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1. Regulations of the Parent Committee

1. Objective

The objective of the parent committee is to participate on behalf of the parents in the policy of the childcare center by effectively exercising its advisory rights, thereby ensuring or improving the quality of care.

2. General Procedures of the Parent Committee

a) A childcare center or childminder agency owner shall establish a parent committee for each childcare center or childminder agency he operates, with the task of advising him on matters as specified in the Childcare Act, Article 1.60 (see section 5 of these regulations) (Childcare Act, Article 1.58, paragraph 1);

b) Only for newly established parent committees: Prior to the formation of the committee, all parents are actively invited by the owner to stand as candidates for the parent committee. Candidacy may be in writing or oral;

c) Members of the parent committee are elected from and by those whose children are cared for at the childcare center or through the childminder agency (Childcare Act, Article 1.58, paragraph 4);

d) The parent committee determines its own working methods (Childcare Act, Article 1.58, paragraph 6);

e) The parent committee decides by majority vote (Childcare Act, Article 1.59, paragraph 4);

f) If there are one or more vacancies in the parent committee, the committee retains decision-making authority, provided it consists of more than one member;

g) In the event of the resignation of all members of the parent committee, the owner is responsible for organizing the election of a new parent committee (Childcare Act, Article 1.58, paragraph 1).

3. Composition of the Parent Committee

a) Individuals employed by the childcare center may not be members of the parent committee of that center or childminder agency, even if they are parents of a child attending the center (Childcare Act, Article 1.58, paragraph 5);

b) The parent committee consists of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 3 members.

4. Establishment and Termination of Parent Committee Membership

a) If there are vacancies in the parent committee, the committee shall invite parents to stand as candidates, which may be done in writing or orally;

b) If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of available seats, all candidates shall be appointed at the next meeting of the parent committee;

c) If more candidates apply than there are available seats, the parent committee shall organize an election;

d) Appointments are made for a period of 4 years. After this term, reappointment is possible if the person stands as a candidate again;

e) Membership of the parent committee ends upon periodic resignation, voluntary resignation, compulsory resignation by the parents or committee, death, or when the parent no longer has a child attending the childcare center or childminder agency;

f) If more than half of the parents indicate that they have lost confidence in (one or more members of) the parent committee, they may request the resignation of the committee.

5. Advisory Rights of the Parent Committee

The owner of a childcare center or childminder agency shall give the parent committee the opportunity to provide advice on any proposed decision concerning matters described in Article 1.60 of the Childcare Act, including:

- a) the implementation of Article 1.50, paragraph 1, in particular the pedagogical policy pursued, or Article 1.56, paragraph 1, specifically the policy concerning the pedagogical policy pursued by the childminder;
- b) general nutritional matters and the general policy on education, safety, or health;
- c) opening hours;
- d) the provision of preschool education;
- e) the establishment or amendment of a procedure for handling complaints as referred to in Article 1.57b, paragraph 1;
- f) changes to the price of childcare.

The parent committee is also entitled to provide unsolicited advice on the topics mentioned in the first paragraph (Childcare Act, Article 1.60, paragraph 3).

6. Advisory Process of the Parent Committee

- a) The owner may only deviate from an advice (as described in Article 1.60, paragraph 1 of the Childcare Act) if he provides written and substantiated reasons why the interests of childcare oppose the advice (Childcare Act, Article 1.60, paragraph 2);
- b) The owner shall provide in a timely manner and in writing upon request any information the parent committee reasonably requires to perform its duties (Childcare Act, Article 1.60, paragraph 5);
- c) The “Internal Regulations of the Parent Committee” shall specify the deadlines within which the owner and the parent committee are expected to respond.

7. Authorization of the Central Parent Committee

- a) Any authorization of the central parent committee by the parent committee shall be described in the “Internal Regulations of the Parent Committee”;
- b) The “Internal Regulations of the Parent Committee” shall specify when the parent committee may revoke the authorization of the central parent committee.

8. Confidentiality of the Parent Committee

Arrangements regarding confidentiality shall be established in the “Internal Regulations of the Parent Committee”.

9. Informing the Parent Committee

- a) After the supervisory authority has finalized the inspection report referred to in Article 1.63, paragraph 1, the owner of a childcare center or childminder agency shall discuss the report with the parent committee;
- b) The owner of a childcare center or childminder agency shall inform the parent committee of the possibility of submitting disputes to the disputes committee in an appropriate manner (Childcare Act, Article 1.57c).

10. Facilitation of the Parent Committee

Arrangements regarding the facilitation of the parent committee shall be established in the “Internal Regulations of the Parent Committee”.

11. Amendments to the Regulations

Amendments to the regulations require the approval of the parent committee (Childcare Act, Article 1.59, paragraph 5).