

**Granby Early Childhood Council Meeting**  
**January 7, 2008**  
**Farmington Valley YMCA Community Room**

A meeting of the Granby Early Childhood Council (GECC) was held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at the Farmington Valley YMCA. In attendance were:

Laura Murach- Parent representative/ Small World Learning Center and Mountain Laurel  
Doreen Hoddinott- Small World Learning Center  
Dot Muszynski- Farmington Valley YMCA  
Laurelyn Keenan- Home childcare provider-Mountain Laurel Daycare  
Karen O'Keefe- Patchwork Schoolhouse  
Linda Marshall- Kearns Primary School, special education resource teacher  
Sheri Litchfield- Preschool teacher  
Gary Ebersole- Parent  
John Kroninger- Parent  
Chris Bullock- Parent  
Cindy Guerreri- Graustein Memorial Fund Community Liaison  
Joan Rogers- Discovery and GECC Coordinator

The January meeting began at 6:30 in the community room of the YMCA. Chairperson Ford was unable to attend the meeting. Joan Rogers announced that the Granby Early Childhood Council was awarded the Discovery Reapplication Grant from the William Graustein Memorial Fund in the amount of \$35,000 for 2008, and \$30,000 for 2009.

Gary Ebersole continues to work on several options for the logo design for GECC. A GECC logo design was agreed upon, and a discussion took place about the number of color options available and the cost that would be associated with that. Gary offered to continue to make minor adjustments to the color of the logo design and to bring these to the GECC meeting in February for further consideration.

John Kroninger is working on the website for the GECC. Joan announced that she was contacted by a Granby parent who expressed interest in writing the "parent page" for the website. John asked that home-based and center-based childcare providers complete a list of ideas or suggestions that they would like to see published on the website. Joan indicated that she is working with Henriette Camp to develop the kindergarten page of the GECC website, and offered to pass information on to John if anyone would like to email her with postings for the website.

Joan shared that she has been communicating with home-based provider Karen Leveille who was instrumental several years ago in engaging the assistance and financial support of the Granby Business community to make the celebration of 80 years of Boy Scouts in Granby a huge success. Karen has helped with the drafting of two letters, one which will be presented to the Granby Chamber of Commerce seeking a donation to further the work of the GECC, and a second letter which the GECC will request be sent through the

Chamber's mailing list to the Granby business community with the GECC's Needs List included. The Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to elect its new officers for 2008 later this month. With this in mind, it was also agreed that the GECC should wait until it completes either its Power Point presentation or its community brochure before being asked to be placed on the agenda of a Chamber's Board of Directors monthly meeting. Karen has offered to take the lead in assisting the GECC in its response from the business community once a presentation has been made to the Chamber and letters have been sent to the Granby businesses.

The Executive Committee will meet on Friday, January 25, 2008 at the YMCA to discuss realigning the Discovery budget in relation to the 08' – 09' Reapplication grant award.

Janet, Sheri, Chris and Joan will meet with Holcomb Farm on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss how both the GECC and Holcomb Farm can work together to reach out to families and children in the community to further serve the mission of the GECC which is to ensure that “All children arrive at school healthy and socially and emotionally prepared for academic success and life-long learning.”

The remainder of the meeting was spent working on tasks in small groups. Members worked on revising the Power Point, making changes to the community brochure, discussing the GECC website, looking at future suggestions for professional development and reviewing some of the results of the community survey. Each group will continue to work on their projects through the month and meet independently if the need arises.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectively submitted,  
Sheri Litchfield, Secretary  
GECC