



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
MINUTES- DRAFT

Members Present: Sarah Dufresne (staff), Katie Bell (staff), Pat Schneider (staff), Kelly Zimmermann, Debbie Plourde, Jen Scanlon-Passmore, Judy Stoughton, K.C. Carrancio, Miguel Colon

Special Guests: Laurel Brandon

Regrets: Hanna Brinkhaus, Shamim Patwa, Jane Goldman, Lisa Dahn, Tracy Smith, Anne Bladen

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Dufresne called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Minutes for the October meeting approved by consensus. (6:01 PM)	<i>October minutes approved by consensus.</i>
RECOGNITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Kelly Lyman recognized by the group for her thorough and diligent work on the school building project. 	
OFFICIAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Scanlon made a motion to “accept QE funds as presented”, Kelly Zimmermann “second the motion”. Motion passes unanimously. (6:04 PM) • The Proposed 2020 MAC Meeting Dates approved by consensus. (6:06 PM) 	<i>FY2020 QE Fund Distribution approved</i> <i>2020 meeting dates approved</i>
SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL ITEMS/STAFF REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OEC is looking at ways to pay out grants in a more efficient way. Many centers note that being paid a month in the rear makes budgeting and billing difficult. • QSM benchmarks changed. The new deadlines are June 30, 2022; June 30, 2025; and June 30, 2029. All staff must have a qualifying bachelor’s degree by July 1, 2029. • The OEC has money in their scholarship program for individuals pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. Any staff who are currently not QSM eligible are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. • Make sure to update registry monthly, even if there are no staff changes. 	
TOPICAL DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The referendum for the building of one new elementary school passed. The school is set to open for fall 2022. • The next step is to select an architect so that the design can be finalized. Community involvement will be an important part of this design. • The conceptual design that was presented to the public is conducive to 21st century learning. There are wider hallways that can double as workspaces, rooms that allow for flexible seating and fluid spaces for multiple purposes. • The education specifications for the project are very specific and 	

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	will aide in the design concept. These specifications were developed using input from teachers, staff, the School Building Committee and the Board of Education.	
CLOSING/ UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane Moynihan: best practices for young children. 	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.</p> <p>Next Regular MAC Meeting Wednesday, December 4, 2019</p>	

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