

# NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

1/14/2021

**Committee Members Present:** Jake House, John Eller, Jared Keaton, Cheryl Mandle, Annette Grier, Cathy Henderson, Amber Pierce, Latoya Scott, Kristi Godfrey, Matt Hayes and Janet Singerman.

**Committee Members Absent:** Michael Jones and Wadiethateiah McKoy

**Staff Present:** Nadja Trez, Pat Barrett, Christopher Law, Tracy Thiery, Cher Holcomb

**Guests:** Jennifer Griffith, Timothy Gibbons, Kevin Campbell

Jake House called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with a quorum met

## Approval of Minutes

Janet Singerman motioned to approve the minutes for November with no changes. Latoya Scott seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

## Select 2021-2022 Contract Administrator: Vote

Janet Singerman motioned to approve CMS as the contracting agency for the 2021-2022 school year. Kristi Godfrey seconded the motion No opposition, all voted in favor.

## New Committee Member: Nomination & Vote to Approve Emily Nanney as Library Representative

Jared Keaton motioned to approve Emily Nanney as Library Representative to the NC Pre-K Committee. Cathay Henderson seconded the motion No opposition, all voted in favor.

## Program Updates:

### ● **Teaching Strategies Gold**

Shared comparison data from last school year. Shared first trimester data. Committee would like to see data broken down for remote and in-person data.

TSG Areas of Development	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations (19-20)	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations (20-21)*
Literacy	45.8%	43.8%
Language	32.4%	24.6%
Physical	45.2%	22.4%
Math	21.8%	19.4%
Social & Emotional	30.3%	16.5%
Cognitive	24.2%	15.8%

### ● **Professional Development**

Data was shared of how many teachers attended Phonemic Alliteration Training in January and Director and Monitoring Tool training for directors. Shared the changes to the monitoring tool. Discussed individual coaching plans and how they link to the coaching plans.

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## ● **Current Site Data**

The following data was shared with the committee:

	Child Development Centers	CMS Schools
Sites	32	6
Classrooms	83	20
Students	810	210
Teacher Vacancies	1	1
IA Vacancies	4	0

## ● **Parent Engagement**

Shared with the committee target focus on literacy and attendance. Shared that 31 workshops have occurred around literacy. Shared with aggregate percentage of data. Committee would like to see attendance data on required workshops versus optional.

## ● **Placements (20-21)**

Year	Capacity	Placed	% Placed	Vacancies	% Vacant
19-20	1482	1482	100%	0	0%
20-21	1482	810	55%	672	45%

Shared how CMS is committed to help filling centers.

## ● **Budget**

Discussion over current expenditures. Shared replacement of furniture and manipulatives plan to refresh needed items. Committee asked about unspent lines. State will be giving us updates for funds that can be moved into other lines.

Shared that monthly payments will be sent to CCRI by the 25th of each month. CMS is making this commitment for this to occur.

## ● **Implementation Update: Vote**

Shared Implementation Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year and Regional Plan/Placements. Cher highlighted changes to implementation plan. Share that the application will be electronic. Discussed that physician's offices are currently using the ASQ.

Janet Singerman motioned to approve the implementation plan for the 2021-2022. Kristi Godfrey seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

Latoya Scott motioned to approve the regional plan for the 2021-2022. John Eller seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

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## ● **Transition to K**

Shared timeline for Beginner's Day. Shared information about the transition form. We will share an example with committee for feedback

## ● **Monitoring Tool Timeline**

Share current monitoring tool timeline. Shared time frame for this year compared to years' time frame

## **Director Update**

Latoya shared that they were grateful for weekly updates.

Shared issues with having COVID 19 cases such as closures and staffing.

## **Change of Ownership**

Latoya that Smart Kids will be bought by People and Baby. Kevin Campbell will be retiring. People and Baby is located in France. Latoya will be staying on as Vice President for North Carolina.

Janet Singerman motioned for Approval for Sub-Contract to transfer People and Baby from Smart Kids to remain an NC Pre-K site for the school year 20-21. Jared Keaton seconded, Latoya Scott abstained, the rest of the committee voted in favor.

Janet Singerman motioned for Approval for People and Baby/Smart Kids to remain an NC Pre-K site for the school year 20-21. Jared Keaton seconded, Latoya Scott abstained, the rest of the committee voted in favor.

## **Bright Beginnings Update**

Year	Capacity	Placed	Placed %	Vacancies	Vacancy %
19-20	3240	3032	94%	208	6%
20-21	3240	2923	90%	317	10%

We are still taking applications for this year and next year. Discussed 3 week remote request from Health Director. There will be a board meeting to finalize and vote on a decision. Jennifer Griffith will share board decisions with Kristi Snuggs and Lorena Gonzalez.

## **Meck Pre-K Update**

Meck Pre-K gave the option to centers to be remote, in person or staggered. Majority of centers came back in-person. CDC's should remain open. Meck Pre-K is giving the choice until February 2nd. Experiencing more closures due to COVID 19. Some families are withdrawing because of COVID 19 concerns. Enrollment is at 774. 801 is the target Meck Pre-K is operating at 50 percent capacity. Offering limited wrap around services. Meck Pre-k purchased TSG Cloud and Ready Rosie. 2021-2022 Registration on March 1st

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## Shared Next Meeting Dates

3/18/21 - 8:30am

5/14/21 - 8:30am

Janet Singerman thanked all childcare providers.

John Eller shared he would like to give the committee updates on Medicaid for 7/1.

John Eller shared he would like to get guidance from public health for educators

Meeting adjourned 10:00 am Cathy Henderson motioned to adjourn Kristi Godfrey seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.