



Willington Governing Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm (virtual)

Present: Silvana Crigna (Principal), Jessica Doubt (Vice-Principal), Nick Batzios (Teacher), Felicia Maccio (Teacher), Tina Barbaccia (Teacher), Luminita Paun (Teacher), Kathleen Usher (Teacher), Nadine Thomas (Daycare Technician), Megan Donovan (Parent), Karyn Moffatt (Parent), Alex Ruaux (Parent), Roxanne Ross (Parent), Richard Bartle-Tubbs (Parent), Nadine Collins (Community Representative), Sharon Nelson (Commissioner).

Regrets: Daniela Colafabio (Vice-Principal), Amy Hétu (Parent),

Minutes taken by: Karyn Moffatt

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
Read by Kathleen Usher.

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to adopt the agenda moved by Megan Donovan and Alex Ruaux.

3. Approval of February 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes
Motion to adopt the minutes moved by Nick Batzios and seconded by Tina Barbaccia.

4. Business Arising:
No Business arising.

5. New Business:
 - a. Budget Building Process
Principal Crigna presented the Budget Building Process, a consultative process that gathers input from the governing board to help inform priorities to guide the development and implementation of the budget. Noting the substantive budget cuts and declining funding, budget priorities were focused on (1) Allocations for resources teachers, behaviour technologists and attendants for both at-risk students with IEPs as well as officially coded students) and (2) Building repairs (heating systems, bathrooms upgrades and repairs (including water fountains), school wide painting at junior campus, and window covering repairs as needed). Guiding principles promoted ensuring budget roll-over to



support long-term planning and the implementation of tracking practices to support information continuity.

Motion to adopt the Budget Building Process with amendments to add water fountain repairs to the bathroom upgrades and repairs) moved by Roxanne Ross and seconded by Karyn Moffatt.

b. Learn Québec Online Tutoring

Principal Crigna shared details of a change in the funding distribution model for this resource. She described that although the overall funding is not being reduced, distribution is now decentralized such that school boards will receive a per capita allocation directly. This means that resources under used in one region can no longer be shifted to others, a practice from which we have historically benefited. EMSB is working to identify other complementary resources.

c. Approval of Day Trip

- i. Village du Père Noël– K4 and K5 classes – June 17, 2026

Total cost: \$55 /child - full day trip

Motion to approve the day trip moved by Megan Donovan and seconded by Roxanne Ross.

- ii. Centre Pleine Air Fatima – Grade 1 and 2 – June 4, 2026

Total cost: \$44/child - full day trip

Motion to approve the day trip moved by Megan Donovan and seconded by Richard Bartle-Tubbs

d. Discussions requested by Ms. Amy Héту

- i. Library Service
- ii. Technology in the Classroom
- iii. Use of AI Tools

As Amy Héту was absent this was postponed to a future meeting.

6. Question Period

No questions.



7. Reports:

a. Principal

Nothing further to report.

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)

From the written report:

- **Hooked on Schools (Feb 16–20):** A school-wide initiative to promote student engagement, effort, perseverance, and a positive learning culture through daily themed activities and celebrations, including maple taffy and a Winter Olympics Day (grades 1-5). A huge thank you to Heather Leckner and her team for organizing and to Home and School for providing the hot chocolate.
- **Pink Shirt Day:** Students and staff wore pink and teachers at both campuses marked the day with various activities to raise awareness about bullying.
- **Field Trips:** Our grade 3 students visited the Science Centre, and our grade 1 students are attending a concert at the MSO.
- **School Climate and Conflict Resolution Workshops:** Cycle 3 received the second of two workshops addressing school climate and conflict resolution.
- **Health Stations:** Designed to provide short movement breaks, health stations are considered a learning tool, and are not used outside of class time. At Junior Campus, we have 2 stations on every floor, including stationary bikes, an agility ladder, and a hockey station. After a 10-min break is approved or suggested by their teacher, students take a timer, a health break pass, and a buddy to one of the stations in the school.
- **Big Box Fundraise:** Congratulations to Ms. Leckner and her Bread and Beyond lunchtime club for raising over \$3,000 to support Bread and Beyond, a local organization serving people experiencing homelessness.
- **Literacy Week (Mar 30-Apr 2):** A week of literacy-based activities, workshops, and parent-led presentations. Thanks to the literacy committee for organizing!

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)

From the written report:

- **Babysitting Courses:** 32 of our senior students participated in the First Aid and Babysitting courses during our February 27th Ped day.
- **Puberty Workshops:** Puberty Workshops were held by our school nurse for our grade 5 students.



- **Grade 6 camp trip:** Our grade 6 students had the most memorable 3 days at winter camp.
- **Health Stations:** Health stations launched at both campuses on March 17th. At Senior Campus, we have 2 stations on each floor, including stationary bikes, and a hockey station. Students have reported feeling more focused and calm after their movement break.
- **Storytelling Competition:** Literacy week begins March 30th and will wrap up on April 2nd, where the seniors will host the storytelling competition in our gym. Grade 4 classes will also be attending.

d. Home and School

From the written report:

- **Film Festival at Senior Campus:** Fri. Apr 17, 6-8pm. (Submissions closed Mar 8).

e. Teachers/MTA

Nick Batzios shared

- A reminder that the Spring Concert is just around the corner on Apr 23. Talented solo vocalists and instrumental groups are hard at work and sounding incredible. Grade 5 and 6 group performers are preparing fresh, inspiring songs that you won't want to miss. This will be a night of music, energy, and celebration of our amazing students being Different Together!
- Cycle 2 is learning new songs.

Kathleen Usher shared

- Plans for Earth Day activities: Yard clean-ups at both campuses (Apr 22 Junior; Apr 26 Senior) and Bake Sale (Apr 29 Senior)

Additional comments from the written reports:

- **Luminita Paun (Resource Teacher):** In March, resource support has focused on providing direct in-class support. As the month progressed, additional emphasis was placed on providing targeted support to help students practice their Storytelling presentations. In mathematics, support continues through small-group instruction using the two-teacher model, where both teachers work simultaneously with small groups of students. In French, we are preparing for the second phase of Benchmarking which are used to measure reading proficiency levels to monitor progress, analyze reading fluency and



comprehension, and adjust instruction as needed. Once completed, we will focus on preparing students for the French end-of-cycle exam (begins Apr 27).

- **Mme Maccio:** This month we explored the theme of nutrition, focusing on making healthy choices versus less healthy ones and developing good eating habits. The students learned about different types of foods. The pre-school cycle will have a special visit from Ariane Séguin, a nutritionist. In addition, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with fun art and science activities in the classes.

f. B.A.S.E. Daycare

From the written report:

- **Preparations for 2026-27 are underway.** BASE registration is open and families have been informed of the process and timeline. Efforts are being made to support families as needed and to encourage timely registration in order to facilitate staffing.
- **Overall, the daycare program remains stable,** with continued efforts to support both students and families while preparing for the upcoming school year.

g. Parent Advisory Committee

Nothing to report.

h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative

From written report:

- **Upcoming Workshop for Parents: Parent Governance 101: Making Your Voice Count at School - Monday, April 15 from 7 to 8:30pm (virtual).** Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/czMIA2t1vq>
- **EMSB budget cuts - Follow up regarding letter sent to chair of the Council of Commissioners:** The chair of EMSB Council of Commissioners responded to inquiry sent by the EMSB PC regarding budget cuts. The letter outlined provincial fiscal measures, specific monetary reductions and constraints on surplus access, and reiterated the board's opposition. Letter will be sent to all PC members.
- **Two parent workshops coming up from the English Parent Committee Association:**
 - Cybersecurity for children on March 26 at 7pm:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/aH00j0FwSUm375uCaul7cQ>
 - Presentation of the survey results on the wellbeing of Quebec families on March 30 at 7PM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/4KegdIYQRpi0DsbTMC3y1A>



i. School Commissioner

Commissioner Nelson congratulated Willingdon students for their participation in Irish Heritage Activities and highlighted Joe Ortona's presence at the supreme court hearing over Bill 21.

j. Community Representatives

To accommodate scheduling, Nadine reported at the start of the meeting (prior to the land acknowledgement). She shared that the 5th annual Black History Month Storytime with EMSB schools grades K-2 was an amazing success. Nadine thanked students and teachers for bringing enthusiasm and creativity to their discovery and explorations of the book, *My Favourite Colour*, by Lindsay Ruck.

8. Varia


Nothing to report.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35. Moved by Kathleen Usher.

10. Next Meeting

a. Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm (virtual)

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Principal	Date	Chairperson	Date