

Enfield School Readiness Council
And
KITE Collaborative
at the
Stowe Early Learning Center
Wednesday, January 3, 2018 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 21st century.

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions- LeAnn Beaulieu

There were 17 people in attendance:

Sue Neville	KITE	Stephanie Stauble	St. Bernard's
Kristin Raiche	Enfield Public Library	Ryan Obedzinski	ERfC
Don Ellis	Enfield Fire Dept.	Carlene Elrick	Adult Ed.
Lisa Rogers	PLA	Michelle Mattia	Shop Rite
Karen Edelson	ECDC	Jaclyn Valley	STEAM PreK
Malissa Griffith	KITE/Play	Amy Witbro	EPS
Patti Glaspie	Here Wee Grow	Keith Vujs	KITE/BOKs
LeAnn Beaulieu	KITE	Chris Gomeau	KITE
Melany Anderson	KITE		

II. Acceptance of Minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting

These minutes were accepted unanimously with no corrections/additions.

III. School Readiness Business/Update

- There was no liaison update for School Readiness.
- The staff registry is up to date and all 28 school readiness slots are filled.

IV. KITE Updates:

a. Leadership Committee Updates:

• **Meeting Updates:**

- Keith Vujs is the new Fatherhood Parent Engagement Coordinator for KITE. We will be collaborating with the FRC and their Fatherhood Initiative.
- KITE has received a grant award from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving in the amount of \$30,000. This funding is a two year grant award and will be used for a marketing and communications person. KITE will also be part of the Capitol Region Network of Early Childhood Collaboratives. We are meeting at the HFPG on January 31st from 1-3:00 pm with five other communities who have also received grant awards.
- KITE is on the January 23rd BOE agenda. Chris and LeAnn will attend this meeting. This is an opportunity for KITE to thank Board members for their support and introduce KITE to the new BOE members.
- The KITE policy statement on equity was presented to the collaborative and was received without discussion or question. We will be voting on the policy statement at the February KITE meeting. Any comments/questions can be directed to Chris in the KITE office at cgomeau@enfield.org or 860-253-6502. This statement touches on the definition of equity, what KITE promises to do and our philosophy toward the work. The committee that worked on the statement was thanked for their participation.

• **Budget Update:**

- Melany Anderson presented the budget report.
- In November our total expenses were \$7,710.21.

b. Area Focus Teams:

- **Result #1: Enfield's children are safe, happy and healthy.**
 1. **Health- BOKS-** Tabled.
 2. **Mental/Behavioral Health-** Tabled
 3. **Developmental Screening Initiative-** Tabled.

- **Result #2: Enfield's children live in thriving families with strong ties to neighbors and the community.**
 1. **Parent Engagement-** The Stowe FTO event, *Stories Around the World*, was held on Wednesday, December 13th from 6-7:30 in the Stowe gym. Families enjoyed stories, cocoa and crafts and the event was well attended. KITE is in the process of filling the Parent Engagement Coordinator position. We should have a person in place by the February KITE meeting.
 2. **Department of Social Services-** The Family Resource Center (FRC) is offering Developmental Screenings via. the Ages & Stages Questionnaire for children in their programs. They are also assisting the STEAM Preschool as well as Home Care providers with the screening.
 3. **Partners in Education** – The Heritage Fair will be held on February 24th with a snow date of Saturday, March 3rd from 11:30-4:00 at the JFK Middle School. This committee is looking for community members to help with information booths on different cultures, performances and interactive activities. There are also opportunities for organizations to sell food as a fundraiser. Please contact Amy Witbro at 860-253-6552 or 860-763-3255 if you can help.
 4. **Parent Leadership Academy-** The Parent Leadership Academy will be holding it's 13th class starting with a retreat on February 3, 2018. This is a 12 week program for parents offering them guided workshops to give them the tools and confidence they need to ask for and receive positive change in their lives and community. Enrollment is limited to 15 people and applications are due by January 30, 2018. For further information please contact Lisa Rogers at 860-335-5208. Applications can also be found on the KITE website www.enfieldkite.org or on the Enfield Public School website at <http://enfieldschools.org/>. January 17th will be the PLA/PEP Alumni Dinner. It will be held at the Stowe Early Learning Center
 5. **People Empowering People-** Several new families have shown interest in participating in the upcoming Spanish PEP program.

- **Result #3: Enfield's children are ready to learn the skills they need to succeed and flourish in the 21st century.**
 1. **Transition to Kindergarten/Quality Enhancement** – Enfield Gets Ready for Kindergarten will be held on February 8, 2018 at JFK. This program is for the students and families of incoming kindergarten students in September 2018. Jaclyn Valley will be the night's speaker.
 2. **3 to 3 Committee-** There are several upcoming professional development opportunities in partnership with Asnuntuck Community College. On February 13th and 20th there is a two part pyramid training on a behavioral health model that the state and Head Start use. Participants will receive certification. On March 7th a professor at ACC will be facilitating a training on implicit bias. The training will begin in the computer lab where participants will take an online survey. A mini lecture will follow based on the results of that survey. In April, a professor at ACC will be facilitating a two part training on unbiased early education classrooms. Look for more information to follow. This committee is working with Kristen Raiche from the EPL on putting together some anti-bias children's literature. The Primary Principals/Early Educators Breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 10:00 at the Stowe Early Learning Center. On February 18th and 25th there will be a two

part Purposeful Play workshop for parents of students at Stowe. This workshop is funded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

3. **Primary Schools Report:** No report was given at this meeting.
4. **First Readers-** The Trivia Night fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Mount Carmel, 93 Park Ave. Tickets are \$15/person or you can reserve a table of 10 for \$130. There is a link on their Facebook page for tickets. There will be four rounds of group trivia followed by four individual speed rounds. The next First Readers ceremony will be held on March 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Enfield High School. Many volunteers are needed. The next First Readers meeting is on Monday, March 12th at 4:30 and the Public Library.
5. **Book Buddies:** The first delivery of books is almost all wrapped and ready to go.

- **Cross-Cutting Strategy: Expand playful learning opportunities for young children in preschool, at home, and in the community.**

1. **Stowe Early Learning Center-** On January 10, 2018, kindergarten teachers will be coming to the Stowe Play Lab for an in-service. On Saturday, January 20th there will be a Space Event Held in the gym at Stowe. There will be a popup planetarium, crafts and more. Admission is free and the event is from 10:00 – 3:00. Information will be available soon for the upcoming Play Lab Grand Opening. ACC has generously donated a Parent Information Center which will be located outside of the Play Lab.
2. **Enfield Plays On –** There will be a Play Ambassador training held on Thursday, January 11th at the Wapping School located on Ayers Road in South Windsor. The “Noon Years Eve” party held at the Enfield Public Library on December 30th from 11:00 to noon was well attended and a great success.
3. **Equity –** This work will be beginning soon.

V. Announcements

- Tonight in Thompsonville will be held Tuesday, January 16th from 6:00-7:45 pm at St. Patrick’s Hall 64 Pearl Street Enfield. This month’s theme is Safari. This is a free event. Dinner will be served followed by safari themed activities. There will be free raffle prizes. For additional information please contact Ryan Obedzinski at robedzinski@erfc.us or 860-253-9935.
- *Take Your Child to the Library Day* is a state wide initiative and will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at the Enfield Public Library from 9-noon. There will be raffles, crafts and an animal show beginning at 10:00. Please note that the animal show is a ticketed event and will be available on Monday, January 22nd. You must go in to the library to get tickets.
- Michelle Mattia from Shop Rite will be offering a “BOKs” type program at Head Start this summer.

VI. Next Steps

VII. Adjourn