

MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

- Carolyn Cromartie called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm. Introductions were made to recognize everyone in attendance.

Public Comments

- Carolyn Cromartie opened the floor for public comments.
- There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Approval of the August 17, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Upon motion by Elly Johnson and a second provided by Dr. Thomas the minutes were approved.

NC PreK Updates by Theresia Wright, Kimberly Harris, and Dr. Hinson as follows:

Theresia Wright present the following updates:

- ECERS Review Schools
 - BLP November - December 2022
 - PVP - TBA
- Ongoing Screening Process
- Review of Screening Schedules (Brayboy & Norris will present at next principal's meeting) Upon approval schedules will be shared with Elly Johnson for release to the public.
- Site Selection Process: Wait list at BBP & EPS - Decision is based on need. Sub-Committee: Elly Johnson, Dr. Thomas, Carolyn Cromartie, (Will select additional members at a later date)
- Support for Challenging Behaviors: Support is needed. SCC behaviorist specialists will no longer be available at the end of the year.
- Daniel Bates shared that there will be a list of professional development options to help support us. There is no technical assistance going forward available in our region. Daniel Bates asked about a Childcare Health Coach - We will investigate (Carolyn Cromartie)
- Kimberly Harris presented the following updates:
 - NC PreK Headcount
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 - 190 Slots Allocated to BCS
 - 179 Students Currently Enrolled
 - 11 Unfilled slots
 - Waitlist for Bladenboro & Elizabethtown Primary Schools

NC PRE-K HEADCOUNT PER SITE						
Public Schools = 18 Slots Per Classroom - Private Sites = 14 Slots Per Classroom						
2 Classes	1 Class	2 Classes	3 Classes	1 Class	1 Class	1 Class
BBP - 36	BLP - 16	DPS - 31	EPS - 54	PVP - 17	CCN - 13	RCC - 12
Unfilled 0	Unfilled 2	Unfilled 5	Unfilled 0	Unfilled 1	Unfilled 1	Unfilled 2

- Elly Johnson asked about sending out an invitation to fill the available slots at each site
- Dr. Hinson supported sending out invitations to fill the available slots at each site

Dr. Anthony Hinson presented the following updates:

- Pre-K Community Transition Plan includes with all pre k / 4 year olds in Bladen County; Team has completed a framework for the county providers; Moving forward the goal is to provide a systematic process which includes a Transition Plan for Bladen County; Inclusive Countywide Team Meeting #1 is December 6, 2022
- New Legislative Rate Increases - \$4,895.00 Increase for private sites to support teacher salaries - Automatic Payments
 - October 4, 2022 - Poverty rates were adjusted to qualify more students (*Income levels decreased*)
 - November 15, 2022 last update Public Sites = \$473-497 Private Sites= \$550 -
 - Last Update November 15, 2022 - **2022-2023 Additional Guidance for NC Pre-K Programs**
- Bladen County Schools will request additional slots - unsure of availability
- Going forward there maybe an increased need for slots at the new Tarheel School (PreK - 8)
- Need for additional slots at EPS / BBP due to waitlist at both schools which are filled to capacity
- Consider slots needed following the site selection process

Bladen Smart Start presented the following updates:

- Bladen Smart Start Updates - Preparing to provide Christmas Activity Books for all pre k students in the county before December 16, 2022. Color Me Healthy newsletters will be delivered. December 1, 2022 & December 8, 2022 Resilience Meeting - Inviting everyone to attend. More dates available in January.

NC PreK Committee Meeting Dates for 2022 - 2023 Year

- ★ ~~August 11, 2022~~ **Meeting Rescheduled** to August 17, 2022
- ★ ~~September 15, 2022~~ **Meeting Canceled No New Business to Update**
- ★ ~~December 1, 2022~~
- ★ February 2, 2023
- ★ May 11, 2023

Next Meeting Date

- February 2, 2023
- No Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

- There was no further business. Upon motion by Kim Harris and a second provided by _____, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.

Expectations for Agendas and Minutes

Agendas	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should be given to all team members. ● Should include action items or expected outcomes. ● Should include specific topics for discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should be typed in the minutes section of the agenda. ● Should be shared with all participants.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should include meeting norms agreed upon by the team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be read by all participants as well as read minutes from all missed meetings.
Members Present	Members Absent
Vickie Smith (Lisa Nance)	Ilka McElveen
Elly Johnson	Sherwin Rice
Stephanie Norris	Dr. Jason Atkinson
Dr. Dia Collins-Thomas	Eizabeth Brown
Dr. Margaret Lawrence (Carolyn Cromartie)	Courtney Davis
Aurora Jimenez Meza	Melony Slacks
Lynn McEachern	
Priscilla Brayboy	
Daniel Bates	
Non Members	
NC Pre K Central Office Staff	Staff Absent
Dr. Anthony Hinson	
Theresia S. Wright	
Kimberly Harris	