



ABORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—Katia Spiess, M.Ed., Principal
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Vision Statement

The Aborn Elementary School will help all students develop the ability to think critically and creatively, to solve problems individually and collaboratively, to appreciate and respect diversity, and to become productive, responsible, and responsive members of a global society.

Minutes - School Site Council Meeting #2 **December 14, 2020**

Roll Call

Vote to adopt previous meeting's minutes

Recap of past events

- **Thanksgiving Support – 1000 families - Brandy**
- **New Para – Family Outreach Yris Chalas**
- **Gratitude Turkey - Katia/Jessie**

Revisit and Continue Discussion on Ways to Engage Community and Families

- **Sharing resources** from Brandy's new job - Brandy
 - o **Toys for Tots – a great success for Aborn school council**
 - o **Lynn – Phase 2 level 2 may change where/how to get free meals on Christmas**
 - o **Salvation Army – just got some toys for families**

Weekly Virtual Story – Katia, Jennie

- First is Dec 23rd – Katia reading favorite Holiday books
- Charlie Gallo – Compliance officer – will do one, willing to do it live
- Have former students
 - o One is a Lynn police officer
 - o One opened a bakery in Wakefield
- Easier to plan once we have an actual date
- video vs live
- Katia will do it once a month
- Someone else so we have it 2x/month
- 1st/3rd Thursday a month – set days to make it easier to plan

Curious Creatures - Brandy

- Vicky – doing virtual zoom/google meets

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- 40 or 60 minutes
- 60 minutes – 2 - 30-minute sections
- 40 minutes \$150
- \$175 – 60 minutes

If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you!

- Evenings/weekends available
- Best time is day time due to lighting at facility

Top Secret Science - Katia

- Email a couple days in advance
- Gets them together
- \$10 per kit
- Logistics – kits to kids
- Virtual Open House – Science Night an option
- Brandy can help with Science kit delivery

Dennis Matthew - Katia

- more of a music night – not so sure about this event this year
- Cost \$10 for CD download
- Presentation free
- Each child commit to purchasing CD

Little Library Box – Catherine/Heather

- To get an actual box = \$200-500
- To become part of the Little Free Library also costs 40-45 dollars and will make it available to anyone looking at LFL
- Could use a plastic bin
- K-2, 3-5 and adult bin
- Use door paint with pallets
- Donate books we have in the school
- Pre-k bin?

Beyond Walls Mural Scavenger Hunt - Josie

- Scavenger hunt by car
- Lynn is Red – don't want them outside the house
- Met with Pat for integration – likes the idea for elementary schools
- Could be for Spring - Might be a nice spring awakening

Student Council - Katia

- 4th and 5th graders
- Led by Donna Amico
- Toys for Tots
- Pennies of Leukemia
- Ways to connect families to school
- Aborn Student Council Scavenger Hunt – Family into 2 teams
- Scavenger hunt – points for different items
- Kids want to be social
- Trying hard to be creative

Misc/Scavenger Hunt thoughts

- Remote through at least the second quarter – Feb. break
- More and more families need services/help
- Some families at Aborn now need the help - don't always know how to broach the subject/get help
- More families at Aborn able to contribute than other schools
- Some children to do the scavenger hunt might not work – families struggling – might create extra anxiety – might make some kids sad –
- Make adjustments/allowances – have to keep in mind some families can still do the scavenger hunt – don't want to take it away from them.
- Maybe just change some words – register so we know who is doing it – pair up with other students/families if student wants to do it