



# Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

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## Education Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 / 7:45 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89154021470?pwd=aEtpWnVVRm5ja1FDNlpyMVpBYTEwZz09>

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- I. Call to Order- Shelly Yarnie, Committee Chair
- II. Attendance Recorded
- III. Review of the September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Education Committee Meeting.
- IV. Evaluating bringing additional students back to school- Ms. Paluk
  - a. How is Worcester categorized
  - b. Timeframe
  - c. Instruction Model
- V. MCAS Update- Mr. Kerr
- VI. ELL Plans - Ms. Tambolleo
- VII. Translation Progress/Process for families- Ms. Tambolleo
- VIII. Adjournment



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## Education Committee Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 / 7:45 a.m.

Meeting Link

<https://akfcs-org.zoom.us/j/85046989180?pwd=ak5XK0tSc2FrUjEyYbDJ3NEhLSW1xdz09>

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- I. The meeting was Called to Order by Shelly Yarnie, Committee Chair at 7:46 a.m. At that time it was determined the Committee did not have quorum when a Committee Roll Call was taken. The meeting was suspended until 8:05 a.m. at which time it was determined the Committee had a quorum. Ms. Yarnie called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with a successful Roll Call.
- II. Attendance was recorded and is provided on the attached document.
- III. The Committee reviewed the August 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Yarnie asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2020 Education Committee Meeting. Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku made the Motion to approve, Ms. Blue provided a second to the Motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.
- IV. Ms. Tambolleo presented the attached ELL/ESL presentation to the Education Committee. Ms. Tambolleo highlighted the 180+ students who were identified and prioritized to return to in person instruction. Ms. Tambolleo broke down further the classification of these students and how the ELL Department went about the process of contacting families and bringing those students who would need and benefit from in person instruction. The work continues and is planning a focus on the Kindergarten students as they prepare to come into school.
- V. Mrs. Paluk provided an update on the Abby Kelley Opening for the 2020/2021 school year. She noted that the 10 days of PD the faculty and staff participated in was successful and helpful for all. This school year will be challenging, but the faculty and staff are well prepared.  
  
Ms. Little updated the Committee on the progress made in the Special Education Department for the start of the school year. Ms. Little noted that number of students coming in to school were low. Some of that is because some students were not eligible to come to school because they needed medical clearance which they did not have and others simply opted stay remote. Ms. Little noted students being identified while in a class meeting, as being at



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school was a concern.

Ms. Little noted that a key difference from the Spring to now is that the student's IEPs allow for a Remote Learning Addendum, which was not the case in the Spring. The plans were being worked out and developed, would be monitored and assessed after two weeks. Ms. Little noted testing timelines/guidelines were still a challenge given that the students are in physically at school the coordination of the testing has an added level of coordination with the family to in some cases bring the student in.

Questions that came from the Committee for Ms. Little; will there be encouragement from the school for the families who did not send their students in. How would outside services students typically received in school and delivered to students. Ms. Little said that student attendance would be monitored and that would support the process of identifying students who may need additional support. Ms. Little noted that outside services would be delivered through in person sessions if possible or via telehealth.

VI. Next meeting Thursday, October 8, 2020 7:45 a.m.

by VII. Ms. Yarnie asked for a Motion to Adjournment. The Motion was made by Ms. Blue, seconded  
Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

**Name (Original Name)**

Michelle Vigneux

Amelie Tambollo

Rob Kerr

Ann-Marie May-Ferraro

Mr. Kursonis

Amy Emma

AnnMarie Little

Amy Puliafico

Heidi Paluk she/her/hers

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## **2020-2021 MCAS Schedule**

DESE has released a tentative schedule for MCAS.

### **Grades 3-8**

Normal testing schedule  
Math and ELA 3-8  
Science for grades 5 and 8  
Testing will take place in April & May

### **Grade 9**

Biology test will take place in June  
State still deciding on Legacy or Next Gen. test

### **Grade 10**

Normal testing schedule  
Math and ELA  
Testing will take place May 18-27  
\*\*Biology requirement from last year has been waived

### **Grade 11**

Required to take Math & ELA missed last year  
Testing options-January or May (Still deciding best option logistically)  
Test will be the Legacy MCAS exam

\*\*\*At this time, all testing is in person. Depending on the COVID situation we will have to plan for multiple groups to come in safely to take the tests.