



*All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families
and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.*

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Council Meeting Notes**

- Announcements – Jennifer Heath announced that Cyd Oppenheimer’s schedule has changed so that she can’t attend Council meetings as co-chair. Bob Windom has agreed to step in as co-chair on an interim basis.
- The legislative breakfast is scheduled for this Thursday, January 15 at 8:00 at Hill Central School.
- Approval of December meeting notes – Janet Alfano made a motion to accept the notes; Christine Montgomery seconded it. Notes were approved.
- Review Action Plan – Priority #3 Infants and Toddlers – Janet reviewed the Action Plan. Cathy Lenihan stated that the OEC is working on creating a coordinated system of home visiting and that the committee might want to coordinate with them. Also the OEC is conducting a campaign called “the more you know the more you grow” and that materials will be available for use.
- Discovery Budget – Jennifer reviewed the current Financial Report that compares budget to actual and reviewed the budget process for the Discovery portion of the NHECC’s funds. She further reviewed each section of the proposed budget for the Discovery funds by each committee’s request and reminded those in attendance that the Memorial Foundation was flexible with regard to needed reallocations as we move forward with our plans. Comments and suggestions made include:
 - Can each home visiting agency would benefit from a curriculum box that could be used with families
 - Can a report be written to describe what teachers did with their curriculum boxes – this would be a good resource for teachers
 - Can Kids Kits be given out during the Week of the Young Child – can we find additional funds for Kids Kits
 - The OEC can provide us with materials to be used to communicate important information to families of Infants and Toddlers. This will reduce the need to produce new materials.
- Some adjustments were made to the proposed budget to add money to the line item for Kid Kits. These included reducing the amount for Infants and Toddlers' committee's printed materials and eliminating the postcards to be used to communicate the importance of PreK. This message will be included in the brochure that will communicate the (new) PreK enrollment process.
- Susan Logston made a motion to approve the budget with these changes; Kirstin Levinsohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



- Grants Committee Report – Gail Ford reported that the Grants Committee has selected a proposal from DataHaven in response to the RFP issued to collect and analyze data about K children and their PreK experience. Christine made a motion to accept the proposal; Kirsten seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The charge for the Workgroup for SR Fees was reviewed. It was noted that input from providers and parents is important.

- School Readiness Report – Denise noted that there were 21 opening out of 1080 (down from 38 in November). All programs have been polled and with all of the plans in place there should be only 1 open space by February 1, possibly 2.

The lawn signs have been ordered and will be delivered in a few days. Because the spaces are filled we won't need to use them and can hold them for future use.