

At the April 25th FBCA Board meeting, parents who were concerned about the incident which took place at the children's event in March presented a statement to the Board. Their statement included suggestions as to how this could be resolved and brought to a conclusion so we may all move forward. A second presentation made by two parents suggested guidelines which could be developed for use at all future children's events.

The Board received and considered more questions and statements from guests in attendance. The Board and parents agreed that the safety of all children was paramount at FBCA family events and activities.

**The Board sincerely apologizes to the
parent and child involved in the incident.
The volunteer who was directly involved has agreed
not to volunteer during any future children's events.**

The Board agreed that a further statement to the community would be published here in the Fanny Bay Flyer and on the FBCA website. It was, however, stated that the FBCA Board will not, now or at any time, discuss Board issues on any social media platform.

During a subsequent Board meeting discussion of the above issues and suggestions made by the parents, it was agreed by the Board that:

- the Board will move forward to develop guidelines for children-specific activities
- inclusion of both Board members and parents in the development of guidelines for children's activities will be vital to ensure such guidelines highlight and protect the rights and safety of all children, parents, volunteers, and organizers, as well as ensuring the safety of FBCA equipment and physical assets the two Board members who volunteered to participate in the development of the guidelines will contact some of the parents who had been a part of the presenting groups, to put together a working group as soon as possible
- the statement from the parents that the issue had not been handled in a timely manner was not accurate. The parents were unaware of all the steps taken by Board members, beginning on the evening of the incident.
- although the parents stated that Board issues should have been made public on Facebook, the Board sees such communications as irresponsible. We believed that to protect the privacy of those involved, it was best to talk with and apologize to those directly affected.

This situation has been an unfortunate one we do not want repeated. As a volunteer board we have found this a valuable learning experience. To those who think their safety and enjoyment may be compromised at the Hall, the Board along with parent members will be drafting guidelines of conduct and safety for approval by the Board. Once approved, these guidelines will be incorporated for use at the Hall. It is our hope that the results of this shared effort between the Board and community members will continue to ensure enjoyment of the Hall by residents of all ages.

Sincerely,
The FBCA Board of Directors

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