



Children's World Academy Governing Board Minutes



Date: April 8, 2025

Start Time: 6:32 pm

End time: 7:15 pm

Location: Zoom online meeting

Present Voting Members: Andrew Billings-White, Christina Arvanitakis, Sharon Burgy, Alexandre Gueudry, Laura Lo Vasco, Rebecca Price, Emmanuel Tremblay, Karine Bassal, Gianna Caucci, Melissa De Marco, Giovanni Iapaolo, Shanika Taylor-Haughton, Kim Jones

Present Non-Voting Members: Lisa Baylis, Frank Di Bello, Susan Mintzberg

Regrets: Patricia O'Malley, Alicia Mancini, Gunkamal Preet Kaur, Mario Vilone, Romina Mancini (non-voting)

Guests: Teresa Verelli

1. Welcome

Karine welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Giovanni I. to adopt Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.01)

3. Approval of minutes

[March](#)

Moved by Sharon B. to adopt March Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.02)

4. Questions from the public & Correspondence

N/A

5. Continuing Business

a. Uniform Sub-Committee

N/A

b. Safety Sub-Committee

- Concern expressed for safety of students after-school because children from the surrounding neighborhood access school turf before 6pm when our students are still onsite; Mrs Baylis to explore possibility for signage.

c. GB Awareness Sub-Committee

- Approval of graphic for yearbook

Moved by Laura LV. to approve Graphic for yearbook with one grammatical amendment.

Carried unanimously.

Vote for: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.03)

- Request to hold AGA on Curriculum Night 2025-2026 (K & Cycle 1)

Moved by Alexandre G. to approve the AGA on Curriculum Night for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.04)

6. New Business

a. School Calendar

- Carried to next meeting

7. Standing Reports

a. Principal - Lisa B.

- Our celebration of learning was a success. We'd like to thank the community for their support. It's amazing to see the smiles on the faces of staff, students, and parents.
- Last month we participated in another hockey tournament. This time in Kahnawakee, against the Future Billings teams. It was a great day with games and skill competition. Students from grade 1-3 had a play from the Geordie Productions. It was the Velveteen Rabbit.
- We had a few field trips with Cabane a sucre (K), and author visit as well as ecomuseum in for grade 1.
- Cycle 2 is shifting from literacy to numeracy block to provide students with concrete targeted lessons.
- We are now working on our final units of inquiry, wrapping up this year while planning groupings, supplies, and the calendar for next year.

- b. Daycare - Christina A.
 - See Daycare Report provided by Christina A.
 - Tax slips available on Mozaik
 - Ped-Day activity April 28th:
 - Acroport Barani Fieldtrip – (\$16 Daycare fees + \$30 activity = \$46)

**Moved by Andrew BW. to approve Daycare fieldtrip April 28th as presented.
Carried unanimously.**

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.05)

- c. Teachers - Alexandre G., Andrew B-W.
 - Review of teachers report on drive
- d. Home & School – Kim J.
 - In March we offered the kids lucky charms and green milk for St patty's day
 - We recently wrapped up a couple of fundraisers
 - Dieleman catalog fundraiser - raised over \$600
 - Jamaican patty fundraiser - raised over \$700
 - Pickup for both is this Friday in the lobby
 - Preparing for end of the year:
 - Food fest - June 13th
 - Bouncy Day - June 6th
 - Smoothie truck - Date TBD
 - Grad
 - Yearbook
 - School Start Fundraiser
 - Parents order their school supplies directly through the company
 - Items delivered directly to home
 - CWA gets \$3/kit back on orders placed online from April 1 to July 31
 - Last year made about \$400

**Moved by Melissa DM. to approve the School Start Fundraiser as presented.
Carried unanimously.**

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.06)

- e. Parents' Committee – Gianna C.
 - March Meeting was cancelled, no news to report

- f. Commissioner - Frank DB.

- As a result of the Federal Election, the Council amended the 2024-2025 School Calendar (Youth Sector) from May 16th to April 28th, 2025.
- The Council amended the 2025-2026 School Calendar (Youth Sector). The updated calendar will align with changes resulting from the new provincial collective agreement. A key change includes the addition of a 20th pedagogical day, as well as the identification of certain pedagogical days as teacher-driven days. May 15, 2026, has been added as a teacher-driven day. There was also a movement of three days; October 31 (previously October 20), January 5 (previously January 23), and January 30 (previously February 6).
- After consultation with the Parents' Committee, Admin Group and the Pearson Teachers' Union (PTU), Council adopted Option #3 for the 2026-2027 Youth Sector and Continuing Education School Calendar. The next step is for schools to add their local ped days, prior to posting.
- The Council approved that the current rental of facilities rates be increased by 3% for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Due to the Elections on April 28th, the council meeting will be on Tuesday April 29th, 2025.
[Council Highlights_March 25 2025](#)

8. Field Trips & Fundraisers

a. Field Trips

| Trip | Grade | Date | Transportation | Ratio | Price |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|----------------|-------|----------|
| Parc du Mont-Royal | 1 | June 11th | BUS | 1:7 | 13 (MAX) |
| Heritage St. Bernard | 3 | May 14th | BUS | 1:5 | 0 |

Moved by Emmanuel T. to approve Field Trips as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.07)

b. Fundraisers

- Dressdown May 13th - Denim Day
 - Donations for cancer research.

Moved by Gianna C. to approve Denim Day fundraiser as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2025-04-08.08)

9. Members' Open Forum

N/A

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm by Karine B.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 13th , 2025, on Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gianna Caucci.

Signed by:

Karine Bassal

GB Chair – Karine Bassal

Lisa Baylis

School Principal – Lisa Baylis