

**Wake County SmartStart Board of Directors Meeting
August 24, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Wake County SmartStart Board of Directors took place on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 112 Bathgate Lane, Cary, North Carolina.

Board members in attendance: Kelly Caldwell, Dale Cousins, Jim Greene, Liz Hamner, Benita Jones, Mark Langford, Carol Mitchell, Cathy Moore, Barbara Morales Burke, Regina Petteway, Camille Schaffer, Mike Smith, Krisi Tally, Charlotte Turpin, Angie Welsh and Tyrone Williamson.

Board members absent as excused: Christine Alvarado, Lorie Barnes, Arvelis Byrd, Jessica Holmes, Susan McCullen, Kim Shaw, and Mike Wasilick.

Board members absent and unexcused: Ana Maria Bonell

Staff members present: Phyllis Barbour, Gary Carr, Pamela Dowdy, Nancy Peck, Melinda Schlesinger and Anna Troutman.

Call to Order/Announcements:

At 12:30 PM, Board Chair, Mike Smith recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order. Charlotte Turpin moved to adopt the agenda. Carol Mitchell seconded the motion. Calling for a vote and hearing no objections, the motion carried. (8-16-06)

Camille Schaffer moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the previous meeting on June 22, 2016, the July 2016 Financial reports and a summary of Direct Service Provider and WCSS in-house programs fiscal monitoring for FY2015-16. Kelly Caldwell seconded the motion. Calling for a vote and hearing no objections, the motion carried. (8-16-07)

Chair's Report:

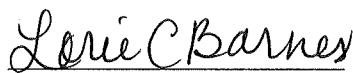
- Mike Smith summarized Board Giving participation and total amount given for 2015-16. He encouraged Board members to increase their visits to funded programs in 2016-17, and report back on their visits.
- Mike Smith reported on his meeting with First Citizens Senior Vice President, Michelle Lindley at the bank's request to share information about WCSS's work and impact on young children in Wake County. As a next step, Dr. Smith said he will get in touch with Hank Dunbar, First Citizens Manager of Charitable and Philanthropic Services, to provide information and explore ways to work together.
- Dr. Smith summarized business highlights of the July Executive Committee meeting which included the following:
 - Review and approval of financial reports for FY15-16 End of Year
 - Approval of an amendment to FY16-17 allocations which included a decision to defund the Family Literacy Program and plan for reallocation of those funds to existing activities providing direct services to children and families.
 - Approval of 2016-17 NC Pre-K reimbursement rates

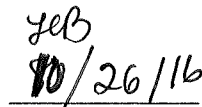
Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director, Pam Dowdy presented a staff recommendation to accept NC Pre-K slot placement for 2016-17 in sites previously approved by the Board and approval of transportation fees. Ms. Dowdy referred Board members to the slot placement chart on Attachment B.1b, noting shaded areas indicating an increase or decrease from 2015-16 slots. In response to a question, she explained possible reasons for decreased slots as being either based on the decreased number of applicants within the geographic area or at the center's request. Ms. Dowdy also pointed out the increased number of total slots made possible through reverted funds from the previous year. Following further questions and comments, Dale Cousins moved to approve placement of 1102 NC Pre-K slots for the 2016-17 school year in sites listed on Attachment B.1b, and approval of transportation fees also listed on Attachment B.1b. Kelly Caldwell seconded the motion. Calling for a vote, noting abstention by Cathy Moore and hearing no objections, the motion passed. (08-16-08)

Ms. Dowdy presented a report on NC Pre-K classroom monitoring concerns for 2015-16 based on findings by Joan Harris, NC Pre-K Specialist during that period. She drew attention to the chart on Attachment B.2 outlining identified concerns and steps for issue resolution.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.


Secretary


Date