

**ENFIELD SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL
KITE COLLABORATIVE
WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 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	Kristin Raiche- Enfield Public Library	Jaclyn Valley- EPS
Melanie Dube- KITE	LeAnn Beaulieu- KITE	Kristin Herzig- Parent Ambassador
Jennefer Ryan- KITE	Eileen Gardner- ECDC	George Hendrickson- Ujima
Adrienne Snow- EPS	Steven Ling- Holy Trinity Church	Alena Josephson- Child First
Katie Carlton- PLA	Michelle Zaugg- KITE	Amy Witbro- Retired/KITE
Sue Neville- Retired	Caf Merriam- Parks and Recreation	Stephanie Allery- Parent Ambassador
Malissa Griffith- PLA	Lanie LeBrun- Enfield Food Shelf	Dave Bechtel- Cross Sector Consulting
Altressa Cox-Blackwell- EPS	Carol LaLiberte- Asnuntuck Comm. College	Sophia Benvenuto- CT State ACC Student
Steve Kaselouskas – Enfield Police		

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.
 - School Readiness Grant: The School Readiness grant application was approved at both the Town Council and Board of Education meetings in April and is in the process of being finalized for submission by Friday.
 - Lisa Carriere completed classroom observations in April and will be scheduling follow up meetings with Heather and the classroom teachers to review.
 - Quality Enhancement: Melanie from EastConn continues to provide support to Heather in her role as Lead Teacher and will be helping the classrooms focus on the Pyramid Model moving into next year. A training was held for ECDC staff on introducing the Pyramid Model.
 - Classroom updates: Room 7 will be having a special person's event in May. Room 5 will be having a candy bar bingo parent event. Room 4 is having a great time learning about tubes and tunnels. The talent show is on Thursday May 2nd at Enfield High. You can still buy tickets at the door. All the classrooms are excited they all have caterpillars that they will be watching change to butterflies.
 - The Classrooms at ECDC are scheduled to receive Circle of Security Training (classroom edition). The staff will also receive training on the PTHV (Parent/Teacher Home Visiting) home visiting model. We will be starting home visiting with the new children enrolling for the fall.

EQUITY- Lanie LeBrun

- Lanie shared about inclusion. She shared at the Food Shelf that inclusion is shown as anyone walks into the door, they want everyone to feel welcome.
 - The Food Shelf has worked to make sure that everyone feels that they are being treated equally. They instituted a new system to create a positive feeling to those waiting.
 - They source foods requested by the community. They use Google Translate to ensure they can communicate better with their clients.
 - They have made sure to be inclusive with their volunteers, like partnering with Allied.
 - They also have a community board up so that people can write down what they are looking for, which helps the Food Shelf better serve their needs.

KITE UPDATES

- **Community Assessment 2024- Dave Bechtel, Cross Sector Consulting**
 - Dave introduced and went over the KITE Community Assessment, the survey is open until May 24th. We will go over the results at the June Collaborative Special Meeting. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.
- **Leadership Workgroup Updates**
 - KITE received the first half of the OEC grant and the first quarterly installment of the RAPID Grant. KITE is being awarded \$15,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to focus efforts on Civic Engagement. The Fund for Greater Hartford Wellness Grant for staff has finished and final report was submitted.
- **Budget**
 - KITE expenditures for FY2024 – March Expenditures \$13,488.98. You can e-mail Brianna with any questions.

- **Communications**
 - In the month of April KITE published 33 posts.
 - 22 posts KITE specific (WOTYC, Your Voice-Election Primary, Transition to Kindergarten, JI Article- EDU Budget, Sparkler- Dr. Villa Event, Christine Nuzzolo- Conference Workshop, World Autism Day, Michelle Zaugg Birthday, Melanie Dube Admin Day, Passover Greeting, Earth Day Ideas, Stowe-KITE Science Night, Enfield Unplugged, KITE Website). 11 Partner/Community Content Shares (Spring Community Resource Guide, Fire Department Safety Event, Lunch Link, Women's Club Art Show, Safe Harbor Cinco De Mayo, Screenagers, First Readers Photos) 3,500 total reaches | Down 11.9% | 1,200 total engagements, up 16.2% | #1 post Fire Prevention Safety 1,000 reached 224 engagements. #2 post Dr. Villa 952 reached 46 engagements.

AREA FOCUS TEAMS:

- **Result #1: Enfield's Children are Safe, Happy, and Healthy**
 - **Infant/Child Mental Health**
 - Carol shared that the group met on April 29th. It was discussed that KITE is the convener/advisor for this committee to help find ways to coordinate the Early Childhood Voice at the table. The committee discussed having a summer pediatrician dinner regarding the Sparkler app. The next KITE MH Committee meeting will be on June 24th.
 - Chris Gomeau is serving as the KITE representative on the Enfield Together Mental Health and Wellness Coalition Leadership Group through Enfield Social Services.
 - The Board of Education Mental Health Committee met on April 18th. Invited guests were Julie Carroll, Director of Special Education and David White, the School Counseling Coordinator. The school district will be taking advantage of a trauma-informed training opportunity for teachers, social workers, parade, and councilors: UPLIFT: A Trauma-Informed Care Training Program for Schools. Mr. Longey wants to visit each pediatric practice before the beginning of the next school year to talk with providers about screening, diagnosis, and treatment - including the early childhood population.
 - Integrated Pediatric Pilot –A successful Launch event was held on April 8 at Dr. Villa's office and Erin Grimes has begun her office hours in Dr. Villa's office to help families complete Sparkler and connect them with other resources.
 - **Sparkler**
 - There are 735 total children registered. 58% are on track, 27% are monitor (highest were in communication and gross motor), 15% were refer (highest were personal social and problem solving). For the ASQ-SE, 84% were on track, 14% were monitor, and 3% were refer.
- **Result #2: Enfield's children live in thriving families with strong ties to neighbors and the community.**
 - **KITE/EPS Family Engagement Partnership**
 - Enfield Unplugged is starting next Monday May 6-10. Please see attached calendar. New this year we are offering UnPLUG You Way. This provides families with ideas of how to be screen free who have packed schedules and may not be able to attend the planned events. Parents are asked to complete a pledge form for their kiddos. This enters the kids into raffle drawings for gift cards and toys.
 - **Parent Leadership Academy**
 - The class is a great group, they are getting ready for graduation on May 16th.
 - Stephanie, Katie, George, and Michelle shared their group project which focused on Special Needs. They are planning on creating a list for sensory friendly businesses in the Western Mass and Hartford County area.
 - The group asked if anyone in the collaborative knows of any businesses that may want to offer a sensory friendly service at their business to please reach out to Malissa.
 - **Parent Ambassadors**
 - Kristin and Stephanie spoke about how they are planning a Parent Café on May 29th that will focus on self-care. They met this past week to discuss details of the Café and are hoping to collaborate with another town's parent ambassador.
 - Stephanie also shared that she attended the Statewide Parent Cabinet/Parent Ambassador meeting with Brianna this past weekend.
- **Result #3: Enfield's children are ready to learn the skills they need to succeed and flourish in the 21st century.**
 - **3 TO 3**
 - No new updates.
 - Next meeting will be held May 2nd from 12:00 to 1:00pm.
 - **First Readers**
 - The next ceremony is June 10th at 6:00pm at JFK. If you would like to volunteer, please let Kristin know. The police department will be the celebrities and will bringing their cruisers and coloring books for the children.
 - **Book Buddies**
 - No new updates.
 - **Rocking Chair Readers**
 - We are always looking for more volunteers please reach out to Michelle if you know anyone interested and she can get them set up in a classroom.
 - **2GEN**
 - The committee met last week and discussed the presentation on May 15th to the Rotary Club.
 - We are looking at new ways to engage the business community. We are still hoping to work on the childcare issues in relation to businesses and how we can help find a solution to the problem.
 - Next meeting will be held in the fall of 2024.
 - **Play Lab (Tabled)**

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.