



**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.*

## **School Council Meeting #1**

**October 19, 2020**

**6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

<https://lynnschools-org.zoom.us/j/4115753020?pwd=Rkw4bENhN01GSUJjanQ2dFkvVXIJUT09>

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Initial</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Initial</b>
Katia Spiess	Principal	x		Stephanie Gallo	Parent	x
Heather Angus	Gr. K Teacher	x		Sandy Anshewitz	Parent	
Catherine Sheehan	Gr. 4 Teacher	x		Brandy Rodriguez	Parent	x
Jennie Hennessey	Gr. 5 Teacher	x		Casey Foote	GE	x
				Josie Santos	Beyond Walls	x

**Agenda:**

- Review Work of School Improvement Planning - Final Priority #1
- Discuss Ways to Engage Community and Families
  - **Sharing resources** from Brandy's new job - Brandy
  - **Thanksgiving Support** – 1000 families - Brandy
  - **New Para** – Family Outreach Yris Chalas
  - **Gratitude Turkey** - Katia/Jessie
  - Weekly Virtual **Story Night** - Community Members, Parents, School Staff - Katia/Jennie
  - **Curious Creatures** – Virtual - Brandy
  - **Movie Night** – Drive In, Clark Park, Virtual on Zoom?

***"If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."***

- Top Secret Science Night **STEM in a Box** - Katia
- **Dennis Mathew** Event - Katia
- Books for Children - **Little Library Box** - Heather/Catherine
- **REAL Program**, Atlantic Ave., Lynn – encourage literacy, library boxes
- **Beyond Walls** - Scavenger Hunt Murals – Josie

● **Remote Learning Challenges and Opportunities**

Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● long time on zoom each day</li> <li>● students have different level of computer knowledge/ability</li> <li>● Keep up with all zoom meeting</li> <li>● staying focused on the computer-based lessons</li> <li>● Not seeing friends, lack of socialization</li> <li>● not being able to help the child cut with hand over hand</li> <li>● long for 5 years old to be on zoom and expected to be organized</li> <li>● teaching to black boxes - students can't interact/socialize</li> <li>● Equity</li> <li>● lack of physical activity</li> <li>● Children not seeing/interacting with classmates</li> <li>● uploading content onto Schoology, teaching to little black screens</li> <li>● most children not turning their cameras on during class</li> <li>● Schoology is tough at times for the kids</li> <li>● school provided laptops sound is VERY fuzzy</li> <li>● less personal interaction, less one-on-one time</li> <li>● being able to help individual students when you can't see their work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● students learn Microsoft 365 suite which they may not have done at school</li> <li>● Wednesdays off zoom early to do assignments/projects allow for creativity</li> <li>● new ways to engage whole families... we're all more virtually connected</li> <li>● great interaction with parent/guardian</li> <li>● more creativity with projects/learning outcomes</li> <li>● reinventing how we do school, what is worth teaching and learning</li> <li>● teaching kids more computer skills, interacting with more parents</li> <li>● Teachers and students upgrading their tech skills</li> <li>● more communication with parents/home</li> <li>● find new ways to communicate</li> <li>● giving chat time for children</li> <li>● students can ask for help without feeling embarrassed.</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting:**

- Monday, December 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m.