

NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

7/16/2020

Committee Members Present: Jake House, Matthew Hayes, Dana Eure, Annette Grier, Cathy Henderson, Michael Jones, Jared Keaton, Cheryl Mandle, Amber Pierce, Latoya Scott, Janet Singerman

Committee Members Absent: Kristi Godfrey-Hurrell, Wadiethateiah McKoy, Anthony Trotman

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

Guests Present: Trinisha Dean, Tim Gibbons, Jennifer Griffith, Jennifer Stamp and Marc Dickmann

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

Agenda Overview and Approval of May Minutes

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

Site Selection Sub Committee Update: Marc Dickmann is present

An existing NC Pre-K site in zip code 28269 decided to no longer continue with the program, 36 slots, 2 classrooms need to be moved to another approved NC Pre-K site. Committee needs to make a recommendation where new slots should go.

Another existing NC Pre-K site is requesting to move 1 classroom (18 slots) to a new location. Committee needs to make a recommendation.

Site 28214 needs a classroom moved to a new location which is a high area of need. NC Pre-K already has 12 out of 18 slots ready to fill at this site.

Instead of a recommendation today Janet Singerman made a motion to direct the Site Selection Sub Committee to conduct a virtual site visit for all sites to confirm the validity of the accuracy of what was represented in the site selection application and to report back to the NC Prek Committee. Cathy Henderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, no opposition. Jared Keaton abstains. Motion passed

Budget Update

- Final 19-20 Budget
- 2020-2021 Budget

Program Update

- New Teacher Training
- Phonological Awareness
- 21st Century E Learning
- Becky Bailey: Trauma

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Summer Learning

- Summer 1: packets sent to all CMS feeding sites
- Summer 2: packets sent to all CMS feeding sites
- Ready Set Go: distributed to families from CMS feeding sites
- Partnership with Read Charlotte

Discussion on how CMS reopening plans impacts NC Pre-K

Typically NC Pre-K follows what the LEA (school district) decides but due to COVID 19 this may change. Per Jennifer Griffith the Division (DCDEE) is currently reviewing guidelines and will hopefully send final guidance within the next 2-3 weeks.

Tracy presented DRAFT reopening plans. All subject to change depending on guidance issued by DCDEE and the County.

NC Pre-K Director's Update (Latoya Scott & Annette Grier)

- Reimbursement Structure have they been defined? At this time per state consultant, Jennifer Griffith DCDEE is reviewing guidance.
- Where are we with applications and enrollment?
- What technology will be provided to families ?
- Home Visits turn into virtual format as long as the state approves

MECK Pre-K

- 20 Additional classrooms were approved now there are a total 42 sites total of 89 classrooms
- 154 applications have been received for 28262 and 28269
- Meck Pre-K will continue to provide drive by application process. 88 families came through in the first drive-by offered June. There be another event this month
- Total applications received 893; 1602 slots for the 2020-2021 school year

Bright Beginnings Update

4385 Applications Received to date

Meeting adjourned 10:16 am Jared motioned to adjourn Latoya seconded the motion.