

**February 4, 2014**  
**Staff Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance.** Alexandra Ramirez, Cindy Lua, Courtney Maxfield, Eileen Ward Jackie Bebon, Jeannette Brito, Joanne Passeri, Kelly O'Connell, Kelly Rich, Kristin Osvay, Larissa S., Libby Gustafson Marissa Germain, Meghan Andronaco Rondretta Harrod, Sarah Selkow, Sharon Daly, Susan L.

"Our agenda for our staff meeting tomorrow evening, will involve preparation and participation from all of you. At our August staff meeting, I asked that everyone read at least one article in ***Young Children***. Please bring in a copy of one article that you read in the last three issues and come prepared to present a brief summary about why you chose it and how it has influenced your practice in the classroom." Eileen Ward.

**-Maximize your Influence to make Toddler Mornings Meaningful**

Discussed by Sharon, Rondretta, Kelly O'Connell and Jackie Bebon

**-Meeting the Needs of all Children**

Discussed by Cindy

**-The "Make a Plan" Plan (Teaching Young Children)**

Discussed by Susan

**-Rising to the Challenge of Challenging Behaviors**

Discussed by Larissa

**-The Value of Open-Ended Art (Teaching Young Children)**

Discussed by Kristin

**-Meeting the Sensory Needs of Preschoolers**

Discussed by Alex

**-Maximize your Influence to make Toddler Mornings Meaningful**

Also discussed by Jeannette and Courtney

**-"Good Job" Alternatives**

Discussed by Meghan

**-Powerful Interactions**

Discussed by Sarah

**Miscellaneous**

-We will be talking about the snow policy tonight at the Board Meeting. Everyone has different ideas regarding safety issues. If we have to close school due to snow, more than 3 days, we will have to start giving up holidays. The first will be Staff Development day, the second will be Good Friday, and the third will be President's Day.

-We have to understand that many families have work related issues and we have to look into either giving up some of our Holidays or we have to give money back to parents.

-The budget will be discussed at the board meeting.

-Libby went over the accreditation requirements. Please go over everything and make sure your portfolio is completed and your classroom is ready.

-It is important to constantly do a head count when transitioning with your groups of children.

-The Auction will be held first weekend in May.