



ABORN SCHOOL
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“Work hard. Respect others. Follow the Golden Rule.”

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SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA INCLUDING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2014

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Muxie introduced and welcomed the newly elected School Site Council members. She thanked them in advance for their service and reviewed the role of the School Site Council.

II. New Personnel Here at Aborn and Services Offered (Social Worker, ELL, Behavioral Specialist)

Ms. Muxie explained that the Aborn was fortunate this year to have the services of some support personnel that we have not had in the past. She discussed the titles and services of the specific personnel we now have on board. The Social Worker (Ms. L’Italien) will communicate closely with our current School Adjustment Counselor (Mrs. Alcock) to provide wrap-around services to families in need or crisis. She will also be providing a Lunch Bunch group so that designated students can work on improving their social skills. Our ELL Specialist (Mrs. Gagner) will be working with Ms. Muxie to create a presentation to ELL families which explains how we can support their child’s transition and education. She will also assist her with the administration of the state’s ACCESS test.

III. District Wide Personnel Support (Data Specialist)

Ms. Muxie explained that this year we also have access to a district-wide data specialist. Ms. Muxie has already had conversations with Lynn Caterius in regard to Aborn’s MCAS scores and how we can use the data to increase student achievement. Since Aborn’s overall scores are good, she recommended focusing on identifying students who are on the cusp and giving them what they need to move up one level.

IV. Uniform Update

Ms. Muxie reported that over half of Aborn families have placed orders for uniform shirts. These will be turned in to Harrington’s so that shirts will arrive before the holidays. Ms. Muxie informed the council that a suggestion was made by another parent to expand uniform options for next year. Ms. Muxie will be talking with that parent about details of that plan and will invite the parent to the next PTO meeting to present her ideas.

V. School and District Goals for This Year

The Council reviewed the Aborn School’s goals as listed in the School Improvement Plan for the 2014-15 school year. We also reviewed the Lynn Public School district goals so that everyone was aware of those as well. Ms. Muxie explained that these goals effectively drive our focus and efforts. They’re also tied to the teacher evaluation instrument.

VI. Multi-School Internet Safety Presentation-Discussion of Best Date

The Council discussed doing a multi-school Internet Safety Presentation but felt that since Ms. Muxie and Mr. Eddy presented one last year for Aborn families, it was not necessary to do another one this year. We will

consider doing another one next year to remind families of the importance of this topic, especially as it relates to students in Grades 3-5.

VII. Medical Concerns

This year, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of students with medical issues at Aborn. We need to be aware of this and make the necessary accommodations and changes to support students and their families. We have students who have severe, life-threatening allergies, students who use inhalers and nebulizers, students with the possibility of seizures, and students who have unique nutritional needs during the day. We are consistently working with our school nurse, who is now thankfully full time, to keep updated in regard to the training necessary to effectively support our students. We are also rethinking some school activities in light of students' needs (e.g., substituting decorating an ornament for decorating gingerbread cookies at our holiday fair).

VIII. Other

- 1) Ms. Muxie has been proactive about letting our Maintenance Department know that we need to have our fence replaced as soon as possible. She informed the Council that a parent has offered to perform the labor for free. We would just need to supply the materials. Ms. Muxie will try to get a quote to see if we can speed up the process.
- 2) We discussed Grade 1 class sizes. Ms. Muxie is working with Dr. Latham to provide extra support to Grade 1 staff due to the unique physical aspects of our building. She will update the council at the next meeting on this situation.

IX. Subsequent Meeting Dates

Our next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, January 12th.