place at the Mansfield Public Library at 5:30 PM.

c. SE PTO Social Media Presentation

Sarah Dufresne will be presenting at the SE PTO on February 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM. This presentation will cover social media awareness and best practices for parents and caregivers. Free and open to all.

d. Eggstravaganza 2020

The Eggstravaganza will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Mansfield Community Center at 1:00 PM. It was suggested that it might be best to move away from an event centered around a religious holiday to something more open and inclusive. The idea of a "Spring Fling" celebration for 2021 was well received by the group. This would also take place later in the season, so the weather would possibly be warmer and more welcoming to outdoor activities.

5. TOPICAL DISCUSSION

a. MAC's 2020 Vision

- Suggestion: a group of townspeople who visit families after the birth of a baby to show support and share resources.
- Suggestion: How to Play, toys and games for families and kids. Could possibly add this to the Kids Day at Market event in August.
- Suggestion: A safety training for children on how to treat and act around dogs. Lisa Dahn has a connection with someone in Montville and will get that information to Sarah.
- Suggestion: Story time at Bicentennial Pond.

6. CLOSING/ UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.