

**ECSE Task Force
Room C350
March 29, 2006
1:00-3:00 pm**

MINUTES

Attending: Tami Reynolds, Louise Rath, Lisa Backer, Dan Walker, Mary Hanley, Linda Weber, Kathy Riemensnider, Karen Waters, Betsy Omodt, Jeff Priess, Don Loe, Jenifer Robins, Laura Silberfarb, Darcie Steeves, Mary O'Brien, Peggy Rick, Linda Saveraid, Sharon Duncan

Introductions: Tami introduced Lisa Backer from the Minnesota Department of Education, Early Childhood and Family Support. Task force members introduced themselves.

Programming and Staffing: Louise Rath shared current and 06-07 proposed staff and program models. The 06-07 model leaves room for growth. Lisa Backer believes all proposed models are good opportunities for young children.

Enrollment: Data from 04-05, and 05-06 (to date) remain steady, but are a decline from 03-04.

Program Performance and Evaluation: Louise Rath reviewed measurement tools used to determine the performance of students and the programs. St. Louis Park results reported for the State Performance Plan were shared by Lisa Backer. These results are very strong.

ECSE Funding and Data:

The district will look to the state recommended student/staff ratios as a guide to staff realigning and reduction. Parents remain in disagreement over the dollar amount to be cut.

Next Steps:

What is the districts intent?

What are the goals of our district?

State average with measures?

How will the programs be held accountable? (parent survey, AEPS,

What do we need to do programmatically?

Physical spaces when will they be available?

The task force will meet again week of April 17th