

# MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2023

## Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Lawrence called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. Introductions were made to recognize everyone in attendance.

## Public Comments

- Dr. Lawrence opened the floor for public comments.
- Public Comments were as follows:
  - x There were no public comments.

## Action Items

- Approval of December 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes
  - Dr. Atkinson motioned to approve the meeting minutes
  - Elly Johnson second the motion to approve the meeting minutes
  - Motion Carried
- **NC PreK Updates** as follows:
  - **Section I County Region Plan / BCS Contract** - Section I was not signed before May 31, 2022 following the May Meeting. This was noticed during a review of documents. The committee did approve of the contract and its members during the May Meeting. The following corrective actions were taken:
    - Inform the committee of the omission
    - Vote again to confirm members and contract
    - Print / Date Contract for 9 February 2023
    - Go forth to obtain signatures from committee members
    - File the sign/dated contract
  - **Site / Contractor Monitoring**
    - Tools Completed and filed. This also includes the Fiscal Monitoring tool.
  - **ECERS Review**
    - BLP will go through re-evaluation - Date not yet known
    - PVP will be evaluated in the 2023 - 2024 SY
  - **Site Selection** - Notice was sent to 4 and 5 STAR facilities. Meeting was held. None of the qualified facilities attended the meeting.
  - **Site Selection / Requests for Additional Slots** - Dr. Hinson shared that he has requested additional slots. DCDEE shared there are no slots available at this time. EAS

needs slots. 10 or more students are ready to be enrolled. This is enough for a class. It is likely to be able to fill 18 slots since Baltimore Center is closed. There is no place for 4 year olds to attend in the area. The committee will have to consider the reallocation of slots in 2023-24 SY with the opening of the new K-8 school in Tarheel, the need for slots at EAS, and with the waitlist at BBP and EPS.

- **NC PreK Enrollment Numbers - 6 Unfilled Slots**
- **Strategies for Child Find - Theresia Wright**
  - [What Is Child Find?](#)
  - [2023 - 2024 Kindergarten Screening Schedule](#)
  - [2023 - 2024 NC PreK Screening Schedule](#)
  - PreK and Kindergarten Screening Schedules have been posted on the county website; signs will be displayed at all of the schools in English and Spanish; posters for Child Find are posted in all schools
  - Dr. Atkinson added that billboards for enrollment are put up in the county.
- **Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Plan-** Dr. Hinson reported that the Preschool to Kindergarten Transition is off to a great start. The goal is to reach daycares; parents; grandparents; share common assessments; I Can Statements and Data Sets with all stakeholders. Especially, with grandparents who are caring for preschoolers who do not attend a program or early childhood facility. The ultimate goal is to have ALL kids enter kindergarten in the GREEN. The following is in the works:
  - Flyers for grandparents raising preschoolers
  - Grandparent support calendar
  - PD for grandparents
    - *(All parents can receive the information)*
- **Bladen Smart Start Providing PD Opportunities - Theresia Wright** reported that BCS is partnering with Bladen Smart Start for PD Opportunities. They can provide PD, resource materials, and facilitate meetings that give CEU credits. In addition, they are also helping to support the Preschool to Kindergarten Transition by informing/inviting private facilities and the public to attend the meetings.

- **Strategies: Support for Challenging Behaviors** - Theresia Wright reported that Bladen is struggling to find the much needed support for the parents of students with challenging behaviors as well as the students with challenging behaviors. The staff at SCC who supported this work in the past no longer has staff. They are looking to replace the staff members who have moved on. **Stacy Rosser, MPH, CCHC-C/E**
  - Regional Child Care Health Consultant
  - NC Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center
  - UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
  - Stacy, who is not in our region, has been providing support for a student at PVP.
- Currently, modified day plans for selected students have been implemented. This strategy allows relief for the student, the students in the class, and the staff. Students with challenging behaviors often find the classroom setting to be over stimulating and require one-on-one staff attention which often disrupts the 1:9 required ratio in the classrooms. Documentation that lists strategies and parent conferences has been required for all students in this category.
- Both Dr. Hinson and Dr. Atkinson concurred that these students must transition to whole days before the end of the school year.
- Theresia Wriugh shared that actions to transition the students to whole days will occur after the Winter Checkpoint that ends 14 February 2023.
- **Partnership Reports**
  - Bladen Smart Start
    - Dr. Lawrence reported that Kayla Brianne and Carolyn Cromartie are working on information and Get Ready Kindergarten packets for centers and parents.
    - Carolyn Cromartie is distributing Raising a Reader books - Seeking student numbers from the classrooms to provide specific numbers of books
    - Dr. Thomas thanked BSS for the books that the migrant scholars have received.

#### **NC PreK Committee Meeting Dates for 2022 - 2023 School Year**

- ~~September 15, 2022~~
- ~~December 1, 2022~~
- ~~February 2, 2023~~ Rescheduled February 9, 2023

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- May 11, 2023

**Future Agenda Items**

- Dr. Lawrence asked if there were any future agenda items? No future agenda items noted.

**Adjourn**

- Elly Johnson motioned to approve the meeting adjourn
- Dr. Atkinson second the motion to adjourn meeting
- Motion Carried
  - Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:31 pm.

<b>Expectations for Agendas and Minutes</b>	
<b>Agendas</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be given to all team members.</li> <li>• Should include action items or expected outcomes.</li> <li>• Should include specific topics for discussion.</li> <li>• Should include meeting norms agreed upon by the team.</li> <li>• Should use the format shown above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be typed in the minutes section of the agenda.</li> <li>• Should be shared with all participants.</li> <li>• Should be read by all participants. Participants should read minutes from all missed meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>ATTENTION: A strikethrough indicates the team member was absent.</b>	
<b>NC PreK Committee Members Present</b>	
<del>Dr. Dr. Jason Atkinson</del>	
<del>Elizabeth Brown</del>	
<del>Courtney Davis</del>	
<del>Vicki smith</del>	
<del>Melony Slacks</del>	
<del>Stephanie Norris - Virtual</del>	
<del>Dr. Dia Thomas</del>	
<del>Sherwin Rice</del>	
<del>Elly Johnson</del>	
<del>Priscilla Brayboy - Virtual</del>	
<del>Dr. Margaret Lawrence</del>	
<del>Aurora Jimenez Meza</del>	
<del>Annie Graham</del>	
<del>Lynn McEachern</del>	
<del>Ilka McElveen</del>	
<b>NC Pre K Central Office Staff</b>	
<del>Dr. Hinson</del>	
<del>Theresia Wright</del>	
<del>Kimberly Harris</del>	
<b>Others Present</b>	