

NCPK Committee Meeting

Date: March 11, 2020 | Time: 1:00 | Location: Preschool Readiness Center | Special Meeting called to order by Dr. Don Phipps Co- Chair

In Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Don Phipps (Co-Chair, Caldwell County Schools Superintendent), Kim Burns (Co-Chair, Smart Start), Paula Arrowood (Caldwell County Schools Exceptional Children), Staff Present: Vickie Sproul (NCPK Contract Administrator), Helena Vanhorn (NCPK Coordinator), Geri Ward (Child Care Representative), Jessica Hall (Parent Representative)

Staff Present: Sandra Beane (CCS Preschool Administrative Assistant), Jessica Berry (CCS Itinerant Teacher)

Others Present: None

Members Absent: Miranda Boughman (Parent Representative), Ashley Key (Parent Representative), Karen Harshman/Stephanie Ashley (Blue Ridge Community Action), Shawn Corpening (Child Care Representative), Kristen Tufts (Caldwell County Department of Social Services),

Call to Order 1:00 pm

Dr. Don Phipps (Co-Chair) called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: Upon motion of Paula Arrowood, and a second by Kim Burns, the NCPK Committee unanimously approved the March 11, 2020 agenda.

Public Comment

There were no public comments presented to the committee.

New Business: Information: The NCPK Committee was presented with information by Helena Vanhorn concerning the Coronavirus and providing services for children enrolled in the program in the event of school closure. At present no specific guidance has been offered by NCPK and other counties are also reviewing options. There is, however, an allowance in the NCPK portal to allow for services to be provided to children via alternate means if the need arises. **(19a. Should this child receive an exception for this month and receive full reimbursement? If so, please specify why. You must be a Contract Administrator to grant an exception.** Other special circumstances) Helena provided information on a proposal if there is a mandatory quarantine lasting more than five consecutive days that would allow family options to participate in a combination of live, recorded, and newsletter based activities. This plan is a three part proposal, including Rosie Ready, Zoom and Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Rosie Ready assists in helping families and schools work together to fill the gap during the time class is dismissed. It is a researched-based program that supplements classroom instruction by providing mini lessons to parents and an activity to follow up the lesson. Video lessons can be selected by the child's teacher on an individual basis or for a small or large group. Parents can access via mobile phone or computer. Rosie Ready aligns with Teaching Strategies Gold which is currently used in the NCPK classrooms. The cost for the Rosie Ready is \$6,000.00 for access by all NCPK students. Usage data is collected automatically by the Ready Rosie system.

Zoom is a tool that utilizes videoconferencing. This allows teachers to conduct live daily lessons and allows teachers and families to interact with one another as well as classmates. Teachers can see and interact with students during Group Time. Teachers can ask and respond to questions to collect data. Sessions can be recorded and pushed out to all families so those who could not participate can still have access. Families then have the opportunity to watch several times. Usage data will be logged by the Zoom system.

Parent/Teacher Conferences can be scheduled weekly. Discussions between parents/teachers are helpful in understanding family circumstances and needs. Free, temporary phone numbers can be set up easily for the teacher so that personal phone numbers are not given out. A document with targeted questions to guide conversations will be provided but teachers will also be able to collect information on family needs to see if there are other resources we can direct them to.

Exceptional Children's service delivery will be provided to individual students using Zoom. This will allow for no lapse in EC services. Data collection and documentation will continue to be required.

Discussion: Will all families have access to these services? Yes, all of the families have access to phones that can be used.

Will these sessions be led by teachers that are currently in the classrooms? Zoom will be led by teachers that are in the NCPK classrooms. Ready Rosie is app driven.

The NCPK Community Site Representative was asked if this is doable for community sites. The representative thought it was a good idea and that it would be doable, especially since NCPK students are not attending in the summer months allowing no time to make up missed classes at community sites.

How long is Ready Rosie good for? One year from the time of purchase of the app.

Discussion followed about this plan never being put into action in our state before even with natural disasters like hurricanes, etc happening and delaying classes. It was stated that this plan may be something the state would be interested in sharing across the state.

New Business: For Action

Action Items: The plan of using Ready Rosie, Zoom and Parent/Teacher conferences as a tool for the NCPK classrooms in the event of a closing was placed before the Committee for a vote.

Dr. Don Phipps called for a motion to accept the plan in cases of classroom closings. Upon motion by Paula Arrowood and a second by Kim Burns the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The NCPK Committee will hold their next meeting in April or May.

There being no further business to come before the NCPK Committee and upon motion of Dr. Don Phipps and a second by Paula Arrowood, the Special Meeting of the NCPK Committee was adjourned at 1:40pm.