

ConneCT Kid's Committee

Meeting Minutes

*November 21, 2000
1:30 PM*

Commission on Children, Hartford

Attendees: Ellen Breault, Beverly Brown, Pat Estill, Dick Hemenway, Norma Perry

1. Ellen Breault has joined the ConneCT Kids Committee. Ellen is from the Labor Department. She has served on other CMAC sub-committees including the Standards Committee. We welcome her input and assistance.

2. ConneCT Kids Promotion.

Dick Hemenway reported that the bookmark files were sent to the graphics shop his office uses for color separations. The negatives should be returned by 11/28. Printing will begin shortly after. Approximately 22,000 bookmarks will be printed.

The letter to accompany the bookmarks was previously approved by the committee, and will be printed in sufficient quantities to cover the current schools list. Linda DeConti emailed the current spreadsheet to Dick Hemenway for use in his mailing software.

It was suggested that the mailing be delayed until the first week of January due to the fact that the schools will be on holiday until then. This suggestion was adopted.

DOIT funding for the project was approved in the amount of \$1500.

With regard to requests for additional bookmarks, it was suggested that we might ask legislators to deliver them to the schools in their districts.

3. Maintenance/ improvement of existing features.

New visiting artist material was posted on the site in the Spotlight area. The new Visiting Artist is Dr. Dennis Waring, who shows how to make homemade musical instruments.

Linda DeConti has indicated that she has new material for the Guest Kids page. While Pat Estill also has some, she is waiting for some photos. Linda should post her material as soon as possible.

Beverly Brown will be posting a feature on a Connecticut balloonist. She will send the text and graphics links to the Technical Group (Linda, Sean or Todd). She also indicated that there is a fun game that we might be able to adapt for our site. Please check the following link <http://www.powersim.no/demo/websims/HotAir/index.htm>.

Dick Hemenway indicated that he will begin working on some new history material.

All other committee members who created feature pages features should get new material ready shortly. A stale site is an unused site, and we want ConneCT kids to be used.

4. A new feature was added to the site as a result of an email to the webmaster. Please review the Kids ConneCT page at <http://www.kids.state.ct.us/spotlight/spotconnect.htm>.

5. Proposed new features

There was general agreement that we should continue developing the proposed Visiting Teacher's Page. Dick Hemenway will continue to work on this.

Ellen Breault will begin putting together an employment page for older children who might looking for employment.

6. Pat Estill reported that Priceline.com is no longer interested in providing funding (or able to) for the site. She will continue to explore possible sources.
7. Pat Estill requested that committee members review the Danbury After School library site as a good example of a site for older kids <http://www.danbury.org/afterschool/index.htm>
8. Next meeting date and time – The next meeting is set for December 14, 2000, 1:30pm at the Commission on Children conference room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford..

Dick Hemenway

ConneCT Kids Committee Chair

November 22, 2000