



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.

ABORN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING #3
3/22/2021 MINUTES
ZOOM 6PM

Present: Katia Spiess, Heather Angus, Casey Foote, Sandy Anshewitz, Stephanie Gallo, Brandy Rodriguez

Minutes: Brandy Rodriguez

Absent: Jennie Hennessey, Josie Santos, Catherine Sheehan

Vote to Adopt Minutes: Everybody was in favor of adopting Minutes from December 14, 2020 meeting.

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:05pm

Recap & Updates: LIVE Zoom Read Alouds are still happening. Katia reads every 4th Thursday at 6pm and they have also had some guest readers such as Charlie Gallo & Heather Angus and Dr. Tutwiler will be reading in May.

Title 1 Funding: Top Secret Science Night **STEM in a Box** will be happening. Brandy is happy to help with Science kit deliveries if needed. More details to come.

Curious Creatures and **Dennis Matthew** will be put on hold for now. There are so many changes going on with returning to school that these events may not work out so we will focus on Top Secret Science Night.

Books for Children-Little Library Box: Casey Foote was happy to share that they have almost officially been approved to get us two Little Library Boxes. They have got funding as well as volunteers to build & purchase the libraries. They are just waiting on final approval. This is maintenance free material so there is no upkeep needed. There will be two libraries. One will be for children and the other will be for adults. We are thinking that one will be mounted on one of the panels where there is a mural that has faded. The other we could place closer to the door of the Café. Equity lens is what we will be looking through when choosing the books that will be placed in the libraries. We want books to reflect the demographics of our students.

Heather Angus suggested maybe getting the 5th graders involved to check in on the libraries and books every so often to make sure they are all intact etc. She also asked about registering the libraries as it is around \$45.00 to register each library. Casey believes that the registering of the libraries is something that could be included in the funding that they have.

Budget SY22: There was an initial budget meeting last year when COVID hit but the district pulled back any unspent funds but luckily Aborn had spent most all of their funds. Twelve stand up desks were

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

purchased for students. Each stand up desk cost \$280.00. This year a few more were ordered along with ten rolling reading carts. A large amount of the funds were spent on remote learning supplies. Brandy Rodriguez asked if there are any talks of a field day happening this year, not sure if it were to happen if funds would come out of that funding or not. Most likely the field day won't be able to happen due to not being able to keep kids far apart enough from one another while playing all activities. Stephanie Gallo asked if maybe a field day were to happen if we could offer it to 5th graders only as it would be their last field day for Elementary School. Katia Spiess said she will bring this idea to the 5th grade teachers. Slush day may be an option. On the topic of 5th graders, t-shirts will be ordered for them as well as lawn signs and the banner which is purchased with the PTO funding. They may also do some sort of school pictures. LifeTouch gave a presentation that Katia was very impressed with.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14th, 2021 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm