

Enfield School Readiness Council
And
KITE Collaborative
at the
Hazardville Fire Department
Wednesday, January 5, 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 24 people in attendance.

Amy Morales – Family Resource Center	Amy Witbro – Enfield Public Schools
Don Ellis – Enfield Fire Department	Julie Carroll - EPS
Chris Gomeau - KITE	Phyllis Phelan – Here Wee Grow
Sue Neville	Debbie Clement – Head Start
Ellen Phillips – Enfield Public Library	Patti Glaspie – Here Wee Grow
Lisa Rogers – PLA	Dr. John Gallacher – Superintendent EPS
Kelly Alexander - Parent	Trish Vayda - EPS
Trish Torruella - WCGMF	Beth Mangan - ERfC
Carlene Elrick – FRC	Jessica Levy – CHR
Melissa Bednarz – Happy Time Preschool	Sharon Keenan - ECDC
Kate Faherty – FRC	Renee Schools – Parent/PLA
Pam Brown – Social Services	MaryLynne Osborn – EPS - Fermi

I. Welcome and Introductions-Amy Witbro

Amy opened the meeting @ 5:40 by welcoming everyone. Introductions were made.

II. Acceptance of Minutes from the December 1, 2010 KITE Meeting:

The minutes were accepted at the end of the meeting.

III. School Readiness Business/Update:

All 15 slots are currently filled.

IV. KITE Updates:

a. Leadership Committee Updates

- **WCGMF Interim Report due 12/15/10:** Chris Gomeau reported that the interim report was done and submitted on time.
- **CSDE State Match:** Chris also reported that the State Match funds were received.
- **LEGO Grant Award:** We have received a \$3,000.00 grant from LEGO which is earmarked for three programs: Book Buddies, 1sr Readers Initiative and the Pediatrician Outreach.

b. Committees and Work Groups Updates

Committees:

- **Transition to Kindergarten/Quality Enhancement:** Kate Faherty reported that on January 27th they will host a workshop for the incoming kindergarteners and their parents along with kindergarten teachers. The evening will be an event where parents can get information regarding kindergarten registration, kindergarten expectations as well as transition tips.
- **Community Outreach:** Amy W. reported that this committee is going ahead with the Pediatrician Outreach. They are in the process of planning the 2nd dinner/discussion event for late March or early April. The goal is to have all of the pediatricians use a developmental screening tool. They are hoping to have Dr. Paul Dworkin as the guest speaker and be able to present the pediatricians with a demonstration of the Ages & Stages Screening Tool. Ellen Phillips from the EPL has been collecting library donations of books to present to the pediatricians on behalf of the EPL and KITE. They will be delivered at the March meeting. This committee is also working on a Parent Outreach by having a table at the library with KITE information. We are looking for volunteers to help at the table to dialogue with parents. We will be available during programming at the library such as "Rhyme Time". The Pre-school Fair will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 10:00-2:00 at Henry Barnard School. Participation is expected to be larger this year due to the re-organization of the elementary schools.
- **Community Planning:** Debbie Clement reported that the last sub-committee meeting was held on December 15th. There will be a large group Community Planning meeting on January 26, 2011. Invitations will be going out and one of the goals of the meeting is to determine our "Results Statement".
- **Parent Committee:** Betsy Bergman was not at the meeting. This was tabled until the February meeting.

Workgroups:

- **Book Buddies:** Don Ellis reported that this committee was grateful to receive the funds from LEGO. All schools with the exception of 2 have had their books delivered. Alcorn School will receive their books on Friday (1/7) and Stowe next Tuesday (1/11). Ashley Buck has done a great job picking out the books.
- **Website:** Ellen Phillips reported that new KITE website will have an "Activity of the Month" and/or "Tip of the Month" listed. Also any upcoming events will be listed on the home page. They are also going to offer a chance to win a prize if you link the KITE website to your own. Ellen will send out a contest blurb and j.peg of the KITE logo. This will be a great way to advertise KITE.
- **1st Readers Program:** Ellen Phillips reported that the town will be providing the "I Can Read" t-shirt. They are working with the teachers to get a book list. The 1st ceremony will be held in early spring and will most likely take place at a Town Council or Board of Education meeting.

IV. Community Partnerships and Events

- Parent Leadership Association/Parent Leadership Academy:** Lisa Rogers, PLA Coordinator, reported that they are accepting applications for the upcoming Parent Leadership Academy which will run for 12 weeks and begin in March. She asked the group for recommendations for the program which will provide parents with the tools to lead, organize and enhance their leadership styles. The Academy will end with a community project in May. Chris will send out information and applications. You can also obtain their information on the KITE website at www.enfieldkite.org.
- PIE:** The Heritage Fair is a celebration of all different ethnic backgrounds. It will be held on February 26th at JFK Middle School from 11:30-4:00. There will also be Web Resource Night held on February 24th @ 7:00 pm at Henry Barnard.

- c. **All Our Kin – Home Care Provider Training:** Amy Morales reported that the FRC and KITE received a mini grant from All Our Kin to provide Home Care providers with information re. the new CT Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines. All providers who participate will receive a copy. The event will take place on February 1th at the Child Development Center.

V. Announcements:

- Amy Morales announced that the FRC along with The 360 Federal Credit Union and the Dept. of Social Services will be offering a workshop on Managing Daily Living Expenses. This will take place on Thursday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Alcorn School library. A light dinner and childcare will be provided. You need to rsvp by calling the FRC @ 253-5144 or e-mailing amorales@enfield.org.
- Amy Witbro reported that the Pre-school Fair will take place on March 19th from 1:00-2:00 at Henry Barnard. KITE will be helping to facilitate meetings with both Preschools and Center based providers as well as Home Care Providers as soon as the policy committee meets to establish a policy regarding home school boundries.

IX. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.