

**Western DuPage Special Recreation Association
Inclusion Task Force
January 15, 2026, 2:00 pm
116 N Schmale Rd, Carol Stream**



MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Joe Potts, Bloomingdale Park District
Sue Rini, Carol Stream Park District
Brat Wilson, Naperville Park District

Lynn McAteer, Roselle Park District
Tim Reinbold, Warrenville Park District
Gina Radun, West Chicago Park District

From WDSRA:

Dan Leahy, Executive Director
Natalie Principe, Superintendent of Finance and
Business Services

Lisa Santoria, Director of Human Resources and
Staffing
Curtis Lease, Business Manager
Ann Kennedy, Executive Assistant

I. Staff Expectations

- Sue Rini and Lisa Santoria met to discuss Inclusion issues and shared their findings and suggestions with the Task Force. Communication needs to be improved between the District and WDSRA especially on cancelled programs and wait lists. More training for the staff could reduce the number of aides. Rini is promoting having an Inclusion Coordinator for the site which could reduce the number of aides needed.
- Erin White and the Inclusion managers will meet with the each park district staff to discuss process, who does what and communication.
- To decide when a child no longer needs an aide, an open discussion should be held between the Park District, WD staff and the parents.
- Staff needs to work with PDRMA when the behavior of a participant becomes a safety issue or a hazardous health issue. A participant is expected to follow a code of conduct. If it isn't working, a plan is implemented with the parents before the decision is made to cancel participation.
- Requested that Park Districts have sign-in sheets for WDSRA staff. Possible at the bigger programs but not all programs.

II. Park District staff training and skills

- Staff training on how to deal with disabilities so they are better trained and able to deal with different circumstances.
- Park District visits will be planned to get changes in place before summer.
- Question was raised if there was a possibility of doing child evaluations before summer camps start.

III. Billing Feedback

- Park Districts will address their Boards about the possibility of charging the home district for participants who use Inclusion services out of district. Budgets would have to be adjusted.
- March WDSRA Board meeting pass an Inclusion Billing Policy

Next Meeting:

Meet next in the fall to see how things went over the summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm