

**Regular Meeting of the Management Committee of UWSA Day Care  
Minutes for May 22, 2025**

In Attendance:

Ioulia B. Executive Director

Director Kim B. Char

Justin F. Vice-Chair

Sarah R.

Josh H. Treasure

Andrei H.

Sanoji W.

Jin L.

Nathan L.

Debbie F.

Robyn L.

Mathew B.

Vanessa W. Secretary

Regrets:

Ted T. (UWSA)

Brandon D.

Nadine V.

Chelsea D.

Marcela C.

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**1.0 Start Meeting**

1.1 Call Meeting to Order by Kim B. at 4:31p.m.

**2.0 Agenda and Minutes Approval**

2.1 May 22, 2025 Agenda-approved, Justin F. & Vanessa W.

2.2 April 24, 2025 Minutes-accepted, Justin F. & Vanessa W.

**3.0 Reports**

3.1 Daycare's Director report-accepted, Josh H.

3.2 Financial update-accepted, Andrei H.

3.2.1 Wages will be increasing moving forward, a grant is coming

**4.0 New Business**

4.1 Panic buttons project update

4.1.1 Chad and Ioulia went through plans

4.1.2 Chad is running the plan through university policy and getting quotes

4.1.3 Winnipeg Foundation grant for cameras, some equipment donated

4.2 Reflection of Jim's presentation

4.2.1 Bringing forward the presentation to UWSA board sometime in June

4.2.2 Concerns from committee about the financial piece and allocation of funds

**5.0 In-Camera**

**6.0 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

6.1 Next Meeting June 26, 2025 @ 4:30

6.2 Adjournment: 5:35pm

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**Ioulia's Notes May 2025**

**Enrollment**

- Daycare is at 107.60 % enrollment
- 64 spaces are allocated for the students. There are 58 children enrolled now. We are working hard to use every availability to reach 64. I will give updates on it monthly.

**Staff update**

- There are 41 staff on a payroll now. This number includes one staff (ECE III) on the long-term disability and 2 summer students that will be working with us until end of August. Majority of the wages for the summer students will be covered through the Federal grant.
- There are 83.7% of trained staff in a center.
- 4 staff (CCAs) enrolled in ECE II program.
- 2 ECE II are taking Developmental Studies courses. After graduation they will be qualified for ECE III certification.
- Staff meeting was on May 13.

**Other items**

- Health and Safety meeting held on April 28, 2025. Minutes are posted in the hall and were faxed to Labour and Immigration Workplace Safety and Health department.
- ECE week went very well. Staff enjoyed all gifts and a special dinner.
- Counters in PS 4,5,6 are all completed.
- All broken blinds are repaired.
- There was a problem with a new dishwasher in the Infant room. It is fixed now and was covered under the warranty.
- We started to work on a garden.

**Program**

We are continuing with speech and language program, yoga sessions, guitar Garry and Dee entertainment and music with Margo until end of May. We are planning to have a summer program for June – August. All major activities are planned and booked already.

The main events were Mother's day tea party and a Bear Witness Day.

**Room 4, 5, 6 (presented by Julianna C.)**

We have spent a lot of time preparing for our annual Mother's Day Tea. The children made cards and gifts for their Mother's or Special family member. Each room baked with the children and made something yummy for the Tea to share with their families. Thank you to everyone for coming out and making this so successful.

We are enjoying the sunny weather and the opportunity to only have to put on a hat and change our shoes. (Of course, after all the children have their sunscreen applied) The children really enjoy going outside and playing in the playground. The children make a lot of "meals" in the play kitchen along with just moving the sand and wood chips around. They also use the scooters and bikes. Many of the children climb the structures, balance on the beams, and just hang out together. We've also gone on some neighborhood walks and after checking to make sure the playground at the

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nearby park is safe, we've let the children play. They really like sliding down the slide and climbing on the structure.

During the week, we celebrated Bear witness Day, we also focused on Doctors, Dentists, and Veterinarians. The children cared for their stuffed animals, and also learned about cleaning and brushing teeth. We did spend some time talking about Jordan who is the little boy that Jordan's Principle is based on.

One of the parents brought in some tadpoles. What an incredible opportunity to teach the children. We sat down together and talked. Children have always surprised me with their knowledge. We went over where the tadpoles live. We talked about the life cycle. Then, we brought out the play frogs and small bowls filled with water for the children to explore, and frog puzzles.

Thank you to Hannah's Mom. (Annie)

We look forward to be spending most of our days outside. We are planning a Mud day, where we will be letting the children explore mud and water. To quote Miss Frizzle - "Take chances, make mistakes, get messy!" The children will get messy because mud play is very sensory and hands on.

**Room 1,2,3 (presented by Arlene T.)**

A quick note for the last week of April; for Earth Day children participated in planting, creative art activities that include coloring and discussing what a globe is, and an in-depth review of the importance of reuse, reduce and recycle.

As for May PS123 has been focusing on the following:

1. Mother's Day preparation with children's direct participation in making their Mother's Day gifts, baking for our Mother's Day tea, and talking about our moms which happens daily anyways. We extended our discussions about their mom's names (many only really know them as "Mom, Mama, Mammi, or Mommy", while several are very confident in what their moms' real names are. Some are even able to identify whose mom is who's when it comes to grandmothers.
2. Bear Witness Day took place on Tuesday May 13 in recognition of "Jordan's Principle" and "Teddy's Bears Picnic". We had the pleasure of our "Bear doctors" who are students from the science department from UofW. Our Bear doctors took the time to ask and treat the children's stuffies and patch each one up with a "special healing band aid". We talked about the importance of caring for one another, treating each other with respect and fairness. Children quickly recognized and shared their stories of when they get hurt, or get a boo boo and what their moms, dads, and the day care staff do to help them. To close off our activities children enjoyed a special "Teddy Grahams" cookie treats.
3. We continue to enjoy practicing our gross motor and physical activities skills during our Rec Plex-Community Gym activities and outdoor play. Many children are challenging themselves

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by climbing higher up on the climbing poles, balancing independently on the balance beams, as well as strengthening their leg muscles when riding tricycles and scooters.

**Infant / toddlers program (presented by Yeojin L.)**

**Infants**

May was full of love as we celebrated Mother's Day. It was so great to see all the mothers at our daycare. Our infant room children were all busy preparing wonderful gifts for all the mothers. We also had our "Teddy Bear Picnic" and Bear Witness Day in honor of Jordan's Principle. Some students from the university came by to perform first aid on our children's teddy bears and stuffed animals. The university students pretended to be doctors and listened to heartbeats, checked eyes and ears, and bandaged up boobos on the stuffed animals.

We made Bannock as part of our Indigenous education. The children also enjoyed eating the Bannock for their afternoon snack. We did various art activities like coloring with crayons, spring themed art activities, decorating butterflies, and a spring sticker activity. It is always amazing to see how focused our infants are when they are working on their art. The weather was getting nicer and nicer, so we began to enjoy more time outside. The children experienced different types of sensory stimulations, such as hearing birds singing, smelling flowers, playing with water and sand in the water/sand table, and feeling the wind on their face and body. These were all great for their sensory development. We also found a little worm friend while playing outdoors. Some children said hi to the worm, while others observed with very curious eyes. It is always fun to be outside, and we look forward to having more fun outdoors in the coming months.

**Pre-school room**

Our preschool room children were excited to prepare for Mother's Day. The children were happy to see their wonderful moms and were very proud to give them the gifts that they worked so hard on. We also had Bear Witness Day in honor of Jordan's Principle. We had university students come by and pretend to be doctors for the children. They took care of and treated the children's teddy bears and stuffed animals. The children had a lot of fun with the university students all while learning about empathy and caring for others.

The preschool room was also very busy planting seeds and flowers. We planted our seeds in empty egg cartons filled with soil. The children really enjoyed digging up soil to fill up the egg cartons. Their favorite part of the activity was actually planting the seeds into the soil. We can't wait to see and explore how our plants will grow! We also had lots of fun with our outdoor parachute activity. The children loved running underneath the parachute when we lifted it up high in the air. Guitar Rhoda brought her guitar and played their favorite songs during the activity.

Our preschool room children love art activities. We did lots of painting. We even used different brushes to color some playdough. We did a Mother's Day craft activity, painted with toy cars, and a flower art activity. Summer is around the corner, and we are super excited to keep on learning, growing, and exploring next month!