

SSPRPA Early Childhood Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022, 1:00pm
Zoom Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** SSPRPA Early Childhood Zoom Meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 1:00pm

a. Present:

- i. Kelly Matson – New Lenox Park District (Co-Chair)
- ii. Teresa Chapman –Park District of LaGrange (Co-Chair)
- iii. Sue Beardsley- Oak Forest Park District
- iv. Rebecca Perkaus – Alsip Park District
- v. Debbie Maloney – Tinley Park District

2. **Committee Discussion**

a. Holiday Parties

- i. Alsip
 - 1. Doing a winter show, winter crafts, stories & winter themed gifts
 - 2. Does not do Easter but valentine's Day/Sweetheart Dance
 - 3. No Mother's Day Tea but superhero day instead
- ii. Oak Forest
 - 1. Does a holiday party
 - 2. Parents have issues with ghost and Santa clause for religious reasons
 - 3. Family asking for prorated December month
- iii. La Grange
 - 1. Does holiday party & crafts throughout the month
 - 2. Spring holiday not Easter
- iv. Tinley
 - 1. Holiday Party not Christmas
 - 2. Kids will make ornaments for the Village tree
 - 3. Kids will sing in village market

b. Staff Holiday Meeting

- i. Most districts do all staff or individual

c. Staff Sub List

- i. Alsip
 - 1. Lost 2 aides and replaced 1
 - 2. Using other department part time staff
- ii. Tinley
 - 1. Early childhood teachers that are subs & has a great team that is willing to help
- iii. Oak Forest
 - 1. Uses teachers from other classes

- iv. La Grange
 - 1. Struggling to get subs to cover EC classes not preschool
- d. When do you cut off late enrollment for preschool
 - i. October 31st
 - ii. Winter break
 - iii. January
 - iv. February-will send out alphabet & numbers for time misses
- e. Other Areas Discussed
 - i. Early childhood classes competing with free library classes
 - ii. Absentees due to sickness. Alsip requires Dr. Notes after 2 days missed
 - iii. Picture day photographers
 - iv. Snow days and make up policies
 - v. Attending IPRA Conference

3. **Adjournment:** 1:40 pm

Upcoming Zoom Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 1:00pm Join Zoom Meeting

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