



Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

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Board of Trustees Digital Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 / 6:30 p.m.

Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81614820303?pwd=SDZqamJlNy9rQnc1TFpIMkZOWGFEdz09Passcode:52Nvr7>

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- I. Call to Order- Celia Blue, Board Chair
- II. Attendance Recorded
- III. Faithfulness to Charter
 - a. Reading of the AKF Mission; “The Mission of the Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School is to assist parents in their role as primary educators of their children by providing a classical liberal arts education grounded in the great works of Western Civilization and aimed at academic excellence, musical competence and character formation.”
- IV. Review of the Meeting Minutes from July 29, 2020
 - a. **Motion:** To accept the meeting minutes from July 29, 2020.
- V. Education Committee Update- Ms. Yarnie
- VI. Plans for the 2020/2021 school year - Ms. Paluk
 - a. **Motion:** To approve an opening plan for submission to DESE for the 2020/2021 Academic year.
- VII. Upcoming Board and Committee Meetings
 - a. Board of Trustees: Wednesday, August 26th 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Education Committee: Wednesday, September 9th 7:45 a.m.
 - c. Facilities and Finance Committee: Friday, September 18th 8:00 a.m.
 - d. Board of Trustees: Wednesday, September 23rd 6:30 p.m.
- XII. Adjournment
 - a. **Motion:** To adjourn the Meeting.

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- I. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Blue, Board Chair
- II. Attendance Recorded

Board: Celia Blue, Shelly Yarnie, Babiche Zagabe-Ndiku, Randy Schmid, Ryan Kittredge, Patrick Royce

Staff and Guests: (attached)
- III. In support of our faithfulness to our Charter, Ms. Blue read the School's Mission Statement.
- IV. Ms. Blue asked the Board to review the Meeting Minutes from July 29, 2020 and called for a Motion To accept the meeting minutes from July 29, 2020. Ms. Yarnie made the Motion, Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku seconded the Motion. The Board approved the Minutes unanimously.
- V. The Education Committee met on August 5th. Ms. Yarnie summarized the meetings topics for the Board: discussion on establishing the Seal of Biliteracy (The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, district, or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation), IB results were shared with the Committee and discussion/conversation about the start to the 2020/2021 school year took place.
- VI. Plans for the 2020/2021 school year were presented to the Board by Ms. Paluk. (PowerPoint attached.) Ms. Paluk and the Administration Council explored all the options for opening and due to various reasons (space in the building, transportation, ect.) the recommendation to the Board was for a Remote+ opening, some students would be home, some students would come in school for in person learning based on their needs. Ms. Blue asked for a Motion to approve an opening plan for submission to DESE for the 2020/2021 Academic year, which would at this time would focus on the Remote+ model; with the students coming in to school to include the the Kindergarten and students with IEPs, ELL, and other

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high needs. The Motion was made by Mr. Kittredge, Mr. Royce provided a second of the Motion. The Board unanimously approved the Motion.

- VII. Ms. Blue reminder the Board of other upcoming Board and Committee Meetings
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XII. Ms. Blue asked for a **Motion** to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Yarnie made the Motion, Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku provided a second on the Motion. The Board unanimously approved the Motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

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Alexandra Hyde
Alicia Hornbaker
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Amanda Durkin
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Benjamin Paluk
Benjamin Reilly
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Brian
Brian Morse
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Carrie Cole
Casey Avalos
Catherine Sanguinetti
CGrant
Chelsea Langelier
Chris Kursonis
Christine
Christine Lee
Christine Quirk
Cindy Prest
Clare Sullivan
Crystal Reynolds
Dana
Danielle Armiger
Daranee Wheaton
Darian
David Campbell
David Weisberg
Deborah Sanborn
Denise Gleason
Derrek Bollus
Dianne Wasgatt
Dichawn Belcher
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Donna
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Dorothy Mwendwa
E H
Edward Chamorro
Elaine Soares
Emily Barton
Emily Marren
Erin Perron
Fiorella
Francy Anderson
Gabrielle Borsini
Galaxy S10+
Gary Doucet
georgina baah
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Grace Kamau
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Hannah
Heather
Heidi Paluk
hilda calderon
Jadyn Oppong
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Jaime Cuddeback
Jaimie Perchak
Janel LeBlanc
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Jenn Coode
Jennifer Bram
Jennifer Connors
Jennifer DiCandia
Jennifer Giusto
Jessica Dolbec
Jessica Regan
Jill Fiore
Jill Hultquist
Joanne Wiggins
John Bianchi
John Calabresi
jorge jimenez
Jose
JR
k pisano
Kaitlyn Greenwood
Karen Dascoli
Karla
Kathleen Potter
Kathleen Stinton
katie king
Katie Mossetty
Kay-Ann
Kayla Mezzano
Kelly Pough
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Kerry Fitzpatrick
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Kristin Sherwood
Kristy Malarney
Kym Rutkiewicz
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LAURIE

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Linda Cherubino
Lindiana Semidei- GWCF
Lindsay Burns
Lindsay Fuhr
Lisa Jackson
Lisa Joslyn
Lucia Marcil
Luis Munoz
Lynn Heil
Lynn Sa
Lystra
Mackenzie Woll
Marci Rasmussen
Margaret Kursonis
Maria Cotto
Marissa
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Marsha Zeno
Mary Arpin
Mary Mansoor
Mary Mary Ann Wilson
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Matt Epstein
Matthew Ogle
Meagan Rosser
Megan Lapierre
Melinda Martin
Melissa Ford
Melissa Joubert
Melissa V.
Melissa VanArsdalen
Michael Grennon
Michaela Hayes
Michala Koduah
Michelle Champagne
Michelle Vigneux
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Mike Penney
Morgan Mason
Mr. Bova
Mr. Kittredge
Mr. Royce
Mr. Schmid
Mrs. Hicks
Ms. Blue

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Ms. Yarnie
Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku
Nancy Casperson
Nancy Kennedy
Naomi
Naranjo's
Natacha Geneus
Niciane Bonilla
Nicole Rawdon
Nidia
Nik Chisholm
Nina Garcia
Olga Pineda
Oriana Ayala
Parent
Peter Magerowski
PHILISIA CLERMEUS
Phillip Tran
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Priscila Torres
Que Nguyen
Ray Jackson
renee mcdonald
Robert Thorsen
Romeyre Evangelista
Rosina
Roxanna Padilla
Sally Mansoor
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Sara Ramirez
Sarah
Sarah Dunn
Sarah Luvuki
SerinaPadro
Shamica
Shannon Laro
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Shii Kim
Siby Adina
Stephanie Collins
Stephanie Harms
Stephanie Ramey
Super Megan
Tasha Gosselin
The Hamilton Family
Tim Hayes
Timothy Buchak

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Tracy White
Trinere Rodriguez
Veronica
Victoria Saganich
Yafrecy Beltre

Q81614820303 - Q&A Report (2) from the BoT Meeting
8.11.20

Question	Asker Name
Good evening ma'am, thanks for all.	Abisola Akande
Michelle you mute everyone, correct? I can't find where I need to mute it and I don't want everyone to hear when my dogs start to howl lol	Tracy White
Here 😊👉	Dana
When I was attempting to log on I put in the password for the dial in on accident. I didn't notice the password at the end of the link right away. I am not sure if that might be the challenge	Amaris Gonzalez
Why can	apuliafico
Why can't I see all participants? I can only see the speaker.	apuliafico
If your child falls into this first cohort but the parent chooses to keep them remote will they still get their SPED services?	Kristy Malarney
How will we determine when additional students can return?	Jennifer Bram
What data would you use? It seems the data already supports a hybrid model	Jennifer Bram
Will students with medical needs be required to bring in clearance from their primary care doctor stating they are able to return?	Sara Ramirez
Are students required to show their faces on zoom?	Anonymous Attendee
If there are openings will students be accepted from the waitlist?	Lindiana Semidei- GWCF
so last year going full remote was a disaster based of only llearning with the full remote are we hosting zoom classes this year? or sticking to a strict llearning schedule?	Anonymous Attendee
How does this affect children on the waitlist? I have one child whom attends AKCFS and another on a waitlist.	Anonymous Attendee
Am I clear that the only option for teachers would be to teach in the building 4 days a week or take a leave of absence?	Anonymous Attendee
If my child is on an iep and remains remote, will they continue to receive the same assistance as in person?	Anonymous Attendee
What is going to happen with sports?	Anonymous Attendee
If I chose to opt my child in to full remote and her having an IEP; for example reading only rather than a more lengthy IEP. Is there a plan in place so that she will be supported at home?	SerinaPadro
I still have a great concern with the amount of screen time required for these kids. The work shouldn't be optional but the on screen time should be more flexible. That doesn't seem ok to me to force these kids to be in front of a screen for so many hours.	Anonymous Attendee
When will hotspots and chromebooks and supply lists be sent out?	Kay-Ann
So how are the uniforms looking right now?	Anonymous Attendee

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Can my kids be able to switch to online only if previously on hybrid?	Dorothy Mwendwa
When logging into the meetings what is the late period if they dont log in at the specific time?	Anonymous Attendee
The EDU plan of Zoom takes care of those concerns	John Calabresi
Will class lists still be changing with the remote model or will they change when we eventually go to hybrid?	Mackenzie Woll
With the glitches in Zoom, will tardies truly count against overall attendance? We will have 4 Zoom sessions going on concurrently, and I will be teaching from another room. There are always issues logging in and kids zoom shutting down, so what will be the recourse for technological difficulties?	Dichawn Belcher
How do we go about getting a Chrome book for Alexis Blandri-Diaz and what kind of supplies will she be needing for the 4th grade? Do they still need to wear uniforms when doing remote learning?	mark
As far as Chrome book, each student will receive one from the school and parents do not need to buy it for their children? Thanks.	Que Nguyen
You said there is no remote school on Wednesday due to cleaning however kids in EPI and English as second language goes to school on Wednesday right?	autumn
The Zoom classroom is sounding very concerning, not only to the privacy of my household but it is beginning to seem like inviting a mandated reporter into the daily operations of my family. What plans does the school have to address this?	Kay-Ann
Do the students that are in school need to be in uniform then?	Karen Dascoli
how is remote going to work when I have 3 students one in k 2nd and 4th to be able to monitor all?	Anon
Are teachers with no students in-person teaching from home or from their classroom?	Anonymous Attendee
What will happen if too many staff members need to take a leave? With their own children home, is it feasible to ask them to be in the building every day all day? How will we manage filling all of those positions?	Anonymous Attendee
Will the remote plus model be applied to the highschool? In which most students on all days stay at home?	Anonymous Attendee
Guidelines from MA have recommended 3 feet distance with masking in school. In order to support having our students in school we may need to adjust the 6 feet rule that AKF has adopted . Has this been considered?	Jennifer Bram
I have a question about Kindergarten being in the second cohort. What does that mean exactly? Will they still be separated into 2 groups (maroon and gold)? I'm confused.	Cindy Prest
Will teachers be able to bring their school aged children into their classroom so children can do their remote learning?	Anonymous Attendee
thank you.	Christine Quirk

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Asker Email	Answer(s)
abisolaakande018@gmail.com	Good evening everyone. We are just testing to see if audio and video are working. If you have questions please enter them here and we will answer them at one of the upcoming zoom calls for families and staff. Thank you for attending tonight.
tracyj.white@yahoo.com	live answered
dana.borges@outlook.com	live answered
ama.gonzalez3@gmail.com	Thank you. See saw that at the start of the meeting. Our apologies.
apuliao@akfcs.org	live answered
apuliao@akfcs.org	adjust your view to gallery, top right
kristyanne82@gmail.com	Please contact Ms. Little, Director of Special Education amlittle@akfcs.org
jennifer.bram@umassmed.edu	
jennifer.bram@umassmed.edu	
marsa05@gmail.com	
	Please join us for our school specific Zoom Meetings next week; www.akfcs.org/events
lsemidei@greaterworcester.org	
	Please contact Ms. Paluk directly, as this time with the remote learning things WILL be different. She would love to talk with you; hpaluk@akfcs.org.
	Please email admissions@akfcs.org
	Please contact Ms. Paluk directly; hpaluk@akfcs.org or your school's Principal; Elementary School aemma@akfcs.org , Middle School apuliao@akfcs.org , High School ckursonis@akfcs.org
	Please contact Ms. Little, Director of Special Education amlittle@akfcs.org
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katgunning@hotmail.com	Please join us for our school specific Zoom Meetings next week; www.akfcs.org/events. Additionally, please feel free to email Ms. Paluk directly hpaluk@akfcs.org
kdascoli@akfcs.org	In school, in uniform.
jbouurg1194@aol.com	Please join us for our school specific Zoom Meetings next week; www.akfcs.org/events
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jennifer.bram@umassmed.edu	
cprest@akfcs.org	Contact Amy Emma for clarification.
	Please contact the Principal at the school directly; aemma@akfcs.org, apuliafico@akfcs.org, ckursonis@akfcs.org
christine.thirty.one@gmail.com	