

Minutes of School board Meeting

Place: Skimminge 21, Maribo

Date: 16:30 Tuesday 19 August 2025

Invited: Karina, Sarah, Annelies, Dorothee, Dorothea, Candice, Carsten, Nicolle, (Dom)

Apologies: Nina, Puneet, Ewan

Attachments:

- Minutes form last meeting (June)
- Exam results

Agenda

1. 16:30- Welcome

Description:

1. Annelies to welcome and open the meeting.

Minutes:

2. 16:35- Approval of minutes and approval of agenda

Description:

2.1 Follow up and approval of minutes from last board meeting (attached)

- Class parent council page and contact list: [Parents' Council](#). Next steps in communicating to new families?
- Update on changes to the bylaws: [Dagsorden-Boerne--og-Skoleudvalget-d.14-08-2025](#)

2.2 Approval of agenda

Minutes:

2.1 Next steps in communicating with new families- handouts at parent meeting. A procedure for communication to those not on aula, handout at coffee mornings/Den Blå Fisk, Follow up on student involvement in sporting and cultural clubs- introduce the various activities at the next assembly with those that we used at the AGM. Two parents, thank you Geraldine and Marie-Armelle, produced a list of local sporting clubs as a reference for families. This will initially be shared on Aula and added to in the future.

Further discussion on school trips- it was noted that students were not involved in the decision of where the Grade 8 trip will be. The new law on the child's voice (Barnets stemme) means young people need to be a part of the conversation. Grade 7 should be involved in the discussion of whether to travel within Denmark or abroad before next year's trip is planned.

The changes to the bylaws have been approved by LK children's and school committee (BSU) and sent to other school board for a hearing process before going to city council for final approval.

2. 16:40- Election of deputy chair person

Description:

2.1 Following the rules set out in §10 of the school's bylaws, the deputy chair must be a parent representative and is decided by first past the post voting. In the event of a tie, the positions will be decided by drawing lots.

A call for nominations for the deputy chair followed by a vote, if necessary.

Minutes:

Nina and Dorothee were nominated. A vote was tied and Dorothee was declared the new deputy-chair person.

3. 16:45 News from chair and principal

Description:

- School start, student numbers
- Vice principal recruitment
- Exam results
- Playground and donation progress
- Brief overview of folkeskolens kvalitetsprogram
- Parent information nights.

Minutes:

- School start, student numbers- 180 total students, 18 new across Gr1-9, 20 new in Grade 0
- Vice principal recruitment- Brian resigned over the holiday. He has accepted a principal position at another school. A job add went live on 15/8 with applications closing on 31/8. Anneliese will represent the board at the interviews. Hope the successful candidate will begin 1 November.
- Exam results- a review of the exam results from grade 9 in May/June 2025 with comparison to national and international averages in FP9 Danish, Cambridge English, Cambridge Maths, Cambridge Science, optagelsesprøven, and further study destinations. Also discussion on overall school attendance rates.
- Playground and donation progress- will open this week, still seeking sponsors and donations to complete the funding of the project.
- Parent information nights- board member are to introduce themselves.

4. 17:10 Introduction of Report Grades in 6th and 7th Grade from School Year 2025/26

Description:

As part of *Folkeskolens Kvalitetsprogram*, a national reform coming into effect from August 2025, schools are now permitted to introduce standpunktkarakterer (term report grades) in 6th and 7th grade. The change is optional and can only be implemented if both the school board and the school leadership approve.

Lolland International School has a large population of international students and families, many of whom are accustomed to receiving academic grades from an earlier age than what is standard in Danish public schools.

Introducing report grades in Grade 6 and 7 will align better with international expectations and support academic transparency for students and families.

The teaching staff and school leadership are in full support of implementing this change, provided that feedback remains developmental and constructive, as required by the Ministry of Education.

Pros:

- Aligns with international grading norms and expectations.
- Improves transparency and communication about progress for the students.
- Better prepares students for upper secondary expectations (grades 8–9).
- Supports families relocating abroad who require documented grades.

Cons:

- May increase academic pressure for some students at an earlier age.
- Requires time and professional development of the staff to ensure feedback remains balanced and supportive.
- Needs clear communication to parents and students about what the grades mean.

Proposal: Does the school board approve the introduction of report grades in 6th and 7th grade beginning in the 2025/26 school year, in line with national policy, with an emphasis on combining grades with written or oral formative feedback.

Minutes:

There was a discussion on the pros and cons- good for motivation but not for those getting 00 or students new to Denmark who would receive -3. Students are generally in favour. Seen a important for families seeking to apply to school abroad. Grades must be given with verbal feedback and in line with skole-hjem meetings. Board differ in opinion whether to introduce grades or not. Correction about the description above-not all staff are in favour. A preferred model of grades from grade 7 from staff. Discussion over which year to introduce grades. Decision- Grade 7 will receive academic and effort grades this school year with an evaluation at the end of the year.

5. 17:30 International Week

Description:

Information about the international week and international day. In week 37, all classes go off schedule and go in-depth into a topic with an international theme. On Friday 12th we open the doors to parents to come and see the work the classes have done. In addition, the small gym will be set up for interested parents to show off their culture. It was discussed earlier that board could wear vests, so that members are visible, open to questions, and help clean up. Decision on the role of the board.

Minutes:

A great event is planned. Board agree to wear green 'ask me' vests and name tags stating 'board member', assist students at popcorn and slush ice machine, possible board corner, and help clean up.

6. 17:45 Principles

Description:

A discussion and decision on further development and/or review of principles for the year ahead.

Minutes.

Action- compile list of all proposed principles from earlier meetings. And list all current principles with a future decision on which need review.

Next meeting- discussion on AI in schools/digital literacy,

8. 18:00 Next meeting

Description:

8.1 23 September 2025

8.2 Traffic

Minutes:

8.1 date agreed

8.2 Topics next meeting- school traffic (including parking, signage, safety), International event evaluation, report on Danish language efforts in the school.

9. 18:10 AOB

Description:

Opportunity for any announcements or proposals.

Minutes:

- Proposal- future meeting to discuss sleep needs of teenagers, possible 'late start' for older students. Could expand in to the broader topic of overall healthy lifestyle and choices.
- Update on Mei Lee's absence- school informed today that Miss Lee will be out on sick leave for at least one month.