

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 17, 2020

10:00am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on June 17, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Committee Members Present: Lora Lipe, Annie Parker, Waynett Taylor, Samelia Jones, Debra Pless, Jennifer Baucom, Daniel Mauldin, Trina Wenzel, Teresa Aldridge, Deborah Beatty, Nicole Sessoms

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode, Ariel Ayers, Ann Benfield

Guests Present: Spencer Swain and Kimberly Hutchins

Ann Benfield opened the meeting and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves.

Action Items

Minutes- Ann presented the minutes from the May 20, 2020 meeting, asked everyone to look over them, and for someone to make a motion to accept them. Samelia moved to accept the minutes, Lora second the motion, all were in favor.

2020-2021-1st Round Slot Allocations- were presented by Ariel via screen sharing. That chart will be e-mailed to everyone.

Annie asked if we thought there would be more applications coming in? Patricia reminded everyone that it is only the first round of placement, and we will continue to take applications.

Trina asked if we would receive more funding for NC Pre-K slots? Ann responded that yes, we should.

Samelia posed a motion that we accept the slot allocations as is, Lora second the motion, all were in favor.

NC Pre-K Update

Applications and Outreach- Lyne shared that she and Lissy meet weekly to brainstorm Outreach opportunities. They have visited big box stores, neighborhoods, parks, greenways, restaurants, laundromats, farmers markets, and gas stations (to name a few). They are accepting applications via e-mail, fax, mail, or over the phone, and have adjusted their work hours to accommodate families.

Other Agency Reports

DHS- Lora reported that they are operating without a state budget and continue to overspend. However, that state assures that they will offset their spending.

They have spent 100% of their Smart Start allocations, served 173 families off the waiting list, and continue to serve the homeless population, the special needs population, and fulltime working parents.

There are 134 families on the waiting list, 188 of those are children.

Interviews are being conducted over the phone, and documents sent through e-mail and by fax.

Lora's replacement is Elizabeth Heston, and will be introduced at our next meeting.

Patricia reminded everyone that their school calendars and welcome letters were due last Friday, and to please get them in ASAP.

The next NC Pre-K /Early Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15 at 10 am through Zoom