

Hearing about the organisation of the after school care at the European School Copenhagen.

The Children and Youth Committee in the City of Copenhagen has decided to conduct a hearing concerning the organisation of the after-school care at the European School Copenhagen. The European School Copenhagen is invited to send comments to the hearing as are other relevant stakeholders such as parents and pupils organisations and staff unions.

The issue that the European School Copenhagen should comment on, is whether the school wants the after-school care that the school will establish within the next couple of years to be a KKFO or an after school daycare (fritidshjem).

In the City of Copenhagen both models exist on equal basis and are guided by the same objectives. There are two important differences in relation to the two organisational models. One is in regards to legislation, where the KKFO is under the legislation governing the public schools (folkeskoleloven) while an after-school daycare (fritidshjem) is under the law governing daycare institutions (dagtilbudsloven). The other difference is concerning the pedagogical management. In the KKFO the school management has the overall pedagogical responsibility, while the after school daycare has it's own management and board.

In 2015 every after-school care institution in Copenhagen municipality had the opportunity to choose if they wanted to be organised as a KKFO or an afterschool daycare. Since the European School Copenhagen's after-school care institution is to be established within the next couple of years, the Children and Youth Committee now gives the European School Copenhagen the opportunity to communicate its wishes to the organisation of the future after-school care institution and thereby contribute toward the decision of the Children and Youth Committee.

ESCPH recommends that the board supports the intention from the Children and Youth Committee to establish a KKFO in connection with ESCPH. This will give an opportunity to promote the European School profile both in the school and the KKFO. This will also be in line with the European School system which has a tradition for a more integrated after school care.

The deadline for comments is June 24th 2016.