

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 19, 2021

10:00 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on May 19, 2021 at 10:04 am.

Committee Members Present: Samelia Jones, Debra Pless, Trina Wenzel, Elizabeth Heston, Lashonda Houston, Danielle Mauldin, Ann Benfield, Sue Rebich

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

Guests Present: Jessica Helms, Kimberly Hutchins, Kelly Huff, Spencer Swain

Action Items

Minutes- Ann presented the minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting, asked everyone to look at them, and for someone to make a motion to accept them. Samelia moved to accept the minutes, Lashonda second the motion, all were in favor.

Selection/Approval of Contracting Agency: Ann asked the committee if anyone had any recommendations as to who they would like to be the contracting agency for the NC Pre-K Program beside the Cabarrus Partnership for Children? Samelia stated that she would like the Partnership to continue in that role, and Sue second the motion, all were in favor

2021-2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule-Quarterly July 21; October 20; January 19; April 20:

Ann shared that the NC Pre-K committee was not required to meet each month and suggested that we begin meeting quarterly. Sue motioned to approve quarterly meetings, Lashonda second the motion, all were in favor. The dates for those meetings will be as follows:

July 21st

October 20th

January 19th

April 20th

Please note that WE WILL be meeting via zoom on June 17th for the first round slot allocations.

2020-2021 Contract Budget review: Ariel provided everyone with a print out of the budget. She reminded everyone that slot allocations were based on current years' enrollment. They may change as we begin to place children this school year.

NC Pre-K Update

Trisha shared that our application website has received 210 applications to date 105 are complete

47 are incomplete

She asked everyone to remind parents to fill out the NC Pre-K application completely, and submit all required documents, or the application will be placed in the incomplete file.

Monitoring: Trish shared that monitoring is complete, and that everyone has corrected their action plan items. She spoke with Sharon Stukes from DCDEE, and asked that the monitoring dates be changed for next year. Currently they are right in the middle of NC Pre-K application and enrolment dates. She and Trina are working on planning screening dates for this summer at Concord High School.

Applications (first round slot allocation vote at June 17th meeting): Please make sure you are in attendance for this zoom meeting.

DCDEE Summer Proposal: Ann and Trish shared that a webinar was sent to them which they viewed about this proposed summer program. They said that the directions were very fuzzy, unclear, and not informative. There are more unknowns than knowns. What we do know is that the program must be 4 to 6 weeks long, and contain at least 9 children (up to 18). There must be a teacher and assistant in the classroom (regardless of how many children are enrolled.) The teachers' salary must be \$22.00/per hour or more if they currently earn more, and the assistants must be \$15.00/per hour or more if they currently earn more. The proposed start date is July 12th, and centers will be paid directly from DCDEE (but no known date). The all in pay per week is \$5625.00 (and \$2500.00) for supplies. Sites were asked to consider the information that we do have, and let Trish know if you are interested by Monday May 24th. Ann wanted everyone to be clear that the rules may change, and she has no clue when centers will get paid. We will send out information when we receive it. Sue said that if sites needed certified teachers, she could put the word out.

Outreach Plans: Lyne shared that her and Lissy are doing community outreach 1 day per week, and she encourages all of the sites who benefit from the NC Pre-K services to do their own outreach in their area. She also shared a community event scheduled for Saturday, May 22, located at 1030 Central Drive Concord 28027.

Other Agency Reports:

DHS Subsidy: Elizabeth Heston reported that their current waitlist has 460 children, and 305 families on it.

CCS Summer Programs: Trina said that their summer program is full with 110 children.

Family Services: Lashonda shared that Endless Opportunities is having a Community Free event on Saturday May 22, from 9 to 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 PM

**The next NC Pre-K /Early Education Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, June 17, 2021 at 10 am Via Zoom**