

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday January 20, 2021

10:00 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on January 20, 2021 at 10:10 am.

Committee Members Present: Samelia Jones, Debra Pless, Nicole Sessoms, Trina Wenzel, Elizabeth Heston, Teresa Aldridge, Jennifer Baucom, Lashonda Houston, Deborah Beatty

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode, Melissa Jones

Guests Present: Teryn Nails, McKeeba Lindo, Spencer Spain, Kimberly Hutchins,

Action Items

Minutes- Ann presented the minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting, and asked everyone to look at them, and for someone to make a motion to accept them. Trina moved to accept the minutes, Nicole second the motion, all were in favor.

NC Pre-K Update

Enrollment Update- Trisha shared that we stopped taking NC Pre-K applications last Friday.

Current enrollment is as follows:

CCS: 105-out of 123

Private: 123 out of 132

Head Start: 52 out of 75

North Kannaplois: 20 out of 31

301 out of 361 spots are filled

Monitoring Updates- Monitoring tools are due to CPFC by 1-31-2021

Trisha will begin visits (on site, or desk visits) in January, and she will need a hard copy of all documentation. All children are required to have a Dial assessment.

Application Process 2021-2022- Trisha shared that the application committee met on January 14th, to make changes and approve the 2021-2022 NC Pre-K application. Please review your handouts for timeline information. She reminded all sites, that it is their responsibility to conduct outreach in their area. She also asked that they hand out paper NC Pre-K applications to all of their school families.

Outreach Plans- Lyne shared that during 2020 over 12,000 touch cards and flyers were distributed throughout the community, over 47 hours of virtual outreach were achieved, and more than 150 e-mails were exchanged with community members.

Places that were visited were:

Fire Departments Restaurants

Public Parks Churches

Pharmacy's Businesses

Mobile Home Parks Library's

Neighborhoods Community Centers

Gas Stations Apartment Complexes

The Partnerships Outreach Plan for 2021-2022 is to continue to build relationships within our communities, educate families, and positively promote the Cabarrus County Pre-K Program.

DHS Subsidy-

Elizabeth Heston reported that their current waitlist has 393 children, and 261 families on it.

The December terminations were 21 families and 48 children.

They are exploring virtual visits for parents.

RCCC: Nicole Sessoms shared that they have 78 students enrolled for the Spring semester. They have had 2 graduates, and given out 13 scholarships.

If you need to reach Nicole.sessoms@rccc.edu 704-216-3526 or Waynette.taylor@rccc.edu 336-588-7833

CCS Summer Programs: MFW is offering a 6 week summer camp beginning June 7th, M-TH 7:30-3:30, food and transportation will be provided. First priority are children of essential workers, children with IEP's, and rising NC Pre-K students. They have 150 slots available.

Kannapolis Head Start: Jennifer shared that they have completed phase 3 of their new HS building, and are hoping to be open in August.

Cabarrus Head Start: McKeeba shared that their 50 children are center based, and they are providing virtual, and in person options. Early Head Start Program has begun, and is currently full with 16 children. 96 expansion spots, 16 for pregnant moms and teens.

Family Services: Lashonda wanted to remind everyone that they offer NC Pre-K support services

CCRI: Samelia Jones shared that they have received money to offer Playground Safety, SIDS, and Emergency Preparedness classes virtually.

Jennifer Baucom is trying to provide Emergency Preparedness classes, and is looking for connections on how to start those. Ann suggested to contact the Fire Department, and Safe Kids.

Deborah and Melissa, our CPC nurses, are offering CPR and First Aid classes.

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