

Charter for the Parents' Council and Coordinating Committee of the International School of Bergen - Early Childhood Centre



Article 1: NAME

The official name is The Coordinating Committee of the International School of Bergen Early Childhood Centre (ECC Coordinating Committee).

Article 2: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

In accordance with the Norwegian Kindergarten Act §4, the purpose of the Parents' Council and ECC Coordinating Committee is to ensure collaboration with the children's homes. The Parents' Council shall promote the common interests of all parents/guardians and help to ensure that the collaboration between the ECC and the parents as a group fosters a good environment in the ECC.

The ECC Coordinating Committee is an advisory, contact-promoting and coordinating body. It is a goal that the diversity of parents is represented either through participation in the ECC Coordinating Committee or by the representatives having good contact with the whole group of parents. The owner of the ECC shall ensure that matters of importance are submitted to the Parents' Council and ECC Coordinating Committee. The responsibilities of the ECC Coordinating Committee include:

- ratification of the annual plan
- discussion of and input to planned operational changes
- discussion of and input to the use of areas/resources
- input to budgeting process
- informing the owner and reporting to the inspection authorities if the ECC is not being operated within the frameworks in force
- providing a statement of agreement if the owner applies for temporary exemption from §3 of the Regulations regarding staffing levels.

If, pursuant to §15 of the Norwegian Kindergarten Act, a maximum limit for parents' fees has been prescribed in regulations, only the Parents' Council may consent to parents paying fees in excess of this amount.

Article 3: MEMBERSHIP

The Parents' Council shall comprise all the parents/guardians of all the children.

The ECC Coordinating Committee shall comprise:

- Two parents elected from the Parents' Council by written ballot
- Two staff members designated by the owner: one pedagogical, one support
- The owner will be represented by the Deputy Director-Lower School

The members of the ECC Coordinating Committee will serve for one year at a time. The ECC Coordinating Committee will elect a Chair from among its members. The Chair will lead meetings, circulate agendas and produce reports of the work of the Committee.

Elections will be organized by the owner's representative.