

**ENFIELD SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL
KITE COLLABORATIVE
WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2024, 5:30 P.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 21st century.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – CAROL LALIBERTE, KITE CHAIRPERSON

There were 25 members present		
Brianna Beckstrand- KITE	Amy Morales- FRC/Social Services	Katie Carlton- PLA
Melanie Dube- KITE	LeAnn Beaulieu- KITE LWG	George Hendrickson- Ujima
Jennefer Ryan- KITE	Danielle Girard- PFlag Enfield	Dr. Gerald Calnen- Board of Education
Adrienne Snow- EPS	Shane Connor- CT State ACC Student	Alena Josephson- Child First
Karen Campbell- NCCCC	Michelle Zaugg- KITE	Kristin Herzig- Parent Ambassador
Danielle Riendeau- CT State ACC Student	Kristin Raiche- Enfield Public Library	Rosalind Swift- Ujima
Altressa Cox-Blackwell- EPS	Carol LaLiberte- CT State Asnuntuck	Stephanie Allery- PLA
Malissa Griffith- PLA	Lanie LeBrun- Enfield Food Shelf	Amy Witbro- KITE LWG
Valerie Pino- CT State ACC Student		

ACCEPTANCE OF KITE MEETING MINUTES- MARCH MINUTES

- The March 6, 2024, KITE Meeting Minutes were approved.

SCHOOL READINESS BUSINESS/QUALITY ENHANCEMENT UPDATE

- All 28 slots are full at ECDC.
- McKinney Vento Update:
 - Numbers of homeless students provided by Julie Carroll, McKinney-Vento Liaison:
 - PK: 2
 - K-2: 10
 - 3-5: 6
 - Middle School: 5
 - High School: 12
 - The OEC has released the application for continued funding for the FY 2025 School Readiness Grant and the Quality Enhancement Grant. The application is due to OEC May 3 and will be voted on at Town Council and Board of Education meetings in April.
 - The OEC is providing an option for School Readiness Councils to open the FY 25 grant application process to new programs. However, there are no additional spaces or funding available through the OEC to award new programs for this grant period. Therefore, we will be applying for continued funding for the 28 slots currently housed at Enfield Child Development Center (ECDC).
 - KITE serves as the School Readiness Council and is the entity responsible for making sure the goals of the grant are being carried out. Our Leadership Work Group serves as the voting body for many of the School Readiness issues, but the full Council has a role in decision making and voting as well. The Liaison's role is to administer the grant in collaboration with the OEC. This includes the grant organizing the grant application and all of the components required. The role of the Council is to vote that members are aware that ECDC meets the requirements for School Readiness and have reviewed General Policy C-01 and are aware of membership responsibilities on the Council.
 - Voting will also include applying for Quality Enhancement Funding, which will remain the same amount of \$3,881 and ECDC would like to continue working with EastCONN to continue coaching on Executive Function and introduce the Pyramid Model.
 - Vote was held and passed unanimously.
 - Classroom updates: Next week they will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child. NAEYC creates themes each year and each classroom plan an activity that ties into that theme. On Wednesday April 10th ECDC will have a special visit from OEC, they are visiting state funded centers. Thursday May 2nd is our annual talent show. We hope everyone can come and enjoy the children's acts and try to win a raffle prize. All classrooms participated in "rock your socks" to raise awareness for Down's Syndrome.

EQUITY- KRISTIN RAICHE

- Kristin shared a compilation of sources about how we spend and use our privilege for good with the collaborative. This included great tips to ensure we learn all we can to read, listen, and truly hear what people are saying. She also shared an audio clip entitled, "Solidarity 101".

KITE UPDATES

- LEADERSHIP WORK GROUP UPDATES**
 - KITE is receiving the RAPID grant through the CT Project and Stanford University in the amount of \$20,000 for the next two years. KITE applied for OEC funding for FY 24. Next month, Dave Bechtel of Cross Sector Consulting will be coming to facilitate the introduction and release of the 23-24 Community Assessment.

- Brianna shared how the Vasco V4 translation device works for translating materials and text with the collaborative.
- **BUDGET**
 - KITE expenditures for FY2023 – February Expenditures \$16,936.55. You can e-mail Brianna with any questions.
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - In the month of March KITE published 21 posts.
 - 16 posts KITE specific (WOTYC, Kindergarten Registration, T2K Night, Kite Out & About, Read Across America, Staff Appreciation, Family Science Night). 5 Partner/Community Content Shares (Lunch Link, Collective Spotlight with Malissa Griffith, Screenagers, Fire Department Safety Day, OEC Paren Cabinet) 4,100 total reaches | Down 32.5% | 299 total engagements, down 54.8% | #1 post Week of the Young Child Calendar 1,242 reached 16 engagements (7 shares). #2 post was Fire Department Safety Day 755 reached 16 engagements.
 - Jennefer also shared the newly revamped KITE website: <https://enfieldkite.org/>

AREA FOCUS TEAMS:

- **RESULT #1: ENFIELD'S CHILDREN ARE SAFE, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY.**
 - **INFANT/CHILD MENTAL HEALTH**
 - The next KITE Mental Health committee meeting will be held on Monday April 29th, from 4:00-5:00 pm via Zoom.
 - **SPARKLER**
 - There are 711 children currently registered in Sparkler. Dr. Villa's office has registered 105 patients and is 15% of all registered in Enfield. ASQ results in last 30 days: 50% are on track, 35% were monitor and 12% were refer. There were two referrals in all ASQ categories. For the ASQ-SE, 76% were on track, 6% were monitor, and 12% were refer.
- **RESULT #2: ENFIELD'S CHILDREN LIVE IN THRIVING FAMILIES WITH STRONG TIES TO NEIGHBORS AND THE COMMUNITY.**
 - **FAMILY EDUCATOR ORGANIZATION**
 - For those who do not know, when Head Start moved out of their old building and into Stowe, their Head Start Center Committee merged with FEO. Given the high level of family engagement and updated technology, KITE is taking a step back from facilitating FEO, but will still support.
 - **KITE/EPS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP**
 - KITE and EPS will be presenting at the statewide Childhood Conversations on April 12th. The session is on Play and will be facilitated by K Teacher Christine Nuzzolo. Enfield Gets Ready for Kindergarten will be Tuesday April 16th. School Registration for FY 24-25 is open for families at https://www.enfieldschools.org/parent_support/registration_information Please note that if your child has an EPS ID or attended at BOE program at Stowe, they do NOT need to register. 68 families have filled out the kindergarten waiver.
 - **PARENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**
 - The class is now on week 8 and will be learning about advocacy. They will be talking about their project soon.
 - Malissa thanked all the community members that came to speak last week at the Snapshot of Enfield. You could feel the connection and collaboration in the room, and it was a great representation of Enfield.
 - **PARENT AMBASSADORS/SRC ADVISORY**
 - Kristin attended the WOTYC event at Yogi's Playground. It was a very successful family engagement event, and they have classes for all ages at Yogi's. She would highly recommend everyone to check them out.
 - On May 15th there will be a Parent Café at Stowe. Kristin is working with Brianna and hopefully another Parent Ambassador from another town to focus on self-care at the Café.
- **RESULT #3: ENFIELD'S CHILDREN ARE READY TO LEARN THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED AND FLOURISH IN THE 21ST CENTURY.**
 - **3 TO 3**
 - May 10th is "Childcare Provider Appreciation Day". At our 3-to-3 Committee's next meeting on 4/25, we will be planning actions to celebrate!
 - On March 27th we had 186 people attend Play and Science Night. The CT Science Center brought 4 activities that challenged attendees in both high- and low-tech ways.
 - **FIRST READERS**
 - First Readers had a successful trivia night.
 - The ceremony on March 19th, was very successful, there were a lot of children who attended. Members of the Fire Department were the local celebrities at the ceremony.
 - **BOOK BUDDIES**
 - No new updates were shared.
 - **ROCKING CHAIR READERS**
 - We are always looking for more volunteers- please contact Michelle if you know anyone interested.
 - **2GEN**
 - Brianna and LeAnn met with the incoming and current Rotary President to discuss partnership and collaboration in the issues surrounding childcare.
 - KITE will give a presentation for the Rotary on May 15th to share more on KITE's scope and how to connect Rotary to KITE's 2Gen work.
 - Next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024.
 - **PLAY LAB (TABLED)**

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.