

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

10:06 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on Wednesday September 19, 2018 at DHS building in Kannapolis.

Committee Members Present: Ann Benfield, Skylia Solomon, Debra Pless, Lashonda Houston, Danielle Mauldin, Lora Lipe, Samelia Jones, Debbie Johnson, QuWanya Thompson, Waynett Taylor, Jennifer Baucom

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode, Jamie Clark

Guest Present: Ellyn Andrews, Aurora Swain, LaSharee Rogers, Carmen Browne, Thalia Calleja –Esparza, Linda Roberts

Ann Benfield opened the meeting and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves. Ann shared that we had a meeting space conflict with our October Meeting. She will send out an e-mail confirming the time, date, and place.

Our new parent representative, Thalia Calleja-Esparza was introduced.

Action Items

Minutes – Ann presented the minutes for the August 15, 2018. QuWanya moved to accept the minutes as presented and Lora Lipe seconded, all were in favor.

Information Only-

It's A Family Affair training will be held on September 27, at McGill Baptist Church from 6:30-8:00pm.

The Biology of Stress + The Science of Hope will be held on October 30, at McGill Baptist Church from 6:30-8:30. Please call Lissy at Ext. 100 to register.

The Statewide Salary Supplement Program for Infant and Toddler Teachers webinar is scheduled for September 26th.

Updates:

NC-Pre-K – Tricia shared that everyone was off to a great start, as she continues to visit our sites. She is working on training opportunities such as Project Approach Training on October 11th. She is also looking at her budget for classroom supplies.

Application and Outreach- Jamie stated that the Partnership is still accepting NC Pre-K applications for the wait list until November. We will continue to place children from that wait list until Spring Break. Lyne continues to do outreach weekly.

Smart Start Programs- Ann shared that these programs are off and running, and all contracts are signed. The Bidders Conference will be held on November 6th, and applications and proposals will be due December 12-18th. The committee will meet next week to look at data and needs.

Smart Start Scholarship Program- Jamie stated that we met with our last scheduled family this week. She will be looking at the updated budget to see how many new families we can add.

DHS Subsidy- Lora shared that she was still working her list of families in need. The list currently has 666 children on it. She cleaned up and removed 63 children from the list who didn't qualify, and 11 new children were served in August.

Lora is waiting on the new market rate increase to see how it impacts the employment waiting list.

Family Update- Lashonda has been visiting our pre-k sites with Trisha, and her Teen Moms group is going well. The Partnership will be kicking off our Coat Drive on October 1.

Other Agency Reports- Waynett from RCC shared that the college has approved two new Associate Degree Programs.

1. No math path which cannot be transferred to a four year college.
2. Math path which can transfer to a four year college

They will also be starting a Saturday Track Program in the Spring.

Thompsons Children's Home- QuWanya shared that they have spaces for parent classes, and Incredible Years training.

Cabarrus Partnership for Children- Tricia stated that she is working on setting up back to back days for the Becky Bailey training.

Upper Room Kids- Lasharee shared that she will send out a date for the next Directors Leadership meeting.

With no other agency reports the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m