

SAFETY MEETING MINUTES
3/14/14

Members in Attendance:

Carol Vandeman	Deborah McDonald	Dan Daltoso	Jayne Dewees
Ruby Anderson	Joann Boyle	Kim Montague	Amy Hendrix
Herb Ekstrom	Chelle Hankinson	Penny Gibbs	Natalie Brewer
Aaron Treadwell			

1. OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF SAFETY OBSERVATION FORMS

Safety committee reviewed 33 safety observation forms; 26 commended, 4 coached and encouraged, 3 reinstructed. Activities that were reinstructed or coached and encouraged included:

- Overly strong bleach mixture due to improper process
- (2)Staff risking back injury by bending at waist, encouraged to kneel/squat
- Bus Monitors/Staff risking injury to self and children by not wearing seat belts on the bus
- Reviewed Bottle making procedure. Infant bottles should be made by staff who are not changing diapers
- Use sidewalk/stairs rather than climbing up grassy hill
- Be sure to lock classroom cupboards where chemicals are stored

SAFETY CARDS

None submitted

2. DISCUSS RECENT INJURIES, NEAR MISSES, PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT DAMAGE

One staff fell on a rocky driveway, no injury. This sites driveway is a safety issue and is listed for repair.

A kitchen staff person had hot water from sanitizer on foot. Not a serious injury. Proper footwear addressed.

3. SAFETY MEETING REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS

We received School Safety Minutes from:

- Irrigon/AC Houghton

4. NEW BUSINESS

The Safety Committee discussed carbon monoxide detectors for our sites with gas stoves and furnaces. Kim spoke with the Fire Marshall to determine if they were required for our childcare sites. They are not, but are recommended if people will be sleeping. The Safety Committee voted to support the purchase of carbon monoxide detectors at our sites.

Based on the observation of a staff using a homemade elevated work station, the Safety Committee discussed the possibility of having this option available for those staff who choose to stand or are medically required to stand during their work day. Aaron to check with SAIF for their recommendation, Kim to check on options for elevated work stations.

Safety Committee Elections:

Chair person-Ruby

Co-Chair person-Herb

Secretary-Deborah

Congratulations!!!

5. CENTERS SAFETY CONCERNS

Chelle discussed Gardening at the sites and let everyone know that child friendly potting soil is available, usually at WalMart, BiMart and Home Depot.

*The next meeting is scheduled for April 18; 8:30 am at the Main Office.
Come and join us! We're friendly. And safe.*