

NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

10/29/2020

Committee Members Present: Jake House, Matthew Hayes, John Eller, Michael Jones, Jared Keaton, Cheryl Mandle, Latoya Scott and Janet Singerman.

Committee Members Absent: Annette Grier, Cathy Henderson, Amber Pierce, Kristi Godfrey-Hurrell and Wadiethateiah McKoy.

Staff Present: Nadja Trez, Luis Flores, Tracy Thiery, Erika Ugues, Cher Holcomb and Pat Barrett

Guests: Jennifer Griffith, Tameika Leslie, Kevin Campbell, Kris (works for Smart Kids)

Matt Hayes called the meeting to order at 2:35pm with a quorum met

New committee member John Eller attended his first meeting. He replaced Anthony Trotman. Michael Jones motion to approve new member, Janet Singerman seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition.

Co-chairs, Matt Hayes and Jake House opened up discussion regarding site selection. Should site selection be opened up for the 20-21 school year? At this time it was agreed that the NC Pre-K Committee will not open up the site selection process for the 20-21 school year. In accordance with DCDEE guidance site selection is to be completed at least every three years but the NC Pre-K Committee can decide to open up the process annually. The Site Selection process will be further discussed at a later date.

NC Pre-K Committee discussed allowing an existing NC Pre-K site to move to another building. Smart Kids #3 located at 6215 East WT Harris Blvd to Smart Kids #8 7008-7 E WT Harris Blvd. Current children, 36 slots and teaching staff will remain the same. 2 classrooms from Smart Kids #3 will move to the new building in Smart Kids # 8. Jared Keaton motion to approve, Janet Singerman seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition. Latoya Scott abstained.

Jared Keaton suggested to the Committee to have clear written guidance for future decisions regarding classroom relocations. Co-chairs agreed and will include process by the next meeting.

John Eller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Latoya Scott seconded. All voted in favor, no opposition.