

## **Minutes – Preschool Meeting**

**Date:** March 26, 2026

**Time:** 08:30–09:30

**Present:** Kitt, Lauren, Sarah, Michael, Theresa, Helle, and Maria (minutes taker)

**Absent:** Anders

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### **1. Closed session for Parent Council members**

### **2. Confirmation of lawful notice of meeting**

### **3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

Approved.

Update from the fundraising committee: fundraising activities are ongoing; however, funded items must be larger items accessible to the public. Preschool staff had requested blankets and smaller items, but these do not meet the criteria.

### **4. Finalization and approval of the agenda**

### **5. Chairperson's report**

Helle reported that the meal scheme was approved by vote across the entire Preschool. As it is not feasible for staff and the school to implement the scheme by April 1, it will be recommended to the NGG Board that the Preschool meal scheme instead begins on August 1.

### **6. Head's update**

The staff group is stable and thriving, with a very positive atmosphere. Final work on the playground is still pending but expected to be completed soon. The playground has now also been approved by the municipality.

### **7. Review of Preschool finances, budget, liquidity, etc.**

The Chief Financial Officer was not present.

### **8. Meal scheme**

There has been strong support among parents for the meal scheme. Due to practical and financial reasons, it has been decided to launch it in August. This is the final decision of the Board.

### **9. Opening and closing hours**

Remain unchanged.

### **10. Rules of procedure for discussion and approval**

Theresa is up for election as staff representative. The next staff meeting will take place in April 2026.

### **11. Annual meeting calendar for discussion and approval**

A parent coffee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, to present the Parent Council and vote on new members, as September is considered too late in connection with the Ællingen parent meeting.

### **12. Visibility of the Parent Council**

The Parent Council would like to attend the introductory meeting for new Ællingen families, and again in August to meet new Early Years families.

### **13. Discussion and status on aligning policies across Preschool (EY and Ællingen)**

The two departments are largely aligned. They share the same policies on sugar, screen use, and birthdays.

### **14. Status on hiring new staff**

No updates.

### **15. Update from NGG Board representative**

No updates.

### **16. Discussion and status on physical conditions in Preschool**

A new sewer connection will be installed along the path in front of Preschool during the spring. Otherwise, no updates.

### **17. Status on enrollment and waiting list for the upcoming school year**

27 children in Early Years and 31 in Ællingen. There is a waiting list for Ællingen, but additional admissions are on hold until another educator is hired.

### **18. Principles for staff within the budget framework and pedagogical responsibility**

There are currently two different ways of financing trips and evening events in EY and Ællingen. Theresa, Maria, and Sarah will explore whether it makes sense to align these practices or continue as they are.

### **19. Principles for the use of the budget framework**

No updates.

### **20. Overall principles of the pedagogical approach**

This is a comprehensive topic and not suitable for full discussion at the meeting. It is thoroughly described in the new curriculum, which is available on the website:

<https://ngg.dk/aellingen/vedtaegter-og-referater>

### **21. Any other business**

#### **Input from Preschool parents:**

#### **1. Digital policies and use of technology in daily life**

A shared digital policy for screen and technology use in Ællingen and Early Years will be developed.

#### **2. Cultural integration between Danish and international departments**

Efforts are ongoing to create more joint activities across departments, including shared trips and several planned events.

#### **3. Resource allocation and activities**

There are visible differences within Preschool, which will remain. Early Years is an international preschool following the IEYC curriculum, while Ællingen is a Danish daycare rooted in traditional Danish early childhood practices.

#### **4. Playground safety, fence height, and stability**

The playground has been approved by both the municipality and a playground consultant.

5. **Shade on the playground**

Yes, this has been considered. Shade sails will be installed over the sandbox, and umbrellas are available for additional shade.