

NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

1/12/2023

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

Committee Members Absent: Jared Keaton, John Eller, Jessica McMullen and Kristy Godfrey Hurrell

Staff Present: Tracy Thiery, Erika Ugues, Cher Holcomb, Tara Lynn Sullivan

Guests: Jennifer Griffith, Carmen Morrison, Mary-Margaret Kantor, Richard Miller, Karen Smith-Jones, Elisha Wilson and Kimberly De Leon

Jake House called the meeting to order at 8:35 with a quorum met

Janet Singerman motioned to approve minutes for November 17th meeting. Annette Grier seconded the motion. No opposition all voted in favor.

Current Site Data

Current Site structure presented to NC Pre-K Committee members. NC Pre-K located in 29 Centers, 84 classrooms

Professional Development

CMS continues to provide training for NC Pre-K staff, Directors and NC Pre-K teachers. LETRS training; coaches are doing monthly follow-ups.

Placements

Currently NC Pre-K placements are at 83%. CMS continues to screen and place children on a weekly basis. Statewide NC Pre-K placement is approximately at 85%.

Budget Status: Quarterly information shared with Committee Members. All budget lines depleted between 40-50% on track to deplete funds by June 30th.

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.

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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 10:00am Annette Grier motioned to close the meeting. Cheryl Mandle seconded the motion.