

# NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

3/15/23

**Committee Members Present:** Jake House, Tara Lynn Sullivan, Cheryl Mandle, Emily Nanney, Kristy Godfrey Hurrell, Latoya Scott, Michael Jones, Janet Singerman, and Jared Keaton

**Committee Members Absent:** Jessica McMullen, Amber Pierce, Cathy Henderson and Annette Grier,

**Staff Present:** Tracy Thiery, Erika Ugues, Cher Holcomb, Teressa Beam

**Guests:** Mary-Margaret Kantor

Jake House called the meeting to order at 8:34 with a quorum met

Janet Singerman motioned to approve minutes for January 12<sup>h</sup> meeting. Cheryl Mandle seconded the motion. No opposition all voted in favor.

## Follow up on Site Monitoring

### Current Site Data

Current Site structure presented to NC Pre-K Committee members. NC Pre-K located in 29 Centers, 84 classrooms. Currently there are 16 TA vacancies in NC Pre-K sites, which affects the amount of children that are placed in classrooms.

## TS Gold & PAST data

### Attendance

Currently the average attendance is 82% for the CMS program. The goal is 92%.

### Family Engagement

Focus is to increase in family reading. Parent workshops offered. Ready Rosie is another platform used to promote family engagement. 93% of families have been sent an invite, but how many are being used. Positive parent and child relationship modules have the largest viewing from parents.

### Professional Development

Several opportunities for staff to attend PD

**Budget Status:** Quarterly information shared with Committee Members. All budget lines depleted between 60-70% on track to deplete funds by June 30th.

### Placements

Currently NC Pre-K placements are at 85%. CMS continues to screen and place children on a weekly basis. Pre-K application will continue to be open until 4/15 for the 22-23 school year.

## CDC Director Update

### Meck Pre-K

Meck Pre-K is no longer accepting applications for 22-23. Jan 31<sup>st</sup> was the cutoff date for the 22-23 school year. The 22-23 school year is closed and Meck Pre-K is focusing in 23-24. Currently no children are being placed yet for 23-24. There are 6 TA vacancies in the Meck Pre-K program.

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## Monitoring Tools Results

All 29 NC Pre-K sites visited and monitored using the NC Pre-K tool. Feedback was shared with all directors that received a finding. CMS offered support on fixing errors and timeline was established. NC Pre-K staff will revisit the site if necessary. Several of the findings are due to the large quantity of first year teachers at NC Pre-K classrooms.

	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Count of Sites <i>without</i> Findings	11	32	19	11
Count of Sites <i>with</i> Findings	26	7	17	29

## Transition to K

Centers are starting to create events for families to help Pre-K children make a smooth transition to K. Pre-K parent advocates will support on events.

Task	Status
Transition to K Team	Quarterly Meeting
Transition to K State-Wide plan	Sent to State
Beginners' Day Materials	To Be Determined
Transition to Kindergarten Workshops	Starting in March of 2023

## Contracting Agency 2023-2024

Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education to continue as the contracting agency for the 2023-2024 school year. Janet Singerman motioned to approve, Emily Nanney seconded the motion. Discussion occurred, no opposition, Cheryl Mandle, Annette Grier, and Latoya Scott abstained. Motion approved.

## Implementation Plan

Janet Singerman motioned to approve the implementation plan presented, Emily Nanney seconded the motion. Discussion occurred, no opposition, Cheryl Mandle, Annette Grier, and Latoya Scott abstained. Motion approved.

## Review NC Pre-K County/Region Plan

Discussion occurred regarding slot allocation. Proposed slot allocation is 1364 to Private child care centers (CDC's) and 347 slots to public school (CMS). By increasing CMS slots for 23-24 the slot rate for private child care centers will potentially increase. CMS is working on what the rate could change to, current rate is \$789 per slot to private CDC's. Janet Singerman motioned to approve, Annette Grier seconded the motion. No opposition, motion approved.

**Bright Beginnings** Pre-K classrooms are 92% full.

Year	Capacity	Placed	Placed %	Vacancies	Vacancy %	Year	Month	# Submitted Applications
20-21	3240	2943	91%	297	9%	2021-2022	December - January 11	207
21-22	3240	3003	93%	237	7%	2022-2023	December - January 11	769
22-23	3240	3009	93%	231	7%	2023-2024	December - January 11	1218

## CDC Director Update

NC Pre-K Directors appreciate discussion and request for more communication to occur between NC Pre-K site directors and CMS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am Michael Jones motioned to close the meeting. Cheryl Mandle seconded the motion.

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