

LNS Board Meeting 3/25/25

In attendance: Caroline Fiore, Nancy Fincke, Emma Shulman, Kate Brooks, Toni O'Connor, Raleigh Warner, Michelle Perreault, Paula Hinchliffe, Katie Poor, Colleen Bixby, Bridget Healy, Jenny Rogers, Emily Lines

On zoom: Laura Mellen, Akemi Martin, Molly MacLeod

- Introductions
- Emily welcome
- Motion to approve minutes from October meeting (approved)
- School updates (Nancy)
 - Conference on Saturday - 130 enrolled, teachers have been working hard on breakout sessions, keynote coming in from sweden
 - Hope for this event to happen again
 - Progress reports follow on wednesday
 - Emily Silet role has allowed more intention around umbrella topic
 - PD visit last friday - 35 people from Trust Center for Early Education, Brookline
 - Paula and Mariana presented and got wonderful reviews
 - Teachers volunteered for this event (paid for prep time)
- 80th Campaign (Kate Brooks)
 - Favorite Places Drawing Submissions
 - Participation by alumni families has been so inspiring
 - Will be extended by one week
 - Raising money to hire & retain best teachers, and to create a cohesive campus
 - Been in this space for 15 years
 - Alumni parent landscape architect Natalie deNormandie is donating her services to the school
 - How to pull in the surrounding landscaping and beautiful spaces, create hidden moments, create more space (whole school can't be out at same time right now because of licensing), allow collaboration between teachers, children, parents, create an outdoor art studio space
 - Currently raised \$240K, goal of \$400K by end of school year - hope that the gala will get us closer
 - Fundraising at the event is what will go towards the goal (ticket plus sponsorships just about cover cost of the event)
 - LNS Gala is on May 16th
 - Buy your tickets if you haven't already!
- Parent Survey (Colleen Bixby) -
 - See slides for presentation
 - Questions that came up:
 - Co-op model - what do people think about it? What do they value?
 - Could time during extended day or on friday mornings count towards family partnering time? Might be easier for people to manage with their schedules
 - Skip pattern - should we not allow people to skip questions?