

Josephine County Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2019
Parkview Center
1:00 – 2:30

Attendance: Amy Nolan, Connie Sepich, Cindal Patterson, Veronica King, Traci Briggs, Marlinda Lucas
Christina Godfrey

I. Meeting was called to order by Laurie. Minutes of the December 14, 2018 meeting was approved.

II. Current center safety concerns:

GPHS PP: There are big chunks of wood in the woodchips.

Action Plan: Laurie will talk to Michael about it. Maybe they can get a different source of woodchips in the future.

LB: Bathroom locks are a problem. Children will lock themselves in the bathroom and not come out. We can't remove the locks since the school uses the bathrooms.

Action Plan: Marlinda offered up a brilliant idea! Use a pool noodle, cut it lengthwise and insert onto the door edge such that it will keep the door from locking. Put it in place at the beginning of the day, and remove at the end so the school can use it when needed.

IV: Steps are slippery.

Action Plan: A work order for traction strips to be placed on the steps should be attempted. **I believe these are the front steps to the building and they are wooden.**

Merlin: A lot of water is pooling by the bike path and other areas.

Action Plan: Submit a work order with a picture to see if maintenance can do anything about it.

Additional Action Plan: Laurie will inquire with the Area Manager Denise about an absorbent rug that she has found that works great by water tables and is washable.

III. Brainstorm Activity: How to reduce Injuries in staff based on injuries this program year.

- Be prepared, know your children
- Utilize outside area for extremely active kids
- Have more trainings on challenging behaviors
- Update/change the challenging behavior training
- Rotate staff to other centers that have experienced staff in effectively managing children's behaviors.
- Start a mentor program to help staff learn more behavior management skills
- Provide training to substitute teaching staff
- Change the style of Apron so there are not strings around the arm area. Smocks are too heavy and hot.

Action Plan: 1. Laurie will share the brainstorming activity results with the Directors.
2. Laurie will research a different style of Apron, and then have a center pilot test it.

IV. Assignments for Safety Reps

- Get feedback from center teams about the Classroom Safety Checklist revisions.
- Bring the Safety Committee Binder to the February 8th Safety Committee meeting.

The next Safety Committee Meeting is February 8th at Parkview from 1:00 to 2:30.

