

**Early Childhood Advisory Committee**  
**December 8, 2014**

Present: Lori Pierce, Cindy Drabeck, Sally Gaw, Dr. Casey, Cathy Leslie, Mrs. Cosme, Mrs. Foertsch, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Holmstrom, Mrs. Friemuth, Karen Lorch

Cindy talked about tuition study. We bring in \$105,210 in tuition a year. She also provided a spreadsheet of area preschools.

Palos patch advertising is free

Discussed two day program similar to rec center.

Also discussed a bulk mail campaign and offering a discount for paying tuition in advance or paying year round.

Discussed transportation options for preschoolers (bus, transporting from sandbox)

Dr Casey spoke about opening preschool up to neighboring district's students. We should reach out with an agreement about special students. We would need an intergovernmental agreement. She will reach out to current superintendent

Dr Casey said \$160,000 is absorbed by district for preschool after the \$105,000.

Mrs. Richards asked about writing our preschool grant with the Eisenhower coop or possibly another District. The state is not considering new applications for preschool grants.

We discussed having our own bus drivers and buses. The costs are too much to be a real consideration.

Mrs. Richards discussed the advantages of Indian Hill to parents (staff, resources, play space). We talked about the easy transition to Kindergarten and collaboration. We do not show up as a preschool on Google. We need to check into a Google feed. We also want to see about advertising in the park district brochure.

Pancake Breakfast

February 21st- We discussed charging \$7 for an adult or \$20 for a family. Also offering split the pot raffles. Also wanted to make baskets from each classroom. Mrs. Lahart will donate a Eric Carle basket. Discussed photos at the breakfast and what the best way to print the photos are. Trying to figure out how to do the ticketing. We can maybe do a craft too.

Talked about sending letters out vs. visiting in person to the businesses.

Cindy discussed split the pot options.

We discussed businesses to target. Advertising on placemats for the pancake breakfast. Advertising for pancake breakfast on channel 4.

**Next Meeting January 14th at 6:00 PM** to accommodate some parents that cannot attend during the day.