



MINUTES

Willingdon Governing Board Agenda

Monday, November 17, 2025 6:30 pm (virtual)

Present: Silvana Crigna (Principal), Eugenia Carystios (Vice-Principal), Jessica Doubt (Vice-Principal), Kathleen Usher (Teacher), Nick Batzios (Teacher), Felicia Maccio (Teacher), Tina Barbaccia (Teacher), Luminita Paun (Teacher), Nadine Thomas (Daycare Technician), Karyn Moffatt (Parent), Amy Hétu (Parent), Alex Ruau (Parent), Roxanne Ross (Parent), Nadine Collins (Community Representative)

Regrets: Richard Bartle-Tubbs (Parent), Megan Donovan (Parent), Sharon Nelson (Commissioner)

Minutes taken by: Karyn Moffatt

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:

Land acknowledgement written by Willingdon students read by Eugenia Carystios

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Moved by Kathleen Usher and seconded by Nick Batzios

3. Approval of October 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the October 1, 2025 minutes.

Moved by Amy Hétu and seconded by Kathleen Usher

4. Business Arising:
 - a. Welcome Community Representative

Nadine Collins was welcomed to GB as community representative

5. New Business:



a. **Grand Défis Pierre Lavoie Update**

Willingdon will receive a \$10,000 donation from this program. A proposal for how we will use the funds is being developed but is expected to include health stations for both campuses (for 10min health breaks) and equipment for recesses.

b. **GB Report Submissions**

Motion to continue the practice introduced last year in which reports are submitted in advance of each meeting in writing.

Moved by Kathleen Usher and seconded by Karyn Moffatt

c. **Approval of B.A.S.E. Ped Day Outings**

Motion to approve the following Ped Day outings as presented by Nadine Thomas.

- i. **November 20 – Biodome Outing**
Total cost: \$34.40 (\$18.40 Activity + \$16 Daycare fee)
- ii. **November 21 – Sports Life Activity \$34.40**
Total cost: \$34.40 (\$18.40 Activity + \$16 Daycare fee)
- iii. **November 28 – BoulZeye Outing \$38.00**
Total cost: \$38.40 (\$22 Activity + \$16 Daycare fee)

Moved by Amy Hétu and seconded by Tina Barbaccia

d. **Approval of 2025-2026 B.A.S.E. Daycare Handbook**

Motion to adopt the 2025-2026 Daycare Handbook as presented by Nadine Thomas.

Moved by Kathleen Usher and seconded by Nick Batzios

e. **Parent Workshops**

Reminder that a parent workshop on Online Safety is happening next Tuesday November 25, 2025. Approximately 15 parents have RSVPed so far.

Other planned workshops include:



- Anxiety and mental health
- Transition to highschool
- Healthy Food Choices

Suggestions for additional topics are welcome and can be submitted to Silvana Crigna.

- f. **NDG Annual Winter Clothing Drive – Women on the Rise**

Collections are underway and are going well. Donations accepted until Wednesday Nov 19, 2025.

- g. **Approval of After-School Extracurricular Activities Winter Session**

Motion to approve after-school extracurricular activities for the Winter Session as presented by Jessica Doubt:

- **Session will run for 8 weeks starting January 5**
- **GameTime Sports will offer:**
 - Soccer (grades 2–3),
 - Soccer (grades 4–6),
 - Flag football (4–6)
- **Enfant et Comagnie will offer:**
 - Kid Chef (K5–Grade 6),
 - Cheerleading (Age range TBD)
- **Cost TBC but anticipated to be comparable to Fall 2025 pricing (~\$150)**

Moved by Amy Héту and seconded by Nick Batzios.

- h. **Approval for MadScience Lunch Sessions Winter Session**

Motion to approve a lunch-time extracurricular activity as presented by Silvana Crigna:

- **Offered by Mad Science**
- **Session will run for 8 weeks starting January 13 on Tuesdays 12pm–1pm**
- **Cost: \$173.50**

Moved by Tina Barbaccia and seconded by Kathleen Usher

- i. **Kindergarten Holiday Breakfast**



This year's Kindergarten Holiday Breakfast will be held on December 11, 2025 at junior campus in the cafeteria and organized by Home and School.

j. Neighborhood Daycare Visit with Music Class

Nick Batzios shared details of an initiative to engage local daycares. Children from West End daycare will visit Willingdon on November 18, 2025 during a kindergarten class. The kindergarten students and some grade 4 students will perform and assist the daycare students in participating in music activities.

k. Approval of Red Cross Babysitting Course

Motion to approve an offering of the Red Cross Babysitting Course. This course is open to children aged 11 and older, which includes grades 6 and some grade 5 students. It will be held on February 27, 2026, during the Ped Day at junior campus. Cost is \$80, which includes certification and a copy of the manual.

Moved by Alex Ruaux and seconded by Tina Barbaccia.

l. Camp Trips

Eugenia Carystios provided an overview of the planning in progress. More details and a request for approval expected for the December 15, 2025 meeting.

- **Grade 6 trip anticipated for Feb 18–20, 2025**
- **Grade 5 trip anticipated for Jun 4–5, 2025**
- **Transportation by coach**
- **Location: Les CampsRep Chertsey**

6. Question Period

No questions received.

7. Reports:

a. Principal

All updates reported under new business.

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)



Jessica Doubt provided a brief update on recent outings and activities at junior campus.

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)

Eugenia Carystios provided a brief update on activities and initiatives at senior campus.

d. Home and School

Alex gave an update on behalf of Home and School summarizing recent and upcoming activities.

e. Teachers/MTA

Tina Barbaccia, Kathleen Usher, Nick Batzios, and Felicia Maccio shared updates on classroom activities.

Kathleen Usher shared an event (Grand Rassemblement) in support of education which will take place on Saturday Nov 29, 1:30pm and invited parents to participate.

f. B.A.S.E. Daycare

Nadine Thomas shared the following updates:

- **Hop Hop: EMSB has approved the revised app for continued use, but it is not available for daycares that use an iPad, which is the case for Willingdon. It was clarified that use of the app is optional and up to parents.**
- **McGill Engineering will be offering a Little mechanic program to Grades 5 and 6**

g. Parent Advisory Committee

No report.

h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative

Amy Hétu provided a summary of the EMSB PC meeting



- i. School Commissioner

No report.

- j. Community Representatives

Nadine Collins provided a brief overview of activities at Women on the Rise.

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No varia.

- 9. Adjournment

Moved by Kathleen Usher and seconded by Alex Ruaux at 8:01 pm.

- 10. Next Meeting

- a. Monday, December 15 at 6:30 pm (virtual)

M. Ross

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CHAIRPERSON

Silvana Crigna

SILVANA CRIGNA
PRINCIPAL

DATE: Jan 19th 2026

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