

MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Al Whitesides, Brandy Bowman, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Kit Cramer, Leslie Anderson, Linda McDaniel, Mark Taft, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Philip Belcher, Rich Johnston, Susan Mims, Wendy Wieber

County support staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Burnett Walz, Angelyn Johnson, Trish Wallin, Michael Frue, Kimberly Fullerton

Others in attendance: Susanna Smith, Kaitlyn Guyer, Amy Barry, Stacey Bailey, Deanna LaMotte, Caroline Rodier, Sarah Cain, Georgia, Richard Caro, Brian Repass, Pepi Acebo, Mary Arnold, Emily Quinlan, Jenny Vial, Marcia Whitney, Melissa Hedt, Sunshine Request.

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Virtual meeting reminder: Identify yourself when speaking. All votes will be conducted by roll call. This is a public meeting. If any community members are in attendance, there will be a time for public comment at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

Kit Cramer made a motion to approve the minutes from December 7. Dr. Susan Mims seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote

Old Business

- Reminder that grant applications are open until 2/11/2022. The grant guidelines are published online. There is a grant writing workshop on 1/11 and staff are offering one-on-one grant consultations again this year.

New Business

- Kindergarten Readiness Data
 - Staff presented kindergarten readiness data. The presentation was part of the meeting materials and is posted online for public viewing.
- Pre-k expansion report presented by Buncombe Partnership for Children
 - The presentation was part of the meeting materials and is posted online for public viewing.
 - The committee will devote the majority of the February meeting to discuss this report.
 - Committee members should send any suggested edits to Rachael within 1 week.

Announcements

- The County is making ongoing announcements regarding COVID.

Public Comment

- Pepi Acebo participated in public comment.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is February 1 at 1:00 pm.