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SFEI Board of Directors General Meeting Minutes September 19, 2025

1. Opening Comments:
 - 4/5 Board members present, Director Karen Holt presented Director's Report.
2. Director's Report:
 - See attached document below.
3. Presentation by Ann McKittrick on "Managing sibling dynamics"
4. Action Item Status
 - Playground Fundraiser - See Jonathan Rickert's Speech for current status
 - SFEI Sticker sales have begun. SFEI stickers available for \$3 purchase each. Four designs available. Profits will go towards the playground fundraising effort.
 - Wall and desk calendar fundraisers will begin in October. Calendar art made from SFEI classrooms.
5. Noon Mirch Presentation
 - SFEI accepted the generous donation of \$1000 from Noon Mirch. On behalf of SFEI, Jonathan Rickert gave a donation acceptance speech which is attached below.



6. Public Comments, Future Agenda Topic Proposals
 - No new status

7. Remaining 2025/2026 Meeting Dates (4:00-5:00 pm unless otherwise noted):

- October 17
- November 21 (Meeting at 12-1)
- December 19 (Meeting at 12-1)
- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June 12 (Note: June 19 is a holiday)
- July 17

Meeting Attendance:

- Director

Karen Holt

- Board

Carly Meginnis
Zach Florida
Jonathan Rickert
Kristine Davis

- Presenter

Ann McKittrick

- Members

Rebecca Rapp
Irene Chan
Ben Honey
Jessica Bornholdt

- General Public

Navul Nanda and Annika Chauhan from Noon Mirch

Link to the recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vDO1OXoBaxCkW5ZRKDak4c0o8eQNMdRv/view?usp=sharing>

Director's Report: Monthly Board of Director's Meeting 09/19/2025
Reporting Month of August 2025

Director: Karen Holt

-Health & Safety- August 2025

- -Mishaps- none
- -Illness- none
- -Licensing Reports- none
- -JSC Reports – none

Income:	August
Tuition	158,298
Fundraisers, Donations, State Grants, Membership Dues Supply Fees	4,595
Total Income	162,893
Expenses:	
Salaries	(108,049)
Employee Benefits	(16,768)
General Operating Exp	(38,678)
Total Expenses:	(163,495)
Budget	
Income/Deficit	(1,757)
Actual	
Income/Deficit	(602)

-Financial –

- Budgeted to run at a deficit to use Federal Child Care Relief Fund Grant
- 25-26 tuition rates increased in August
- Enrollment for August was 130
- Annual tax return completed, e-filed, and accepted by the IRS

Operations –

- Sports and Play began with a record 40 enrollments!
- Shampooed carpets in all rooms
- Replaced changing table and carpet in Room 0

-Enrollment- Current

- 09/18 130/133
- All Infant and Toddler Rooms full
- Summer Drop In enrollment for next summer full with waitlist (families will confirm weeks by April 17, 2026. Open weeks will be filled from waitlist.)

-Staff-August

- Jessenia Estrada hired for Room 4
- Rachel Perry hired as substitute
- Hiring one more part time substitute

-Special Events-August

- Sandra Layne Retirement Party
- Meet the Teachers and Family Picnic
- Parent's Night Out
- Smooth transition to new classrooms for migrating students on 8/11.
- Warm welcomes to 18 new families!

-Looking Ahead-

September 29-October 3

Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser

October 10

Parents Night Out 5:30-10:30

October 13

Indigenous People/Columbus Day – SFEI Closed / Staff Prof Dev

October 24

Fall Festival-Games and Activities School Wide 9a-12p

October 31

Costume Parades Rm 2-5 @ SFEI, Rm 6-9 @ JSC Building-1

November 11	Veterans Day – SFEI Closed
November 14	Parents Night Out 5:30-10:30
November 21	Thanksgiving Pie Party- 4:00pm
November 27	Thanksgiving Day – SFEI Closed
December 3-5	Holiday Pictures – Sibling and Individual w Holiday Background
December 12	Parents Night Out 5:30-10:30
December 19	Holiday Parties & Santa Sighting
December 24 & 25	Winter Holidays – SFEI Closed

Noon Mirch Presentation:

Karen, our Space Family Director, had a vision: to build a better playground for our kids. A place where they could reach higher, climb further, and develop that all-important upper body strength—while having fun. She handpicked the equipment, and together we launched **Project Lift-Off** with a fundraising goal of \$3,100.

At first, that number felt daunting. But today, I'm thrilled to share an update that shows just how far we can go when we stay consistent and work together.

So far, we've raised—and feel free to clap when you hear these numbers:

- ❤️ Direct Donation: \$200.00
- 🗳️ Jimmy Chingas: \$286.64
- 🍕 Mod Pizza: \$322.33
- ❤️ Direct Donation: \$500.00
- 🌶️ Noon Mirch: \$1,000.00

Total Raised: \$2,308.97 Remaining Goal: \$791.03

We're so close to the finish line—and we need everyone's help to get there. The most impactful way to support this effort is through a direct donation. Every dollar goes straight to the school our kids rely on every single day. When you donate, you're not just giving—you're investing in their future. You're voting with your dollars for something that truly matters.

Every dollar raised is rocket fuel for our kids' success. And our kids? They are the future. So please consider a small donation today—\$5, \$10, whatever feels right. We also have some lovely stickers coming soon, and more fun fundraising opportunities on the horizon.

Now, I'd like to take a moment to recognize two very special guests: Navul and Annika, the owners of **Noon Mirch Kitchen and Bar**. They're here with us today, and I want to offer a heartfelt thank you. After the speech, we'll invite everyone up to take a photo with this amazing check!

There's a saying: *If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.* Families stick together. And this year, the NASA family has faced its share of challenges—funding cuts, farewells to colleagues who've retired, resigned, or been laid off. It's been tough to keep our spirits high.

But this June, we chose unity. Through the **Space and Spice** fundraiser, we raised \$1,000 for our school. Serving on this board has shown me just how much it takes to keep things running—and how truly precious every dollar is. So to Navul, Annika, and every SFEI parent who contributed—you didn't just give money. You helped build something priceless: a great education for our children.

Good things don't happen by accident—they're forged through effort, intention, and heart. While some view fundraising as a chore, I've come to see it as a calling. It's reignited my belief that we always have the power to choose progress—to make the world a little better than we found it. And that spirit has spread. This fundraiser united participants from across the JSC organization and the Bay Area community, all working together to build something meaningful. In a time when we're all craving something good, we didn't wait for it—we made it happen.

So I want to especially thank our partners at Noon Mirch for hosting the Space and Spice profit share fundraiser. It was, by far, the largest contribution to our Project Lift-Off campaign. When I first called Navul, his enthusiasm was immediate—I knew we were creating something special. He and Annika worked tirelessly with us, even designing the flyers for Space and Spice. And while doing all that, they also welcomed their first child into the world. Talk about multitasking!

NASA's mission is to explore the unknown, innovate for humanity, and inspire the world through discovery. And yes—we have a cool job. But we're also parents. And the way we live out our mission sets an example for our kids.

We're raising resilient children—brave enough to explore, compassionate enough to care, and bold enough to inspire. We're raising leaders for humanity. And we're teaching them what it means to be part of a family. So Navul and Annika, on behalf of Space Family Education, we gratefully accept your generous donation—and we welcome you into our family. Not just any family—a Space Family.