



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 - Minutes

October 4, 2021

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Aborn Third Floor

School Council Members:

✓ Katia Spiess, Principal	✓ Angela Rossi, Parent
✓ Heather Angus, Teacher	✓ Tia Cole, Parent
✓ Jennie Hennessey, Teacher	✓ Casey Foote, GE, Community
✓ Catherine Sheehan, Teacher	✓ Nila Webster, Author, Community
✓ Stephanie Gallo, Parent	✓ Brandy Donachie, Community
✓ = Present	Al Wilson/Philip Fagan, Beyond Walls, Community

Agenda Items:

- I. Roll Call
- II. Welcome
 - a. Make the school the best we can for the community, teachers, students, staff and parents
- III. Framing the Year
 - a. New Staff
 - Allison Pecevich, Gr. 3
 - Ronda Malone, Gr. 3
 - Angela Masucci, Gr. K
 - Cindy Boudreau, LTS Gr. 2
 - Ivy Martin, PE
 - Yeimi Reynoso, Parent Liaison
 - Paraprofessional – responsible to communicate with Spanish speaking families – in the moment, written notices
 - Rebuilt entry
 - Melanie and Souad, Lunch Aides
 - Have 4 need 7
 - b. Open Positions
 - Computer Teacher
 - Art Teacher
 - Music Teacher (LTS)
 - Building Substitute
 - Lunch Aides

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

- Notes:
 - Have to cover with day to day subs or pull support staff (reading teacher or math CIT) since no specialists 3x per week
 - How to meet criteria/apply – Aesop front line, cori’ed, apply, part of the pool
 - Full time positions posted on talent ed - <https://lynnschools.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>
 - Day to day go to HR
 - City of Lynn Jobs
 - Pushing for crossing guards
- c. COVID Updates
 - New LPS [COVID Dashboard](#)
 - 2 positive cases
 - Updated once a week – all close contacts contacted by a school nurse
- d. Purpose of School Site Council
 - The School Council plays an advisory role in assisting the building principal to organize and implement a School Improvement Plan which not only addresses the areas in which the school intends to comply with the requirements of the Educational Reform Act, but also how the school Data intends to meet those system-wide goals and policies adopted by the school committee.
- e. Lynn Cultural Council Grants - Tia Cole
 - <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/lynn/>
 - Administrator – national arts and culture budget gets funneled through MA to cities
 - 60-90 projects
 - \$81,200
 - PTO who has own account – so school can apply, checks sent to PTO and PTO implement them – deadline Oct 15th – do wish list and tell you how to write grant short narrative – who, what where and when and budget and submit it. Can submit as many as you want.
 - Awards Jan 15th – start reimbursement after Jan 15, usually around March – when funds come from state
 - Arts or Culture based
 - Food, history, story-telling, STEM or STEAM, mural to robotics to authors come in to play at NSMT
 - Doesn’t cover food or transportation
 - Grant for festivals – back to school festival, end of school festival
 - Mutual aid projects
 - Address needs of student – could food festival be helpful to kids?
 - BIPOC artists – African Drumming, Latina author
- f. MCAS Results
 - [DARTS Aborn](#)
 - Accountability and assessment data of any school
 - Click on Lynn, go to Assessment – this year’s spread
 - Aborn versus state
 - Used to determine funding, district leveling

IV. International Night (Festival) Spring 2022

- a. Ramadan – Apr 2 – May 2
- b. Ideas?
 - Families bring in dishes – serve it, music, arts and crafts, traditional clothing
 - With language barrier – only some of the ways families can participate
 - A lot of work and communication and planning - Needs team
 - Dance group come to perform
 - PTO plan it?
 - HS dance/culture groups
 - In place of spring dance or along with (Dance - big fundraiser for PTO)

V. Miscellaneous

- a. Additional ideas
- b. Comments, questions, concerns
- c. Nila – connecting people to authors–
 - i. Conversations with My Imagination – Creative Days for a Rainy (or Sunny) Days
 - ii. Kids work for kids magazine – art work, writing
 - iii. “Voices of Hope” from Aborn
 - iv. <http://creativecentral4kidz.com/>
- d. Current Vendor – revolution food
 - i. LPS website, department, food service for more info

Next Meeting:

- Monday, December 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 21, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Notice of this meeting is timestamped and posted in the City Clerk's office 48 hours prior to the meeting per open meeting law requirement.