

**Enfield School Readiness Council**  
**And**  
**KITE Collaborative**  
**at the**  
**Hazardville Fire Department**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2011 5:30p.m.**

*The mission of KITE is to ensure that all families with young children in Enfield have knowledge of and access to quality early care and educational opportunities both in and outside of the home.*

**In Attendance:** There were 15 people in attendance.

Amy Morales – Family Resource Center  
Lesa Lovelace - CHR  
Chris Gomeau - KITE  
Patti Glaspie – Here Wee Grow  
Dr. Gerald Calnen – ProHealth Physicians  
Beth Mangan - ERfC  
Julie Carroll – EPS  
Ellen Phillips - EPL

Amy Witbro – Enfield Public Schools  
Melissa Bednarz – Happy Time Preschool  
Jessica Levy - CHR  
Ashley Buck – EPS Kindergarten  
Carlene Elrick - FRC  
Melissa Levasseur – Head Start  
John Gallacher – Superintendent EPS

**I. Welcome and Introductions-Amy Witbro**

Amy opened the meeting @ 5:50 by welcoming everyone. Introductions were made.

**II. Acceptance of Minutes from the April 6, 2010 KITE Meeting:**

Chris noted a correction in the announcements from Polly Parker. This was tabled for the next regular scheduled meeting. The corrected meeting minutes will be posted on the website.

**III. School Readiness Business/Update – Karen Edelson**

This was tabled. No one was present to give this report.

**IV. KITE Updates:**

**a. Leadership Committee Updates – Chris Gomeau**

- **Stone Soup:** The William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at this year's Stone Soup Conference. This will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Each community has been asked to submit a presentation of one of their greatest accomplishments. Some ideas for Enfield are: The Pediatrician Developmental Screening Initiative; The Transition to Kindergarten Programs; The Enfield Early Childhood Community Assessment and Community Resource Directory; The KITE Website.

## b. Committees and Work Groups Updates

### Committees:

- **Transition to Kindergarten/Quality Enhancement:** Carlene Elrick reported for this committee. She passed around articles from The Week of The Young Child which was held the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. Once again, this was very successful. The committee is planning to schedule a workshop for the incoming kindergarteners and their parents along with kindergarten teachers for the Spring of the upcoming school year. The first workshop was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and they have received a lot of positive feedback from parents and teachers. They will also be hosting a provider workshop this coming fall. The subject is still to be determined. Kindergarten surveys are starting to come in.
- **Community Outreach:** Dr. Calnen reported that the Pediatrician Dinner took place on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. It was held at Russo's Banquet Hall. Dr. Paul Dworkin was the evening's speaker. Luz Rivera from Help Me Grow presented the a demonstration of the Ages & Stages Screening Tool. The consensus of the group of pediatricians was that the process of performing the Ages and Stages Screening was too cumbersome. The idea of pediatricians working together with an online option for completing the screening was explored. The committee is going to do some research and report back to the pediatricians.
- **Community Planning:** Pam Brown reported that the Focus Group Meetings have all been completed and we have received great feedback. The United Way along with our consultants from Cross Sector Consulting facilitated these meetings. The focus groups that met were parents, Spanish-speaking parents, Faith leaders, educators, seniors, town leaders, Health care providers and businesses. The next large group Community Planning meeting will take place on June 1, 2011.
- **Parent Committee:** This report was tabled.
- **Grant Committee:** Amy Witbro reported that she has the list of people who were interested in participating on this committee. She will be sending out an e-mail shortly.

### Workgroups:

- **Book Buddies:** Melissa Bednarz reported that the remainder of the books are wrapped and ready to be delivered. The wrapping paper was donated by Hallmark Cards. They donated 1400 rolls which is stored at the Phoenix Ave Fire Dept.
- **Website:** Anyone who has something that they would like to see added please contact Amy Witbro or Ellen Phillips.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Readers Program:** This committee reported that they had a meeting today with teachers who represent each school. They have given baskets of books to each school with certificates and medals to give to children when they become "1<sup>st</sup> Readers". The first ceremony will be held at the town's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. The 1<sup>st</sup> Readers are going to have a float in the parade and the ceremony will be held on stage at the gazebo on the town green. Ashley Buck is the teacher liaison. The 1<sup>st</sup> readers program is limited to kindergarten right now and does include parochial schools.

## IV. Community Partnerships and Events

- a. **Parent Leadership Association/Parent Leadership Academy:** Malissa Griffith reported that the PLA class is going well. They are in their 8<sup>th</sup> week. The 3 series workshop given by Dr. Steve Sobol on teamwork and leadership had a great turnout. The class is working now on picking a community project.
- b. **PIE:** Amy Witbro reported that Family Science Night which was held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at Fermi High School had its largest turnout. Enfield Gets Ready for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Henry Barnard School. Enfield Gets Ready for Kindergarten will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Henry Barnard School.

- c. **Kindergarten Registration:** There are 281 students registered to attend Kindergarten thus far for the 2011-2012 school year. One hundred and twenty were registered off site. Seventy were registered at the Enfield Square Mall. In August there will be another Kindergarten Registration held at the Lamagna Center.

**V. Announcements:**

- Amy Witbro handed out the Fall 2010 Kindergarten Entrance Inventory Results.

**IX. Adjourn: The agenda adjourned at 6:30 pm.**