



Willingdon Governing Board Minutes
Monday, May 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm (virtual)

Present: Silvana Crigna (Principal), Daniela Colafabio (Vice-Principal), Jessica Doubt (Vice-Principal), Kathleen Usher (Teacher), Nick Batzios (Teacher), Felicia Maccio (Teacher), Nadine Thomas (Daycare Technician), Karyn Moffatt (Parent), Roxanne Ross (Parent), Nadine Collins (Community Representative), Megan Donovan (Parent).

Regrets: Tina Barbaccia (Teacher), Luminita Paun (Teacher), Amy Héту (Parent), Alex Ruaux (Parent), Richard Bartle-Tubbs (Parent), Sharon Nelson (Commissioner)

Minutes taken by: Karyn Moffatt

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
Read by Roxanne Ross.

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of items 5.III and 5.IV moved by Kathleen Usher and seconded by Roxanne Ross.

3. Approval of April 20,2026, Meeting Minutes
Motion to adopt the minutes moved by Roxanne Ross and Seconded by Nick Batzios.

4. Business Arising:
 - I. E-Vote Result for B.A.S.E. Daycare Activity
Motion to approve B.A.S.E. Daycare activity was passed by e-Vote. Moved by Nick Batzios and seconded by Kathleen Usher.

5. New Business:
 - I. School Fees 2026-2027
**Silvana Crigna detailed the 2026-27 school fees for each grade.
Motion to approve the fees as presented moved by Nick Batzios and seconded by Meghan Donovan.**

**Silvana Crigna detailed the 2026-27 lunch fees.
Motion to approve the fees as presented moved by Nick Batzios and seconded by Roxanne Ross.**



II. GB Funds – Graduation Student Bursaries

Silvana Crigna reported a positive balance in the GB budget of \$305 (including \$250 for 2025-26 and a \$55 carry over from 2024-25) and proposed that these be used to fund three \$100 graduating student bursaries, one for each of the grade 6 homerooms.

The established criteria for this award were shared, noting that these would be applied by each home room teacher to select an awardee.

Motion to allocate \$300 of the remaining GB funds to these awards moved by Roxanne Ross and seconded by Nick Batzios.

III. ABAV End of Year Report

Silvana Crigna presented the ABAV End-of-Year Report. Overall, the report was positive, with the following criteria and plans identified for further development next year:

- The results of the analysis are shared with the schools staff and the governing board.
 - Plans to document analysis to share with the GB and staff.
- Initiatives to encourage collaboration with families:
 - Plans to provide parent workshops on specific subjects.
 - Plans to better enforce policy ensuring code of conduct is reviewed, signed by parents, and returned to school
- Witness an incident of bullying and/or violence:
 - Plans to increase diligence by school staff for timely reporting
- Are altered to an incident of bullying and/or violence:
 - Plans to increase diligence by school staff and timely action taken
- Restorative practices:
 - Plans to increase support staff involvement with consistent follow-ups

Approval of the ABAV End-of-Year Report as presented moved by Kathleen Usher and seconded by Nick Batzios.

IV. Summary Standards and Procedures 2026/27



Silvana Crigna presented the Summary of Standards and Procedures document to the GB for information. This document will be shared with parents at the start of next year. It is a new annual procedure and details how and when subjects and competencies are evaluated for each grade.

6. Question Period

7. Reports:

a. Principal

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)

- Thanks to Dr. Kat for a successful Earth Day cleanup in April at both campuses
- Grade 4 vaccinations completed on April 30th
- Thanks to our pre-school team for making our incoming K4 and K5 students feel at home during our Welcome to Kindergarten event which took place on May 1, 2026.
- Students enjoyed another great used book sale thanks to Home and School
- Recent Junior Campus Field Trips: K4/K5 to Ateliers d'art dramatique; grade 1 to La Guepe; grade 2 to La Maison Theatre; K4/K5 to Ateliers de marionnettes
- Kindergarten graduation taking place June 12th, 2026

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)

- Cycle 3 spring concert on April 23rd was a great success. Thanks to Mr. Nick!
- Grade 6 exams: started end of April; ends with math exam on June 11th
- Thank you Dr. Kat: Earth day bake sale raised over 600\$ for L'ecomuseum and Les Amis de la Montagne.
- Food Drive in support of Carolines Community at both campuses collected a lot of non-perishable foods for families in need.
- Grade 4, 5 & 6 students participated in the GMAA Halo Road Race, taking home 4 medals!
- Grade 6 students are participating in Transition to High School workshops, with a parent workshop also scheduled for June 2nd, online.
- The grade 6 graduation is on June 18th

d. Home and School
Nothing to report

e. Teachers/MTA

Kathleen Usher/MTA highlighted the proposed extension of Bill 101 to adult training and vocation centers, and encouraged parents to reach out to their MNA



to voice discontent. It was highlighted that this bill would greatly affect the continuation of vocational programs that are training students in areas of identified economic needs. These students are already required to demonstrate a level of competency in both languages being that knowledge of both languages is needed for hiring purposes.

Motion to state that Willington GB stands in solidarity with our fellow English Language Institutions and opposes Bill 101 moved by Kathleen Usher and seconded by Meghan Donovan.

Nick Batzios/Music presented highlights from his written report noting:

- **Spring concert was a huge success**
- **Music class welcomed another daycare group for a tour. They were warmly invited to join in music-making alongside the Kindergarten class and our Grade 4 students performed Ode to Joy and When the Saints Go Marching In on the recorder while the younger students accompanied them using percussion instruments. The visit concluded with daycare students sharing their favorite instruments and learning more about the exciting programs and activities at Willington School.**
- **Kindergarten students are preparing for their graduation celebration, enthusiastically practicing their songs and performances. They are very proud to share all they have learned this year.**
- **Grade 6 Music Club is also rehearsing for their graduation ceremony. The students have chosen an inspiring graduation song that reflects their memories, achievements, and excitement for the future.**

Kathleen Usher provided a brief overview of the many projects and activities taking place in Science and commended the Grade 6 Legacy Project for their donation of benches for the school.

Mme Maccio/Preschool Cycle provided a written report summarizing the themes recently explored in the preschool cycle:

- **In K5: the different seasons, especially spring. We continued developing our phonological skills—segmenting, blending, letter recognition, and letter sounds. We are also practicing our graduation songs.**
- **In K4: wrapped up nutrition and began spring and insect unit, with a particular focus on butterflies. Currently observing the butterfly life cycle in real time and learning how to take care of them. Most have now reached the chrysalis stage.**



- o **The preschool cycle also enjoyed a wonderful workshop with Jacques Boutin, a puppeteer. The students had a hands-on experience: they manipulated puppets, created short skits, and then made their own puppets in class. They were able to bring it home. They enjoyed the activity!**

- f. B.A.S.E. Daycare
Nothing to report

- g. Parent Advisory Committee
Nothing to report

- h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative
Nothing to report

- i. School Commissioner
Nothing to report

- j. Community Representatives
Nothing to report

- 8. Varia
None.

- 9. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm by Katleen Usher and seconded by Meghan Donovan.

- 10. Next Meeting
 - a. Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm (in person)

Principal

Date

Chairperson

Date