Lolland International School
lollandkommune

Minutes of School board Meeting

Place: Skimminge 21, Maribo
Date: 16:30 Tuesday 4 November 2025

Attended: Karina, Sarah, Annelies, Dorothea, Siena, Samritha, (Dom, Ramazan)
Online: Punneet
Apologies: Candice**,** Nina, Ewan, Dorothee

Attachments:
- Minutes form last meeting (September)
- Letter to Park og vej
- Appendix to letter to Park og vej
- Høringssvar folkeskolestrategi Lolland International School
- Folkeskolekonference 2025
- LIS principles (not attached, only available in the envelop sent home)
- Inspiration for principles

MINUTES

1. 16:30- Welcome

Description:
1.1 Annelies to welcome and open the meeting.
1.2 Welcome and introduction to Ramazan.
1.3 Due to changes in the board and new student council representatives, a new photo is desired for the website.

Minutes:
1.1 Annelise starts the meeting.
1.2 Ramazan introduced himself. He thanks the LIS community for being very welcoming.
1.3 Due to low number of attendees, a new photo will be postponed.

2. 16:40- Approval of minutes and approval of agenda

Description:
2.1 Approval and minutes from last board meeting (attached).
2.2 Follow up and actions from prior meetings
- LIS clothing/branding
- Traffic- see point 3.
- Mother tongue education
- 15:00 bus from Blæsenborg survey
- Grade 7 sport participation assembly.

2.3 Approval of agenda

Minutes:
2.1 Action: KH to give the total cash and mobile pay amount from int. day event at next meeting.

2.2 LIS clothing- Karina suggested a company and brought a sample. The design is a sample. The schools can choose what they want to have on the sweatshirts. The schools can add logos and names at a cost. There are two types of quality. Karina will look into the prices and will meet with the student council. Pre-orders cannot be open for too long or it costs more. Regarding the logo, the kommune's logo and color scheme can be used, but a totally new logo cannot be made. The municipality has clear guidelines about how to use the logo. The students can be included in the design of the hoodies that will be used. The student council will take this up with the council. Action- KH to take to student council for design input.

Grade 7 sports assembly- As suggested by the board, Grade 7 students gave an assembly on the history of sports, what sorts they participate in, and invited participation from the community to get involved in local sports. And they have put together a great display in the common area.

Closed Item: Annelise follows up on the complaint. She has sent a message to the families.

3. 16:50 News from chair and principal

Description:

3.1 Follow up from last meeting on traffic. Letter was sent to the park og Vej (attached). A meeting was held between LIS and Park og Vej in week 41. This item will provide feedback to the board on that meeting.
3.2 Position vacant- børnehaveklassleder. Anne Marsh has resigned and taken a position as music teacher at Stormarkskolen. Information on the new direction for our school start class and changes until the position is filled.

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3.1 Dom reached out to Park og Vej. And they responded quickly. Dom and Karina had them over. The team have done investigation and taken suggestions from LIS to include in the safe cycle paths, and walking path, signage and posts. Park og Vej has agreed to add all our proposed solutions to the upcoming road works development plan due to be decided early next year. The team will put together a proposal and a budget they will propose to LIS before taking it further to action.

3.2 Anne Marsh has resigned and started in a new school. We wish her all the best. There have been changes made to the schedules until we find a replacement. The job is posted. The job includes grade 0 teaching, and music teaching. Our primary purpose is to have one person that will be in the børnehaveklasse as the priority is for stability.

4. 17:10 Student council

Description:

Siena and Samritha will present updates form the student council, the fælleselevråd (LK joint student council), and the plans for the upcoming combined junior and senior council meeting.

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Samritha and Siena present the antibullying/online awareness campaign. They have put together the feedback from the other parts of the council. One idea is the posters around the school, another idea is to put together an assembly. Another idea is games and interactive activities. The student council will send out a survey with the ideas.

Junior council has brought up the issues with the wobbly swings. Dom responds saying that the swings are covered and will be fixed. The maintance has come and checked and will fix it momentarily.

Another point brought up is the sand thrown up and the water puddles in the play groud. They will be looked at. The junior student council suggests putting up signs saying, ‘don’t throw sand’.

Another thing they brought up is the cat excrement found in the sand box. Covering the sandbox with a net is a suggestion. However, there has been only one incident with pet poop in the sand. Putting a net brings a responsibility by putting them on at the end of the day and taking them off in the morning. However, there are students using the playground after school.

Another suggestion from the junior council is that they have breaks indoors and outdoors, such as yoga. Also, there is a suggestion about using the table light so that the students can focus better, instead of big lights.
Supervision could be difficult for the indoor breaks. There should be an option for the students to choose. The noise level is an issue.

Grade 9 students share that the chairs in the 9th grade class are uncomfortable especially for long periods of sitting. Karina and Dom will look into it.

5. 17:30 New Folkeskole Strategy

Description:
“*On 1 October 2025, the project and strategy called Fremtidens skole (2022-2025) concluded and a new Folkeskole Strategy was launched.*

The Children and Schools Committee outlined the three overarching strategy areas are:
- *Continued development of quality in primary schools*
- *Future-proof offers for students with special education needs*
- *School offers with an international aspect*

Each of the three strategy areas has been discussed at the Children and Schools Committee in May, June and August respectively to determine the political guidelines.

The Children and School Committee has decided that the strategy which consists of a main document and a number of appendices that elaborate on the background, goals and implementation plans. The main document contains the vision, the three strategic main areas and the overall goals for the development of the folkeskole in Lolland Municipality.

The folkeskole strategy has a 10-year perspective to ensure the possibility of long-term planning, knowing that demographic and economic conditions may mean that the structure must be continuously adjusted to meet the needs of the student group in the best possible way.

The strategy addresses the current challenges and potentials, and it has a series of goals and overall areas of action, so that schools give all students the opportunity to develop themselves academically and socially with an international perspective.” (Minutes from SektorMED Skole og Dagtilbud)

The board is to discuss the new folkeskole strategy and decide on whether to send in comments or not.

Attached :
- Høringssvar folkeskolestrategi Lolland International School
- Folkeskolekonference 2025

Minutes:
Board member says that it was very long. The staff has shared feedback. The word "strategy" was found confusing and not fitting as the expectation was to have a plan. However, the session was found useless and waste of resources since the session were not realistic or didn't provide any how-to-do in practice. The second session was more about the history of teaching which didn't provide any concrete suggestions.
Dom shares that the 'vision' is created by politicians and it is the school sector/schools in the kommune to execute or develop the actual strategy. That is why the vision looks good but it doesn't translate into action for the schools and the teachers, especially for LIS.
The premise of the sessions require funds to implement, which makes the attendees (the teachers) not be able to use.
To help the kommune to be more open for international students, there needs to be more resources to help students adapt to Denmark and and international setting. These resources could be supporting students with needs, diagnostic tools that are in English etc.

The staff has written a respond to folkeskolestartegi.

6. 18:00 Principles

Description:
At the meeting in August it was agreed to review all LIS principles and seek inspiration for possible new principles. A copy of all LIS principles were sent home. Attached is a list of principles from other Lolland commune schools to sever as inspiration. Links are included to these principles in the attachment.
The board is to decide whether to review and re-implement existing principles or to select new principles for development.

Minutes.
Dom has shared the document with current and a new set of principles that he has compiled from other schools as inspiration.
Proposal- can all separate documents be combined?
Action- Ramazan will work with the student council to make the LIS Principles to one pager and have specific terms that are easy to remember and include all school community.
Feedback from staff, the response regarding the bullying doesn't look like a principle but needs to be followed by all, including the substitute teachers.
There are multiple factors affecting behaviour, each child is different, therefore 'one model-fits all' approach is difficult. Streamlining can take away the individualization and student centeredness.
On the other side, bringing the Danish culture in the class. There has been an improvement in the school and both parents and students have been speaking more Danish.
Action- Next meeting work to begin on a principle is about behaviour/code of conduct. This will work side by side the staff development topic of the same. Current code of conduct will be provided.
Action- principle is to be procedure for parent complaints will also begin. Current policy will be shared.
Action- Ramazan will start with the students and design consequences form the student perspective.

8. 18:30 Next meeting

Description:
8.1 Options:
- 9 December (reserve date if required)
- 27 January (official next meeting date)

8.2 Set topics (January) Approval of budget, planning annual meeting with parents' class council, principles

Other topics- AI in schools, digital literacy, sleep needs of teenagers/later start/healthy choices.

Minutes:
Next meeting is January 27.

Approval of budget, planning annual meeting with parents' class council, principles

9. 18:40 AOB

Description:
Opportunity for any announcements or proposals of two minutes or less.

Minutes:
Later start for teens- As there is time in the meeting, the sleep needs of the teenagers were discussed. The students come tired in the mornings. Is a late start necessary or is how our students are using their devices at night the problem? This could be looked into further.
Student shared the results of the student feedback. She shared that there is little school can do when it comes to sleep and use of devices at home. The students need to make a decision and do it themselves, she says.
The late start topic is interesting and should be looked into further and many factors to investigate.
Action- Dom will look into the example from a school in Jutland.
Dom shares the results of our students' sleep habits and comparison to the other students in the kommune from the Børne og Ung Liv report.

AI use by students- Student brings up a good question about the use of AI, since it is not consistent in various subjects. There should be an agreement between teachers. To be discussed and followed up by the staff.

Holiday plan- Karina brings up the date suggestions about the holiday plan for the coming years. Current plan from the kommune is missing public holidays and has a very late start to Christmas break on the 23rd December.
Action- Dom to find out when this decision will be made

Toilet signs on the doors- A parent suggested that the signs on the toilet doors need updating as they are not effective and relevant, and not welcoming. They will be removed.

The meeting is ended at 18.21.