

NC Pre-K Committee Minutes

3.27.2025

Committee Members Present: Mike Blackwelder, Janet Singerman, Shante Wynn, Cheryl Mandle, Jared Keaton, Mary Margaret Kantor, Cathy Hernderson, Kristi Godfrey-Hurrell, Michael Jones, Latoya Scott, Emily Nanney, Kimberly Schroeder

Committee Members Absent: Jessica McMullen, Annette Grier, Glencie Rhedrick, Kari Hart, Amber Pierce

Staff Present: Desiree Chappell, Teressa Beam, Cynthia Richardson, Cher Holcomb, Brianna Frink

Guests: Elisha Wilson, Jennifer Griffith, Tiffany Hatchett

Meeting was called to order at **8:38 am** by Mike Blackwelder

Program Updates

- Approve Previous Minutes
 - [NC Pre-K Committee Minutes 2.20.2025](#)
 - Motion to approve minutes from the February meeting was made by Janet Singerman; Second by Cheryl Mandle. Opposed 0. Abstained 0. Motion to Approve was Passed.
- Long Term Sub Extensions
 - The request documentation has been provided for long term sub lead and long term sub assistants.
 - Currently we have...
 - Long term sub leads: 6
 - Long term sub assistants: 22
- Site Selection Update
 - The subcommittee would like more time to finish site selection.
 - New proposed completion date and report out April 29th.
 - Revised [Site Selection Timeline](#)
 - Motion to Approve Revised Timeline made by Janet Singerman; Second by Cheryl Mandle. Opposed 0. Abstained 0. Motion to Approve was Passed.
- Welcome to Kimberly Schroeder who is transitioning into the role of Associate Superintendent of Learning and Teaching. She hopes to officially be in this position by the end of April.
- Current Site Structure

	Child Development Centers	CMS Schools
Sites	27	11
Classrooms	79	31
Students	1249	381
Teacher Vacancies	6	1
Co Teacher Vacancies	22	2

- NC Pre-K Status Update

School Year	Currently Attending	Vacancies	Percentage Full
2024-2025	1249	165	88%

2nd Trimester Data Review

- Teaching Strategies Gold, PAST, Letter ID Data analysis

Teaching Strategies Gold Program Update First Trimester to Second Trimester

TSG Areas of Development	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations <u>First Trimester</u> 2024-2025	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations <u>Second Trimester</u> 2024-2025
Literacy	62%	85.1%
Language	44.1%	65.8%
Physical	55.9%	85.3%
Math	36.8%	67.2%
Social & Emotional	45.1%	72.8%
Cognitive	45%	74.2%

Teaching Strategies Gold Program Update- Second Trimester

TSG Areas of Development	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations <u>Second Trimester</u> 2023-2024	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations <u>Second Trimester</u> 2024-2025
Literacy	82.3.4%	85.1%
Language	64.1%	65.8%
Physical	77.5%	85.3%
Math	65.1%	67.2%
Social & Emotional	71.3%	72.8%
Cognitive	69.8%	74.2%

Program Update - NC Pre-K PAST Data

	Staggered Entry	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Sub Test Area	% of Students Mastering	% of Students Mastering	% of Students Mastering	% of Students Mastering
Rhyme Recognition	12.5%	23.7%	48.3%	
Syllable Blending	n/a	39.5%	76.3%	
Phoneme Isolation/Initial Sound	n/a	10.2%	32.0%	
Rhyme Production	n/a	n/a	34.2%	
Syllable Segmentation	n/a	n/a	47.0%	

Program Update - Letter Identification

- *Letter Identification is a leading predictor of reading success in school.*
- End of Year Goal of Pre-K students knowing at least 18 uppercase letters and 15 lowercase letters has been researched that students will continue to succeed in literacy tasks. While students who do not meet this benchmark are those most likely to continue to struggle with literacy learning.

Sub Test Area	Staggered Entry Average Number	First Trimester Average Number	Second Trimester Average Number
Uppercase Letters	9.1	12.5	16.6
Lowercase Letters	6.5	9.9	14.0
Letter Sounds (9-12 Letter Sounds by EOY)	n/a	n/a	9.6

Sub Test Area	Staggered Entry % of Students Mastering	First Trimester % of Students Mastering	Second Trimester % of Students Mastering
Names 18 or More Uppercase Letters	25.0%	38.1%	56.1%
Names 15 or More Lowercase Letters	20.3%	32.8%	50.9%
Knows 9 or More Letter Sounds	n/a	n/a	46.7%

- Family Engagement
 - Target Areas
 - Reading Logs
 - Home/Family Literacy
 - Outcomes
 - Increase Daily Reading
 - Increase Intentional Family Connections

Reading Logs	Total number of students who have read over 100 books	Total number of students who have read over 100 books
	QTR 1 (2024-2025)	QTR 2 (2024-2025)
# of Students that have met the goal	100	810

- Ready Rosie

Section	Number of Families Utilizing Ready Rosie
First Trimester	3435
Second Trimester	3499

Outcome Areas	Number of Families Utilizing Ready Rosie
Family Well-Being	1573
Positive Parent Child Relationships	6209
Families and Lifelong Educators	6034
Families as Learners	5959
Family Engagement in Transition	346
Family Connections to peers in community	354

Outcome Areas	Number of Families Utilizing Ready Rosie
Language and Literacy	5095
Math	2714
Social Emotional	2189
Health and Wellbeing	5721

- CDC Director Update Provided by Latoya Scott
 - No new Updates
 - Directors have questions regarding possible Wrap Around Care Support
 - Desiree, Cynthia and Teresa have been working together through the budget to see if they can come up with an option(s) for wrap around care that would be feasible. These conversations are ongoing at this time.
 - Directors have questions regarding possible Director Bonuses
 - Same as with wrap around care, conversations are still ongoing as they work through the budget to find feasible options to make this possible.
 - Directors are pleased with NC Pre-K Leadership and Appreciate the meetings and meals provided every month.

- Bright Beginnings Update
Bright Beginnings Placement Status Update

Capacity	Currently Attending	Vacancies	Percentage Full
3240	3165	75	98%

2025-2026 Pre-K Application Trends

School Year	Number of Applications Received as of March 26
2023-2024	2855
2024-2025	3321
2025-2026	3680

- Meck Pre-K Update
 - Numbers are way up from previous years
 - Have started placement and are anxious to begin the dual enrollment process with Cher
 - Final Site List for next year is not posted yet.
 - Still waiting on County Commissioners final decisions.

- Next Meeting
 - April (Site Selection Recommendation) [April 29, 2025 Called](#)
 - July-August (Required Items) [July 17, 2025](#)
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 am by Mike Blackwelder



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