*All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families and*

 *prepared to be successful lifelong learners.*

**Quality Experience Committee (0 to 5 years of age)**

**November 21, 2013**

**Notes**

* Storytelling Project Update – Sandy reviewed the project as planned so far: 3 workshops:

#1 Inserting stories in our day – to help a child with a transition or difficult situation, to redirect. Encourages speaking and conversation.

#2 Zelfia Hunter, a storyteller, will be part of the workshop. This session to be focused on telling stories with families, helping families to tell their stories, using prompts to encourage the telling of stories.

#3 Mae Gibson Brown, a local storyteller, will be part of the workshop that will focus on storytelling as an event and she will end the session with telling stories.

We may also host a couple of community storytelling events.

* WOYC activities – There was discussion about a book for the Little Read portion of the activities. This committee has $1000 for community outreach and $5000 to purchase books. It was noted that the Council is sending a survey to generate discussion at its December meeting regarding its 2014 activities for WOYC.

The discussion about what book to use included whether or not to use a wordless book; it was decided that families would find a picture book with words easier to work with than a wordless one. A number of specific books were discussed. No decisions were made and Sandy will send out a list of books that come in Spanish and English to discuss at the next.

It was suggested that instead of the potluck evening that we offer a PD about using a wordless book and give out a wordless book. The question of whether or not the curriculum boxes that have been given out in past years are used was brought up. Some committee members have noticed that the contents are not being utilized as much as they could be because teachers don’t want to see the books and props damaged.

* Workforce issues – The Council are working on a legislative agenda and have invited the New Haven delegation to attend the January meeting. The workforce issue and its importance will be brought to their attention.
* Other – the feedback about the CCEI courses is good.
* Next meeting – December 19, 2013