

## ***Bristol Early Childhood Alliance***

Bristol Board of Education – Auditorium  
(129 Church St, Bristol, CT)

June 1, 2022 (11:00 – 12:00 p.m.)

**In attendance:** Meagan Adams, Maureen Eaton, Cecelia Garay, Sandra Godin, Richard Hart, Andrew Howe, Mary Beth Hicking, Kate Kerchaert, Lauren Kittle, Donna Koser, Donna Osuch, Mary Alice Petrucelli-Timek, Catherine Plourde, Kara Singleton and Jenn St. John

### **Collaborating Grants:**

Donna O. and Mary-Alice shared a few updates:

United Way has submitted a continuation grant for Sparkler. The grant includes funding request for incentives for teachers to start using Sparkler for ASQ's.

Mary-Alice should hear from the Main Street Community Foundation on the grant submitted for mini amplifiers for classrooms.

Parent Trust Fund – is anticipated to be announced soon with an application due in June. Bristol FRC anticipates applying for UCONN PEP again next year.

### **Community Partnership Discussion:**

BECA welcomed Fire Chief Richard Hart who provided an overview of the Bristol Fire Department “Community Connection” and how we can collaborate. Discussion on the new database that will be implemented into the Bristol community was held. This will be a great public service platform for families; especially those with special needs and/or disabilities. An announcement to the community is anticipated on or around July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is also discussion on including information on the database in the tax bills that are mailed to residents.

The Fire Department is also looking into getting a comfort dog to help get kids feeling more comfortable around firefighters.

**Community Sharing:** Donna K asked everyone to send information to share on Making Bristol Better or sent via email to members.

**Well Wishes to our retirees:** BECA extends its gratitude to the years of service to the community. Best wishes to Cathy Plourde (Health Committee Chair) and Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek (School Readiness Grant Manager).

**Next meeting: August 3, 2022**

**(NO MEETING IN JULY)**