

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes

**August 9th, 2007 3:00pm
Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room
110 N Iowa Ave
Washington, IA 52353**

Present: Tasha Beghtol, Sue Kos, Paula Buckwalter, Teresa Greiner

1. Scholarship applications

Tasha handed out and reviewed the complete list of applications for FY08 received to date. It was noted that several applicants were attending Highland and Mid-Prairie, therefore no tuition assistance would be needed due to the state preschool dollars awarded to those districts. Tasha also noted that there may still be some transportation costs for those districts and approved applicants may still need some assistance for transportation, but that will not be known until the districts work out the details.

Tasha reviewed the handout regarding the applications that needed committee discussion before scholarships could be awarded. Applicants #37, #40, #3, #33 were approved as submitted. Applicant # 22 was discussed and approved by consensus to receive a 60% scholarship.

Discussion was held regarding applicant # 34. Child will be 5 and open enrolling in Mid-Prairie district. It was noted that it should not be typical practice of empowerment to fund transportation for 5 yr olds who open enroll. Tasha indicated that the child would be enrolled in the preschool program and possibly receiving a full instructional IEP by October. Tasha also noted that a 5 yr old whose parents chose to enroll in a private preschool in Washington district are not denied transportation b/c parental choice is always allowable. Committee agreed that if any 5 yr old is included in regular enrollment numbers, then empowerment may not help with funding needs.

2. Recommendation for standards

Tasha handed out and reviewed the Preschool agreement. Committee agreed by consensus to recommend standards as indicated on agreement for preschools.

3. Additional funding

Tasha handed out and reviewed information regarding the CART program that is implemented by GWAEA in Johnson and Linn counties. Committee requested to invite

the Johnson county CART program director and the consultant providing services in Johnson County to attend the next committee meeting. It was noted that a small pilot CART project would be possible with extra Preschool Support funding, but further discussion was needed.

Committee agreed by consensus to recommend that the Board approve to move forward with additional projects using Preschool Support dollars without a RFP process. The Preschool Committee will be responsible for analyzing possible programs and the Program committee will join for discussion of budget and program funding.

Next meeting will be September 13th @ 3pm