

NC Pre-Kindergarten/ Early Education Committee

Wednesday May 30, 2018

10am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/ Early Education Committee met on Wednesday May 30, 2018 in the Partnership Office.

Committee members present: Ann Benfield, Annie Parker (co-chair), QuWanya Thompson, Lora Lipe, Jennifer Baucom, Trina Wenzel, Patricia Sehorn, Debbie Johnson, Skylya Solomon, LaSharee Rogers, and Linda Roberts.

Committee Members not present: Maureen O'Bryan, Deborah Beatty,

Staff present: Ann Benfield

Welcome

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

Action Items:

Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018, were moved to be approved by Lora Lipe, and the motion was second by Quwanya Thompson, all were in favor

Site Selection Committee Recommendations:

Ann Benfield recommended these names for the Site Selection Committee:

LaSharee Rogers – owner/director of Upper Room Kids

Jackie Whitfield – Former administrator in Cabarrus County Schools and presently deaconess in Episcopal Church

Jeanne Dixon – Former Guardian Ad Litem in Cabarrus & Rowan County

After a discussion, Patricia Sehorn moved to adopted these people to serve on the Site Selection Committee:

LaSharee Rogers, Jackie Whitfield, Jeanne Dixon and Quwanya Thompson – Thompson's Program Director

Debbie Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

Information/Updates:

Site Selection Training – Is schedule Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 10:00 – 12:00

Applications and Outreach for NC Pre-K: Ann Benfield reported application and outreach for NCPK continues and we are looking forward to placing children as soon as Site Selection is complete.

Smart Start Programs: Ann stated that we are waiting for the state budget to be adopted.

Smart Start Subsidy Programs: Jamie reminded us that our Smart Start Subsidy Program is not placing new children until the state budget is adopted and we see if the state provides the market increase for 3 – 5 year olds.

DHS Subsidy Updates: Lora said they are continuing to watch the state budget approval process.

Family Update: Lashonda Houston continues to serve our family programs.

LaSharee Rogers reported she has been meeting with directors in Cabarrus County and she is doing a survey to see how we can get them involved in the early education process. We discussed encouraging them to come to this meeting, but LaSharee also invited Ann Benfield to attend a future director's meeting to share with directors the resources in the community.

Ann reminded everyone that if they ever had questions, concerns, thoughts, or ideas, to please contact her.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday June 20, 10am at DHS