

Early Education/NC Pre-Kindergarten Committee

Wednesday May 18, 2016

10am

The Early Education/ NC Pre-Kindergarten Committee met on Wednesday May 18, 2016 at the office of Cabarrus Partnership for Children. Ann Benfield led the meeting that was attended by Debra Pless, Dee Almond, Skylya Solomon, Annie Parker, Ashley Reid, Carmen Morrison, Tanisha Jones, Jamie Clark and Elizabeth Albright.

Welcome

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of April 20, 2016 Minutes

Minutes from the April 20, 2016 meeting were distributed to the committee for any necessary corrections.

Corrections: change Carmen's last name to Morrison

Motion: Tanisha Jones

2nd: Ashley Reid

Information/Updates

PORCh

Ann asked the committee to refer all families to the PORCh system. She shared the Partnership is looking at ways to add laptops throughout the community to assist families that do not have access to the internet.

NC Pre-K

Applications and Placement for the 16-17: Jamie shared that we are wrapping up our last appointments in May. Our office will go on hold while we do placement for CCS district in June and KCS district in July. Once placement is almost done, then we will pick back up with appointments. For now in our office, Lissy is taking contact information for families that are interested in applying that can't make the last appointments available.

NC Pre-K Program Monitoring Elizabeth informed the committee that monitoring is complete and she passed out a handout showing the recommendations made by DCDEE and the action needed.

The areas are the following:

- ❖ Family Engagement Plan
- ❖ Open Meeting Law
- ❖ Committee Minutes
- ❖ NC Pre-K Committee Name

- ❖ Transportation Plan
- ❖ Attendance Records

This handout will be emailed out with the minutes, detailing recommendations from DCDEE.

Two items that needed committee input, were Family Engagement and Transportation plan. It was discussed that Elizabeth would type up what the current transportation policy is and update that if funding becomes available plans would be made to assist in cost of transportation. She will bring the revisions to the local guidelines to the next meeting for approval.

The other item was setting a minimum number of Family Engagement activities for sites. It was discussed and decided that there will be a survey sent out to the sites to see what types and how many family engagement activities are currently being done at our NC Pre-K sites. Once the results are in Elizabeth will form a sub committee of providers to discuss the set number our local guidelines should include. Local guidelines will be revised to reflect the changes and brought to the committee for approval.

Site Section: Elizabeth Albright shared that due to low attendance the non –conflicted members could not vote at the last meeting and another meeting was held on May 9th to vote on the Site Selection committee recommendations. That list has been approved, Elizabeth passed out the chart showing the list of sites that applied to be considered for the 16-17 school year and the approval decision for each site. This chart will also be emailed out with the minutes.

Head Start

Ann informed the committee that they are wrapping up this school year and makes lots of changes for next year.

Smart Start

Ann shared that she is waiting on allocations and contracts from NCPC. All DSPs have been emailed to request their budget needs for the new year.

Smart Start Scholarship

Jamie Clark shared that the Partnership is in the middle of recertification appointments with the current voucher recipients to determine if they are eligible for their voucher beginning July 1st. We also added the 9 families on the wait list this week. So once recertification appointments are complete we will know how many new families we can add.

DHS Subsidy

Lora Lipe was not able to attend.

Cabarrus Partnership Family Support

Elizabeth Albright shared information about the upcoming Summer Feeding program. She also shared there should be funding to print the summer activity ideas booklet and calendar this year for sites. Elizabeth is currently looking for an alternative to the schedules and routines workshop that is held each

fall. Due to low attendance, she is currently looking for a quick video that could be shown to parents at open house. Annie Parker with KCS, offered to help make one with Elizabeth. More details to follow.

Community Updates

Elite

Dee Almond shared they are practicing for graduation and they are planning their celebration for families at Les Meyers Park.

Childcare Health Consultants

Debra shared that the Emergency Preparedness is going well. They increased their class size to help meet the need for this workshop. They have also seen an increase in call volumes.

KCS

Annie Parker shared she is excited to be back with Pre-K and is excited about forming new partnerships with the schools and child care centers. She also shared that in a year they will be combining all of the NC Pre-K school sites at Woodrow Wilson.

CCRI

Ashley Reid shared nothing new to report.

Community

Carmen Morrison shared is loving her new role as director of a child care center in Mecklenburg county.

Thompson

Tanisha Jones shared that they just finished their last training of the year. They had a great turn out. She also informed the committee the wait list is very low and should be able to serve those children by the end of the year with many cases being closed out.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Clark

Next Meeting: June 15th at 10am