

Virtual North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda

Quorum is 13 = 50% + 1 (Total Board Members = 23)

Thursday, August 26, 2021

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Zoom Meeting

Be the Driving Force to meet our roles and responsibilities as a non-profit Board by:

- *Providing Oversight* ➤ *Ensuring Adequate Resources* ➤ *Establishing a Strategic Direction*

I. **Determination of Quorum & Call to Order – Alana Hix**

II. **Action Items for SFY 2021-2022***

- A. Recommendation giving flexibility to increase the lower Long-Term Substitute rate of \$550 to \$600.
- B. Transportation Fee for Trinity Child Care – Request approval to charge a \$25.00 per month fee. See attached Transportation Plan from Trinity Child Care.

III. **Information^Δ**

- A. Site Selection Sub-Committee Recruitment
- B. Update on Universal Pre-K Application

IV. **Adjournment – Alana Hix**

* Needs Action Δ Information Only ° Electronic Copy (Hard copies are available upon request) ! Possible Conflict of Interest (Recusals)

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Thursday, August 26, 2021

TO: NC Pre-K Planning Committee

FROM: Ar-Nita Davis, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Recommendations for Action Items

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1. Recommend approval, contingent upon availability of funds and at the discretion of the President, giving flexibility to increase the lower Long-Term Substitute rate of \$550 to \$600 for substitutes that hold an AA/AAS in ECE or an ECE related field.

Please Note: NC Pre-K Contracting Agencies will **not** be required to assign a lower per-child rate for classrooms who must hire long-term substitute lead teachers. NC Pre-K Contracting Agencies may reimburse classrooms at a higher “approved lead teacher” rate as long as funds are available within their Direct Service allocations.

2. Recommend approval of Trinity Child Care charging a Transportation Fee of \$25.00 per month.

Please Note: Families with children participating in NC Pre-K may be charged a nominal amount for transportation to/from the NC Pre-K site. However, children who are at-risk should not be denied services based on the family’s inability to pay. (See attached Trinity Child Care Center’s Transportation Plan).

NC Pre-K Transportation Plan

SY: 2020-2021 SY 2021-2022

Name of Site:

Trinity Child Care

On an annual basis, NC Pre-K sites are required to notify the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County of their ability to provide transportation services. Families with children participating in the NC Pre-K program may be charged a nominal amount for transportation to/from the NC Pre-K site if approved by the NC Pre-K Committee. However, children who are at-risk should not be denied services based on the family's inability to pay. NC Pre-K Sites assume all liability for transporting children and must adhere to the NC Child Care Licensing Requirements (Chapter 9 - Child Care Rules .1723 TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS). Sites providing transportation must submit a written description of the transportation services that addresses transporting children to and from the NC Pre-K site. The NC Pre-K site must disclose any fees to be charged to the family for the service, and NC Pre-K Committee approval is required to charge a fee.

We understand that transportation is necessary for families to attend NC Pre-K at our site, we have considered the following resources: (Check at least one and all others you have considered.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Public School Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Transportation Provided by Family
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Family Car Pool
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Provided Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

At this time we are: (Please check one.)

Unable to provide transportation services. Please list your challenges below:

Able to provide transportation services to families. Attach a description of your transportation services and complete the following question:

Depending on Covid restrictions

Will the site charge a nominal fee for transportation?

No

Yes, cost per week month (check one) \$ 25.00

We are requesting approval from the NC Pre-K Committee to charge a nominal fee to NC Pre-K families to offset transportation cost, and we understand that eligible children should not be denied services based on the family's inability to pay.

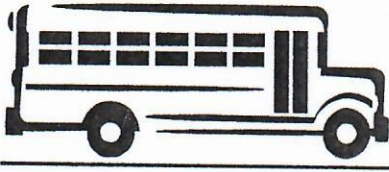
Documentation for the NC Pre-K Transportation Plan will be reviewed and verified at the site-monitoring visit.

Site Administrator Signature:

Linda Vandevender

Date:

8-2-2021



NCPK TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Transportation services are available to North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NCPK) participants at a rate of \$25.00 per month. Purchase of this service includes pick up and drop off between home and school on all instructional school days. Please be advised that eligibility for program entry is not affected by inability to pay for the additional service.

All vehicles used for transporting participants to and from the center will be currently registered and maintained in a clean and safe condition. Additionally, each vehicle will be:

- Driven by an adult with a current driver's license that authorizes driver to operate the type of vehicle driven.
- Contain a first aid kit
- Be equipped with individual, size appropriate safety restraints that are appropriate for the vehicle, installed and used correctly.

In order for daily drop off to take place an adult (18 and over) must be present at the home to receive and sign the participants out of the center's care. If no one is home at the time of drop off the participant will be transported back to the center and the parent will have to make arrangements for pick up. When regularly scheduled transportation is provided to and from school; the center must maintain a list of participants to be transported, route and scheduled stops, name and place where participant is to be dropped off. Please report any changes to the Operations Director, Mary Mathis at (910) 263-7284.