

ConneCT Kid's Committee

Meeting Minutes

*March 16, 2001
2:00 PM*

Commission on Children, Hartford

Attendees: Beverly Brown, Al Duran, Ed Fitch, Dick Hemenway, Miriam Rodriguez

1. The group welcomed Ed Fitch who is joining us from DOIT.
2. With regard to the 3 Mile Mural project, Joanne and Fouad Tawfilis have indicated by email that they have both been out of the State, but they will be back by 3/23/2001. At that time they will arrange to meet and discuss the pages we will be posting about the project. The committee members felt strongly that any information should include schedules for events, how to stage an event, and how to become a facilitator.
3. Dick Hemenway reported that the promotional bookmark mailing was completed, and he received orders for 13,465 additional bookmarks from 39 schools. His office is currently reprinting to cover orders for 7,000 more from 21 schools. The total cost of the mailing and additional shipments was \$766.92 for which DOIT has committed funding.
4. As part of the promotional mailing, Dick Hemenway followed up by email to make certain that the schools did receive their bookmarks. As part of this message, he asked if they felt that a Visiting Teacher page would be valuable. The responses were unanimously positive. Therefore, the committee voted to post the Visiting Teacher material already developed. We can contact the same group for teachers willing to post lessons. Please let Dick know if you have any additional input on this project.
5. The committee continued discussing the suggestion to re-format the website to include 3 primary sections – original (younger children; youth (teens) and parents/teachers. Dick Hemenway presented a sample home page layout which would be labeled “Your Connecticut Government Portal for Students, Parents and Teachers,” a copy is attached. He also presented a proposed content outline for the three sections. Please review the attached document.

The Robin logo would remain for the young children's pages. Al Duran has volunteered to work on some sample logs for the other two sections. He will post samples to the list for comment.

The following actions are being done in relation to this project

Al Duran – new logos and form for the forum topic survey.

Bev Brown – Solicit comments on a forum topic (bullying) from some teens.

Miriam Rodriguez – Look into life Guard certification

Ed Fitch – Creation of a transactional page for city, town and state job postings

Dick Hemenway – Create forum pages and work on Connecticut History for older students

6. Miriam Rodriguez has contacted the head of the Connecticut Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking, who would like to meet to discuss posting material on our proposed new pages. Miriam will coordinate a meeting. Miriam will be working with Deanna Paugus from DCF.
7. Dick Hemenway has a new Visiting Artist, Alex Datzuk, a pen and ink illustrator, who has submitted material for posting. Dick will send the material to Linda DeConti of posting around 4/1/2001.
8. It was noted that the website will be 1 year old in June. It has become a valuable resource for students, teachers and parents, and has received many favorable comments and reviews. As we look to expand our website, and to include other groups in our efforts, the ConneCT Kids Committee members can be justly proud of their efforts and hard work on this exciting, rewarding and important ALL CONNECTICUT effort!! We have come a long way from the first forum at the LOB.

It was suggested that we seek some publicity for this event and for our expansion plans, and that maybe Pat Estill could help in this.

9. Next meeting date and time – The next meeting is set for April 20, 2001, 2:00pm at DOIT, 101 East River Drive, East Hartford. Ed Fitch will supply further information and directions.

Dick Hemenway

ConneCT Kids Committee Chair

March 20, 2001