

GECC Chairperson Report
by Janet Ford, Chairperson
For: January, 2008 GECC Meeting

1. The Graustein Memorial Fund has announced the Discovery Grant Reapplication Award for Granby for 08' – 09'. Granby will receive \$ 35, 000 for 08', with a recommendation of \$30,000 for 09', to be reviewed in December of 2008.
2. Response from the Granby Education Foundation -
While our initial grant proposal for future professional/educational development has been denied, the GEF encouraged us to apply again if we are able to identify a creative, one time project that will inform and encourage continuance through other funding means. I plan to discuss this possibility further with the Professional Development (PD) committee of the GECC.
3. December meeting with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving -
At this meeting, First Selectman John Adams presented an overview of Granby as a unique community of dedicated individuals and groups interested in the preservation of Granby's character and priorities. There was no discussion of grant values or of dedication. It was important that the GECC was at this table to establish itself as a valid entity among the other political and community interests.
4. Joan Rogers and myself had the opportunity to meet personally with Alan Addley and Gwen Van Dorp on December 19th. At that time we provided Mr. Addley with information related to the GECC and its work. The GECC looks forward to partnering with Mr. Addley in accomplishing the local goals and objectives of the GECC Action Plan.
5. Discovery's Capacity Building program for 2008 is scheduled for January 17th in Hamden, CT from 9:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Those interested in attending the event along with the Coordinator should register at:

http://discovery.wcgmf.org/reg/event.php?event_id=8

Interested individuals are also invited to carpool with the Coordinator.

6. 4th Preschool Community Workshop

Seminar Topic: Communicating Goals With Families
Date: January 8, 2007

For the January workshop entitled “**Communicating Goals With Families**”, the consultants would like participants to bring the communications materials they use with families of children in their care and/or that they teach. The January workshop will be specifically targeted to benefit parents, and GECC members are asked to make sure that parents are aware of the date of this workshop – January 8th. A special flyer has been developed and sent to the GECC membership with the request that it be posted and placed into backpacks for distribution to parents.