

Regular Meeting of the Management Committee of UWSA Day Care Centre
September 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Ioulia Berdnikova - Executive Director, UWSA Day Care Centre
Kim Paz - Member/Chair
Justin Friesen – Member/Vice Chair
Taylor Homenick – Member
Robyn Liddle – Member
Desirae Mercer – Member
Dennis Ng – Member/Treasurer
Tami Prinslo - Member
Amy Desroches – Member
Natasha Hollett - Member/Secretary
Tara Myran – Member

Regrets:

Nadine Vroom – Member
Faizan Kahn – Member
Cindy Doyle – Member
Annie Laser – Member

1.0 Call the Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

2.0 Agenda and Minutes Approval

2.1 Motion to approve the agenda September 8, 2022

Moved: Justin, carried by consensus

2.2 Motion to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes

Moved: Justin, carried by consensus

3.0 Reports

3.1 Executive Director's Report

Ioulia presented.

Enrollment

Our center is full. In August we had 110% enrollment, but it went down in September to 100%. We were able to accommodate only 10 new preschool children (7 student; 1 faculty /staff; 2 community members) and 6 infants (3 students; 2 faculty/staff and 1 UWSA staff). Our wait list has 225 children now.

Staff / Students

We have 88 % of staff who are ECE trained. Everyone's criminal records, child abuse and First Aid/CPR are up to date. We will have the first aid re-certification course on November 15 for 13



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staff, 3 staff already completed it over the summer. We hired one inclusion staff because funding was approved for one preschool child. Nettie accepted a term instructor's position at RRC Polytech. Maneesha returned. We have 3 students from MITT that have started today until the middle of October.

Program

Summer activities

It was a great summer full of different events. Some of them are:

- Family Fun Day
- National Indigenous Day Celebration
- Foam parties
- MAD Science
- ZUMBA
- Star Dome
- Canadian Park's nature program
- Fire house
- Music with Dee
- Music with Margo
- Guitar Garry
- Yoga with Cathy
- 4 Field trips: Hide and Seek; Kid's City; Farm and Living Prairie Museum
- Creative Movement classes
- Weekly Forest School program

Three summer months cost us roughly \$17,500.00 in activity fees, but \$12,400.00 came from grants and \$5,100.00 from our activities/special guests budget account. During the summer months we had a Developmental Studies cohort from the U of W visit the day care to share Indigenous knowledge. We facilitated a "lunch and learn" session for the university students and our staff.

On September 13 we will have a 2-hour workshop for the staff on "Portfolio writing" with Heather Krepski, Developmental Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Winnipeg. Heather will facilitate a workshop free of charge for the center.

Fall Activities

We started with our regular activities and Emergent Curriculum. We will start weekly Indigenous education for preschool children on September 12, 2022. This will be a 30 minute session for each preschool room each week. We will continue with forest school sessions until the colder months and we will continue with our Friday fundraising lunches. We now offer gluten free and lactose free options. We will start Speech Language Pathology (SLP) weekly sessions for 10 children! It is finally happening!

COVID

Masks are optional. We have PPE as needed. We are continuing cleaning and sanitizing the environment on a regular basis. There are no active COVID cases in a center that we know of.

Green Space



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We completed all the consultations, but we do not have the final numbers yet. Hopefully we will get a quote soon. We are planning to start renovation in early spring 2023.

Other

We participated in “Roll Call” which was a U of W event. It was for 3 days, we setup a table and had posters and we passed out pens and other items. The UWSA wanted us to participate in this for advertising purposes so students were aware of the daycare on campus.

The daycare will stop having Health and Safety meetings and will combine with the UWSA. Two staff and myself will participate. I hope that this way we will be more productive. Wade Carriere and I are reviewing our Enhanced Safety Plan and planning 2 drills for September: Lockdown drill and Evacuation fire drill. We will be evacuating to the science building.

Expansion of the daycare update: The UWSA has approved a commitment and a government grant is in progress.

Motion to accept report: Desirae/Tara
Motion carried by consensus.

3.2 Financial Update (Dennis)

For the year we have a \$220,000 surplus, most of this is from parent fees. Ioulia explained that this is because the Government gave a big lump sum (over \$300000) to cover parent fees due to the changes in subsidy policy. After Christmas she anticipates that the parent fee amounts will go down so the surplus will be less.

Dennis continued the report:

Everything else is pretty normal and there is nothing out of ordinary happening this month. The daycare is in a good position, we are getting extra money from grants and he is confident there will be a sizable surplus by the end of the year.

Motion to accept report: Justin/Taylor
Motion carried by consensus.

4.0 New Business

4.1 AGM

The AGM will take place on Oct 27th, 2022, in-person at 5:45pm. There will be pizza provided and there will be entertainment provide for the children of the parents who are attending.



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5.0 In-Camera

There is nothing to report this month.

6.0 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

6.1 Next Meeting Date: October 13, 2022 @ 7:00pm

6.2 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Moved: Natasha/Justin

Motion carried by consensus