



“If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.”

Minutes School Council Meeting

12/16/19

6:00-7:00 pm

Present:

Katia Spiess, Principal

Catherine Sheehan, Teacher

Jennie Hennessey, Teacher

Casey Foote, Community (GE)

Josie Santos, Community (Beyond Walls)

Stephanie Gallo, Parent

Sandy Anshewitz, Parent

Absent:

Heather Angus, Teacher

Brandy Rodriguez, Parent

School Improvement Planning Team Update

- Review of District Objectives, Mission and Vision Statements, Core Values
- Meeting 1 – Data Dive (11/4/19)
 - Demographic Data
 - School Processes Data
 - Assessment Data
 - Perception Data
- Meeting 2 – Needs Assessment (12/2/19)
 - Vision, Mission, Core Value Statements
 - Using the Conditions for School Effectiveness, the team determined strengths and areas of need in nine different indicators
- Meeting 3 – Selecting 2 Priority Areas and developing an Action Plan (1/6/20)
- Meeting 4 – Finalizing Priorities and Action Plans (1/10/20)

Review of Aborn’s Vision, Mission, and Core Value Statements

- Several points that SC members felt strongly about:
 - Equity – All Students
 - Independently and Collaboratively
 - Growth Mindset

- Literacy AND Numeracy
- Unanimous approval by attending members

2020-2021 Budget Priorities

- Discussed Equity Challenges at Aborn
 - Increasing number of Spanish and Arabic speaking families
 - Increasing number of students with moderate to severe SEL needs
- Questions/Concerns brought up by Council Members:
 - Are building improvements part of the budget process?
 - No control over staffing - Hiring not the Principal's decision (Bidding and Bumping)
 - What opportunities currently exist for parents to participate?
 - 3 Open Houses
 - Evening events
 - Active PTO
 - Parent-run library
 - School Store 6 times a year
 - Field Day in June
 - Memos and All-Calls
 - Open Door Policy
 - Updated LPS Aborn site
 - a. OWLS Students-of-the-Week posted
 - b. Staff Directory
 - c. School Council Information
 - d. All Call Transcript
 - e. Photos / Videos
 - f. Newsletter (Coming TBD)