

## 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"> <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> </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> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should include meeting norms agreed upon by the team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should be read by all participants as well as read minutes from all missed meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
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	
<b>Non Members</b>	
<b>NC Pre K Central Office Staff</b>	<b>Staff Absent</b>
Dr. Anthony Hinson	
Theresia S. Wright	
Kimberly Harris	