

Durham PreK Governance Committee

January 16, 2024, 9:30 am-1 pm

Jim & Carolyn Hunt Early Childhood Resource Center

Purpose of meeting

- a. Reflect together on successes and achievements of Durham PreK
- b. Identify needs for Durham PreK for the future
- c. Explore possible paths to strengthen the program
 - Ascertain recommitment to foundational aspects of the program
 - Consider new paths

DSC facilitation team: Maggie Chotas + Laura Swartz

Business Agenda, 9:30-10 am

- 9:30 am Welcome!** Cathy Collie-Robinson, Chair and Dr. Wykeshia Glass, Vice Chair 10 min (9:40)
- Meeting Protocols
 - Introductions
 - New Member
- Review and Approval of Notes from the November meeting 5 min (9:45)
- Instructional Staff Bonus for FY25 13 min (9:58)
- Adjourn to the Facilitated Planning Meeting 2 min (10:00)

Facilitated Agenda, 10 am-1 pm

10 am Checking in *You're invited to share an achievement and/or positive aspect of Durham PreK.*

Reviewing agenda + making the most of time together

Celebrating successes *Review milestones and improvements of Durham PreK over time.*

10:30 Reflecting on data to identify needs

[35 minutes, including break] Review benchmarks & current reality. Consider: insights, questions, needs for attention/ action moving forward.

[15 minutes] Large group discussion, with high-level observations + questions & answers.

11:20 Where to from here

[30 minutes] **Learning about and discussing possible paths to strengthen program**

a. Durham PreK goals and foundational aspects

Includes:

1. Serving 75% of the county's 4-year-old population
2. Braided model
3. Investment in teachers

b. New possible paths

Includes:

1. Adding Family Childcare to Durham PreK
2. Prioritizing resource development outside the funds from Durham County
3. Other ideas that surfaced earlier in the meeting (eg., wrap care and transportation)

[20 minutes] **Small groups focus on ascertaining recommitment to foundational aspects**

Discuss and then gauge support for foundational aspects of the Durham PreK with the framework:

1. **Wholehearted YES** – this is essential. Why?
2. **Maybe** – more information is needed. What?
3. **Yes, but** – Yes in theory, but changes are needed. What?
4. **No** – Major concerns related to recommitting. Why?

[15 minutes] **Hearing from small groups**

12:25 Working lunch & Next Steps

1 pm Adjourn

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Upcoming dates

Governance Committee meetings

March 20, 2025 (Virtual)

May 15, 2025 from 9:30 – 11:30 (Virtual)