

NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

3/18/2021

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

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

Staff Present: Pat Barrett, Christopher Law, Tracy Thiery, Luis Flores, Erika Ugues

Guests: Jennifer Griffith, Trinisha Dean

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 January with no changes. Cathy Henderson 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 First Trimester	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations Second Trimester
Literacy	43.8%	82%
Language	24.6%	57.9%
Physical	22.4%	72.9%
Math	19.4%	59.3%
Social & Emotional	16.5%	65.5%
Cognitive	15.8%	60.7%

● 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	0	0
IA Vacancies	4	0

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● Placements (20-21)

Year	Capacity	Placed	% Placed	Vacancies	% Vacant
19-20	1482	1482	100%	0	0%
20-21	1482	810	55%	672	45%
21-22	1482	98	7%	1384	93%

● Budget

NC Pre- K sites completed their inventory in order to see what is needed to refresh materials, furniture, and manipulatives. Staff is also looking to incorporate dual language reading materials into Pre-K classrooms.

Area Spent	Year to Date	Funds Remaining
Furniture	\$116,026.69	\$ 15,096.00
Instructional Materials	\$ 396,880.16	\$ 6,605.00

● COVID Relief

NC Pre-K sites will receive additional funds in the coming weeks. 21 Classrooms that have not provided face to face instruction will receive \$3452. 82 classrooms that have provided face to face instruction will receive \$4,315. Total Amendment to NC Pre-K Contract is \$426,322. Funds will first be distributed to contract administrator(CMS) and then disbursed to sites.

● Monitoring Tools

7 NC Pre-K sites with findings. Top 3 findings were: Child Health Assessments (mainly dental), Family Check ins, and Formative Assessment.

● Change of Ownership

NC Pre-K sites: Smart Kids 1,3,7 and 8 ownerships were transferred from Kevin Campbell to People and Baby on 2/12/2021. Motion to approve Smart Kids 1,3, 7 and 8 under new ownership People and Baby to remain an NC Pre-K site for 2021-2022 school year. Janet Singerman made motion to approve Michael Jones seconded, no opposition, Latoya Scott abstained. All voted in favor.

● Director Updates

Directors appreciate receiving weekly updates instead of a monthly meeting. The information shared is current and relevant.

Bright Beginnings Update

Year	Capacity	Placed	Placed %	Vacancies	Vacancy %
19-20	3240	3032	94%	208	6%
20-21	3240	2923	90%	317	10%
21-22	3240	733	23%	2507	77%

Smart Start is working with CMS, NC Pre-K, Meck Pre-K and Head Start on a joint marketing campaign to recruit Pre-K students for the upcoming school year.

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Meck Pre-K Update

Online application started on 3/1/21. There are approximately 1,000 applications submitted. Classroom capacity reduced to 9 children per class. A total of 801 children are being served.

Shared Next Meeting Dates

5/14/21 - 8:30am

Meeting adjourned 9:39 am. Cathy Henderson motioned to adjourn Janet Singerman seconded the motion. No opposition, all voted in favor