



## Enfield School Readiness Council

### KITE Collaborative

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 5:30p.m.**

*The mission of KITE is to ensure that Enfield’s children are healthy, safe and happy; live in thriving families; and are ready to learn the skills they need to succeed in school and flourish in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.st*

### AGENDA

**I. Welcome and Introductions – LeAnn Beaulieu**

**There were 23 members present.**

Brianna Beckstrand- KITE	Michelle Zaugg- KITE
Altressa Cox-Blackwell – EPS	Malissa Griffith- PLA
Adrienne Snow – EPS	Jennefer Ryan- KITE
Chris Gomeau-KITE	Melissa Bednarz- Happy Time Preschool
Kristin Raiche- Enfield Public Library	George Hendrickson-Community Member
Eileen Gardner- Enfield Child Dev. Center	Carol LaLiberte- Asnuntuck Comm. College
Amy Morales- FRC/Social Services	Don Ellis- Enfield Fire Department
Danielle Girard- PFlag Enfield	Sarah Smelstor-PLA
Karen Campbell-NCCCC	Danielle Brown-Parent Ambassador
Steve Kaselouskas – Enfield Police	Mya Lewis-PLA
Alysha Wanczyk-PLA	Dr. Gerald Calnen- Board of Education
LeAnn Beaulieu-KITE	

**II. Acceptance of KITE Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023**

- a. The April 5, 2023, KITE Meeting Minutes were approved.

**III. School Readiness Business/Quality Enhancement Update**

- a. Amy Morales, SR Liaison, reviewed information needed to vote on the School Readiness and Quality Enhancement Continuation Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2024. The 28 preschool slots will remain at the Enfield Child Development Center and the grant amount is \$249,872 for the slots, \$3,881 for Quality Enhancement, and \$12,494 in Administrative Funding. LeAnn Beaulieu made a motion to vote on approval of the funding and it passed unanimously with members affiliated with ECDC abstaining from the vote. The collaborative approved the SR grant for continuation funding for the 2023-2024 school year.

**IV. Equity**

- a. See Enfield Early Childhood Community Plan Minutes

**V. Enfield Early Childhood Community Plan-**

- a. Dave Bechtel from Cross Sector Consulting provided Collaborative Members context on the planning process, survey, and focus group results that occurred November 2022-February 2023. Members were broken out into groups to provide feedback on draft strategies in early care and education, family engagement, and health. All groups had area specific questions, questions on how they or their organization can play a role, and how each strategy can create equitable access to resources and supports for all families. KITE’s Leadership Workgroup will take this feedback and begin drafting the plan with hopes to complete in June.

**VII. Announcements**

**a. Amy Morales- Social Services-**

- Next week is National Prevention Week and there are several events. The Office of the Town manager is hosting a Community Conversation on Opioids and Substance Misuse on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 5:30-8pm. Light dinner will be served, followed by presentations and breakout discussions. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by using the link: <https://bit.ly/3oWmY0j>
- There will be two virtual workshops on May 11<sup>th</sup>- focused on the Digital Age. These will be presented by Andy Duran, chief executive of LEAD, a Nationally recognized prevention organization that offers programs and services all over the country.
  1. Prevention in the Digital Age- 5/11/2023, 3-4pm
    - a. Register by clicking here: [https://golead-co.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WSTLzT8xSfGh6cKQzXvArg](https://golead-co.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WSTLzT8xSfGh6cKQzXvArg)
  2. Raising a Drug-Free Teen in the Digital Age: Helping our teens to be safe and emotionally healthy- 5/11/2023, 6:30-7:30pm
    - a. Register by clicking here: [https://golead-co.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QrbVZVr6TauUfaliV6oYzA](https://golead-co.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QrbVZVr6TauUfaliV6oYzA)

**VIII. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.