

Space Family Education, Inc. Board of Director's Open Meeting

The meeting started with the Board Members Report – Policies and Procedures agenda item to continue the discussion on the proposed illness policies.

The meeting briefly covered upcoming events such as summer camp, singing program, and last day of school. A financial report was handed out and briefly discussed. The meeting ended without any discussion on the other agenda items.

Director Report

Staffing

Resignations:

No report

New Hires:

No report

Other:

No report

Operations

Facility:

No report

Special Events:

No report

Other:

No report

Committees Report

Education Curriculum

No report

Playground

No report

Newsletter and Webpage

No report

Room-1

No report

Room-2

No report

Room-3

No report

Room-4

No report

Room-5

No report

Room-6

No report

Room-7

No report

Room-8

No report

Room-9

No report

Board Members Report

Policies and Procedures (Jennifer Lewis)

Ms. Lewis handed out the latest revision of the proposed policy change. Ms. Lewis read comments that she had received from parents expressing their concerns regarding the proposed policies changes. Ms. Lewis said that the proposed minimum 30 hours staying home period might cause objection from parents when it involves low-grade fever. Concerned parents at the meeting were allowed to discuss their point of views. Some expressed concern that some parents might not take fever seriously enough, and believed that parents should be concern with illness symptoms and not to let the teachers diagnose or determine the seriousness of the situation. Those present agreed that the childcare center should enforce the current policies even though some parents might dispute their case.

It was agreed that a 36-hour staying home period after being sent home for fever or illness is good, and that Ms. Lewis should add a distinction between low grade fever and high fever. Ms. Hirning reminded everyone that the State's criteria for dismissal due to fever is 100.4 degrees taken axillary. Also Ms. Hirning said that the childcare center would take two readings before sending the child home.

Ms. Lewis would also determine how to address physician's note with respect to readmission policy. Teachers and others present expressed concerned that some doctor might be willing

to say anything parents asked. The discussion led to questions related to existing condition with doctor note such as allergies and how long should the note take affect. Ms. Hirning said that the teachers would consider and treat each special or existing condition accordingly. Ms. Vandersand suggested that existing doctor notes covering preexisting conditions should be updated yearly, at a minimum, to ensure that they are current.

After much discussion, it was agreed to strike the proposed readmission policy in favor of keeping it simple. Also regarding the nausea, vomiting and diarrhea policy and teachers' concern of multiple 'sent home' and returns and the possibility of transmitting illnesses, it was agreed that the current 24 hours is adequate. The attendees also agreed that the proposed change #3 is already covered in the current policies for denial of service.

One other concern was raised by one of the teachers was that a sent home child was brought back to the Center to participate in school sponsored activity outside of the classroom such as the carnival. The attendees agreed that the illness policy should still be in effect, and that the sick child shouldn't have been brought back for the carnival.

The discussion included protective equipments (masks, gloves, etc...) for the teachers and procedures for cleaning up bodily fluids. The attendees also agreed that common practice of replacing toothbrushes and posting of illnesses on doors (symptoms and how many children in which room, etc...) would help curb the spreading of some illnesses.

The meeting concluded without a vote from the Board on the proposed policy changes. The Board will resume the discussion at the next meeting, and will decide on a vote.

Treasurer (Jennifer Mason)

No report

Secretary (Louis Nguyen)

No report

Vice President (Erica Vandersand)

No report

President (Susan Gomez)

No report

SFEI Members Report

Walk-ons

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Attendance:

Louis Nguyen

Shelley Schroeder

Jennifer Lewis

Peggy Yancer

Deborah Graham

Katy Hurlbert

Scott Dunham

Valerie Thompson-Fowler

Jasmin Davis

Joy Wood

Susan Gomez

Candy Hunt

Erica Vandersand

Liana Rodriggs

Jennifer Mason

The next meeting will be June 17, 2004
Room 122 JSC Child Care Center - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM