

**Meeting Minutes #6: Curriculum/ Special Education/ Technology Committee**  
**Preschool Program Meeting**  
**February 13th virtual – 5:15-6:15 pm**

**Attendance:**

Crystal Hopkins  
Melanie Deysher  
Dr. Ponds  
Ms. Hunt  
Ms. Finnerty  
Dr. Harrison-Crawford

Introduction- This meeting is a follow up to Preschool lottery openings in preparation for Sy 23-24

**PEA Grant:**

The PEA Grant is specific to general education students while students with IEP are supported by district funds. Students are identified in multiple ways to have needs such as family identification, previous education providers or through early intervention. Having high quality preschool education we hope will support families in making the best decision around needs and supports for their child without a classification process.

**Transportation:**

Will be provided for families who live more than 2 miles from their assigned site and not attending the additional care of Before or After.

**Before & After Care:**

We are working to have both before and after care provided at each location. It will look different at each site. There will be a cost associated with the service.

**Certification of Pre Teachers:**

For the 23-24 school year as the classrooms have been determined and staff assigned we have no concerns or current needs. As for the future we are working with our current providers to identify the needs based on NJDOE requirements and providing resources and assistance in reaching certification.

**Schedule:**

The day is 6 hours depending on the site the day is either 8:30 - 2:30 or 9- 3. With additional care based on the schedule.

**Training Update:**

*Inclusion 1 on1 training* has started with all of our preschool classrooms supported by a Grant. This allows for collaboration across sites.

*Tools of the mind* curriculum training has concluded the additional benefit of this training has been the ability to have conversation and collaborate with educators across the country.

Preschool instructional Coach from Montclair State ( part time consultant projected to remain thru this year) will be provided coaching to staff at each one of our sites she has recently started and has toured all of our sites. Will be returning in the month of February to provide coaching to ensure that curriculum is implemented with fidelity as well as help to develop intervention and referral processes.

Cross campus interaction:

We are seeing that each classroom is integrated into their learning environment or partnering with a nearby school to build connections. For example; Nishuane Pre School Classroom is involved in the school-wide Book Buddies etc.

SY 23- 24:

Classroom explanation: From 6 classrooms to 12 classrooms

DLC: 2

Nishuane: 2

YMCA: Increased to 3

MCPK: Increased to 2

Headstart: *New partner* with have 2

Neighborhood Child Care Center: *New partner* will have 1

We will be incorporating students who qualify for scholarships from MCPK, Headstart and Neighborhood.

- Headstart does have their own requirements which will be how we place students at that location.

Anticipated enrollment is 180 total both Gen Ed and Special education students.

Budget:

Will be worked on during the month of March and we have clearly identified our needs.

Parent Coordinator:

The position is currently part-time; the district is looking for additional funds to provide a full time position.

Pre-School Council:

The Pre School Council is a diverse group of educators and community members; their focus will be on the future of Pre School in our district. The calendar of meeting dates is forthcoming and will be supported by the Curriculum Committee.