



ABORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL–Katia Spiess, M.Ed., Principal
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“If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.”

School Council Meeting #1, January 28, 2019 Aborn Library

Attendance

Role	Name	Initial	Role	Name	Initial
Principal	Katia Spiess	X			
Teacher	Donna Amico	X	Parent	Jose Camacho	
Teacher	Janice Caruso	X	Parent	Beth Carmody	X
Teacher	Jennie Hennessey	X	Parent	Miranda Locke	X
Teacher	Angela Masucci	X	Parent	Jennifer Lago	
Teacher	Jennifer Rubalcava		Parent	Brandy Rodriguez	
Community Member	Bianchy Llanos		Community Member	Casey Foote	X

Agenda

- Introductions
- S*W*O*T Protocol

Next Meetings

- March 25, 2019 at 3:00
- June 10, 2019 at 3:00

Minutes:

- Introductions
- SWOT Protocol
 - Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats
 - Internal – Strengths and Weaknesses
 - External – Opportunities and Threats
 - Positive – Strengths and Opportunities
 - Negative – Weaknesses and Threats
- Carousel around on 4 posters - Agree (checks) or Disagree (X's)
- Discussion

Strengths

- ✓ Great PTO
- ✓ Parent involvement
- ✓ Great staff - consistent
- ✓ Small staff (agile)
- ✓ engagement with community
- ✓ collaboration
- ✓ communication
- history rich area
- After School Activities
- laptops, ipads
- Campfire
- Small School
- Library, Computer Lab
- energy
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Weaknesses

- ✓ class size
- ✓ paras quantity ✓
- ✓ support staff quantity ✓, translator
- ✓ old building - gym, auditorium, building systems (heat)
- ✓ attendance
- ✓ substitutes
- ✓ parking
- ✓ nurses
- ✓ lack of outdoor green space
- ✓ timing of after school parent events (want after 5pm)

Opportunities

- ✓✓ - extra curricular groups (GE)
- ✓✓ - having a strong PTO
- ✓✓ - parent involvement
- ✓✓ - new ideas
 - ✓✓ - new energy - staff + principal
 - ✓✓ - change over of PTO
 - ✓ - better lunch space
- ✓ Before/After school clubs

Threats

- ✓✓ Old School / closing, ∴ old building systems
- ✓✓ Funding
- ✓✓ Safety, fence
- ✓✓ Traffic
- ✓ parents w/o English as a first language are timid
- ✓✓ Lot size
- ✓✓ attendance
- ✓✓ small student body
- movement of staff