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PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes

**March 13, 2008 3:00pm
Dodici's (coffee shop)
120 S Iowa Ave
Washington, IA 52353**

Members present: Tasha Beghtol, Karen Arbuckle, Anna Rich

1. 08-09 Applications

Tasha handed out and reviewed application for preschool scholarships 2008-2009. Discussion was held regarding setting a maximum tuition payment. Tasha noted that previous board discussion and concerns for varying costs of preschool programs has prompted the need to consider a cap for scholarship awards. Members reviewed the current tuitions paid and decided to set a maximum of \$165.00/mo. This will allow for full tuition payment for all participating schools except one (Washington Community Y) based on 07-08 rates and scholarships.

2. Guidelines – participating preschools/centers 08-09

Tasha handed out and reviewed current preschool/center agreements for participating programs. Standards were not revised at this time.

3. 4yr old voluntary preschool bill – Washington District update

Washington district is moving forward with a grant application for 4yr old preschool and has held it's first public meeting, specifically targeting discussion with providers. Community based preschools were asked to respond by March 17th as to their interest in continuing discussion about being a possible classroom site.