

NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

7/29/2021

Committee Members Present: Jake House, Jared Keaton, Annette Grier, Michael Jones, Amber Pierce, Cathy Henderson, Emily Nanney, Latoya Scott, Janet Singerman and Cheryl Mandle

Committee Members Absent: Wadiethateiah McKoy, John Eller, Kristi Godfrey, Matt Hayes

Staff Present: Pat Barrett, Christopher Law, Tracy Thiery, Erika Ugues, Beth Thompson

Guests: Jennifer Griffith,

Jake House called the meeting to order at 10:30 am with a quorum met

Approval of Minutes

Janet Singerman motioned to approve the minutes for March with no changes. Jared Keaton seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

Program Updates:

- **Teaching Strategies Gold**

TSG Areas of Development	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations <u>First</u> Trimester 20-21	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations <u>Second</u> Trimester 20-21	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations <u>Third</u> Trimester 20-21
Literacy	43.8%	82%	93.9%
Language	24.6%	57.9%	88.1%
Physical	22.4%	72.9%	91.4%
Math	19.4%	59.3%	87.6%
Social & Emotional	16.5%	65.5%	91.4%
Cognitive	15.8%	60.7%	90%

- **Family Engagement**

Attendance	Aug 2020	# sites with attendance rates of 80% or above, Aug 2020	May 2021	# sites with attendance rates of 80% or above, Feb 2021	% increase in attendance rates (Aug to May)
Attendance Rates	62.17%	5 Sites	88.27%	29 Sites	26.1%
NC Pre-K Support Staff have facilitated targeted attendance parent workshops through May 2021 at sites with high absentee rates.					

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- **Professional Development**

Name	Date	Attendance (Teachers & IAs)	Percent Attendance
Conscious Discipline	March 12, 2021	152	95%

The following documents were shared with all Committee members on 7/27 via email.

- **Budget 21-22**

[21-22 Budget](#) Presented for approval by contract administrator.

Janet Singerman moves to approve the 21 -22 budget as presented. Latoya Scott seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

Janet Singerman added clarification that NC State budget for 21-22 still not been approved which may impact the budget presented today.

- **2021-2022 Committee Meeting Schedule**

July 29, 2021 @10:30-12:00
November 18, 2021 @ 8:30-10:00
January 12, 2022 @ 8:30-10:00
March 17, 2022 @ 8:30-10:00
May 11, 2022 @ 8:30-10:00
July 14,2022 @ 8:30-10:00

Hybrid option will be available for all meeting dates

Latoya Scott moves to approve the 21 -22 meeting schedule. Annette Grier seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

- **Conflict of Interest Policy**

Janet Singerman moves to approve policy. Cathy Henderson seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

- **Section 1 Assurance & Requirements**

Latoya Scott moves to approve policy. Emily Nanney seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

- **Fees for Transportation and Meals**

Transportation Policy

If a child is not a transportation scholarship recipient within a school month, parents may be charged a nominal fee (not to exceed \$20 per week per child) to offset the costs of transporting children to and from the NC Pre-K program.

Jared Keaton moves to approve policy. Amber Pierce seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor.

Meal Policy

Current fee for meals is \$0

Latoya Scott moves to approve policy. Annette Grier seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

Discussion Program Plans for 21-22

- **Prevention/Suspension of Children with Challenging Behaviors**

Janet Singerman moves to approve policy. Amber Pierce seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

- **Transportation**

Annette Grier moves to approve policy. Cheryl Mandle seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

- **Transition to Pre-Kindergarten**

Latoya Scott moves to approve policy. Annette Grier seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

- **Transition to Kindergarten**

Annette Grier moves to approve policy. Cathy Henderson seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

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- **Supporting Children and Families with Limited English Proficiency**

Jared Keaton moves to approve policy. Janet Singerman seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

- **Family Engagement**

Cathy Henderson moves to approve policy. Latoya Scott seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

Reallocation of Slots for 21-22

This will allow the Contract Administrator(CMS) to reallocate slots across NC Pre-K sites without NC Pre-K Committee approval. This applies to existing and or previously approved NC Pre-K sites. This also allows CMS to move a child from one NC Pre-K site to another NC Pre-K site without requiring NC Pre-K Committee approval. Janet Singerman moves to approve policy. Cheryl Mandle seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor

Placement and Applications

Recruitment is ongoing. Social Workers and family advocates working with families to complete application in Scribbles.

Year	Capacity	Placed	% Placed	Vacancies	% Vacant
19-20 (EOY)	1482	1482	100%	0	0%
20-21 (EOY)	1482	835	56%	647	44%
21-22	1482	628	42.4%	854	57.6%

CDC Director Update

There was a discussion on reimbursement. As of today DCDEE/DHHS has not confirmed whether reimbursements will be based on attendance or capacity. Many childcare providers have a lot of difficulty to find appropriate staffing for Pre-K classrooms. Some sites have also expressed having issues with providing transportation due to staffing shortages as well.

Other Programs Updates:

- **Bright Beginnings**

The majority of families continue to prefer placement in a CMS Pre-K school especially if an older sibling is already attending.

Year	Capacity	Placed	Placed %	Vacancies	Vacancy %
19-20	3240	3032	94%	208	6%
20-21	3240	2943	91%	297	9%
21-22	3240	2319	72%	921	28%

- **Meck Pre-K Update**

Meck Pre-K announced this week to all sites that reimbursement will be based on capacity and not enrollment. The county made this decision since staffing and Covid 19 is still a barrier to most child care sites. Meck Pre-K will be in 105 classrooms and 46 centers for 21-22.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 Latoya Scott motioned to close the meeting. Jared Keaton seconded the motion.