

Northern Lights ABC Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 5/19/2026

3:00 pm

NLABC School

PRESENT: Dorissa Martin, Jenny Cabasag, Kelly DeRouin, Cheryl Holden, Michael Wuerth, Kristina Wuerth, Tyler Kobelnyk, Debbie Maestas, Rosa Hohnstein, Bernadette Wright, Tiffany Voelker, Lucy Matthew, Jackie Morris, Greta Gionet, Elizabeth Congdon-McGee, Zoya Stephens, Brittany Gallagher

1. Call to Order: 3:03PM - Jenny called to order, Mike seconded. Motion passed.
2. Approve agenda: Kristina motioned to approve the agenda. Mike seconded. Motion passed.
3. Meeting Minutes from 04/14/2026: Jenny asked for a motion to approve minutes. Jenny asks if any changes are needed, and Mrs. Martin states she has not reviewed them. No changes requested.

Kristina motioned to approve the meeting minutes Mike seconded. Motion passed.

4. Kelly Resignation - Vote Required:
Kelly DeRouin has submitted her resignation to the committee as she will not be attending NLABC in the 26/27 school year. Her family has chosen home school due to consistent issues with leadership at NLABC and ASD.

Robby motioned to accept Kelly's resignation, Kristina seconded. Motion passed.

5. New PAC Members - Executive Member Assignment:
Jenny stated we did not receive enough applications to require a vote for committee members. Therefore, all applications were accepted with still 1 vacant position. The Committee welcomes Corey Tiedeman & Theresa Castellanos, and welcomes back Jenny Cabasag & Robby Voelker.

For the executive committee, Jenny nominates Corey Tiedeman as President for the 26/27 school year, Robby motioned, Kristina seconded. Nomination passed unanimously. Cheryl nominates Jenny Cabasag as Vice President for the 26/27 school year, Robby motioned, Cheryl seconded. Nomination passed unanimously. Jenny nominates Kristina Wuerth as Secretary for the 26/27 school year, Robby motioned, Cheryl seconded. Nomination passed unanimously.

Jenny will continue to recruit for the vacant position on the committee. Jenny commits to working with Corey to do a formal hand-off of duties and provide information to be successful.

6. Thank you Cheryl & Terre:

The Committee expressed gratitude for Cheryl & Terre's commitment to NLABC philosophy and spending countless hours supporting not only the PAC but the PTA as well.

7. Follow-Up Items:

a. What's too sick for school?

- i. Mrs. Martin indicated that she is working on a parent package for the 26/27 school year, which includes what is too sick for school. The committee asked that Mrs. Martin share the contents of the parent package in our August committee meeting.

b. Behavior Matrix

- i. This has been a topic of discussion during 5-6 leadership committee meetings and published for review and adoption. **ACTION ITEM:** Mrs. Martin to provide a copy of the matrix to the PAC

c. Curriculum Mapping

- i. Mrs. Martin along with the leadership committee has completed the bulk of the work this school year. The process does take more than a year to complete and will continue to focus on completion in the 26/27 school year.

8. Middle School Electives:

The PAC expressed concerns throughout the school year as it pertains to middle school electives. Mrs. Martin is working on developing a plan for potential new electives as 60% of the 7th graders (8th graders next year) took Biology. Mr. Pierce will no longer be teaching an elective due to the staff allocations received for the 26/27 school year. Mrs. Martin acknowledged the consistent lack of structure of the electives and will ensure the syllabus will be followed for 26/27 school year. **ACTION ITEM:** Mrs. Martin to provide PAC revised Middle School Elective syllabuses.

9. PTA Comments:

Zoya expressed that additional volunteers would be nice to have for the 8th grade ceremony especially during 4-5pm for setup.

Brittany will be the new PTA President for the 26/27 school year and expressed the request that the PTA continue with the collaborative environment, and dates have been sent to Mrs. Johnson to disseminate to staff. Mrs. Morris expressed that teachers pick the dates for RWB, but will take a look and if any changes are needed she will let Brittany know.

Field Day was a success, notes for next year, no bouncy house and middle schoolers not to run due to lack of oversight.

10. Parent Comments – Open Forum

Topic was raised about State Funding challenges and if combo classes are still on the table. Mrs. Martin stated that yes, combo classes for the 26/27 school year are likely.

Tiger Reading principal challenge was a let down, and no communication was provided to the students on what Mrs. Martin would do if students achieved their goals. The parents were thankful Mrs. Martin wore an inflatable tiger, but it would have been nice to have students know

ahead of time as it was the same day as Field Day which felt unspecial. Cheryl asked if we could pie Mr. Pierce in the face, Mrs. Martin did not want to speak on his behalf. **ACTION ITEM:** Cheryl to collaborate with Mr. Pierce on a plan. **ACTION ITEM:** Jenny to add Tiger Reading goal to raise the number of pages.

Jenny expressed dissatisfaction pertaining to MS Math classes. Pre-Algebra skipped chapters, and did not finish the book. The students studied for 2 weeks for the state exam which missed learning. Also, no math on Friday's would have allowed the curriculum to be taught to fidelity.

Mike expressed dissatisfaction about the integrity of NLABC. He commented about the school being at risk by lowering standards, lack of a safety committee, curriculum not being implemented, teacher accountability and the desire to be heard as a parent. He expressed that parents' voices are being diminished and that there is consistent resistance from leadership and he desires to get back to a logical, collaborative and respectful relationship between administration and parents. Parents deserve to be heard. Mrs. Morris mentioned the negativity on public platforms like Facebook. Jenny stated that you are assuming that parents did not attempt direct resolution, and Facebook is a last resort. Mrs. Kelly went on to say that Mrs. Martin's hands are tied with no more study hall, but our teachers care.

11. Primary Teacher Rep Comments:

Mrs. Gionet states that there is concern about passing phonograms in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, and we need to continue to advocate for parent involvement.

12. Secondary Teacher Rep comments

Mrs. Voelker expressed concern about middle school expectations, consistent violations of dress code, and disrespectful behavior. We need to ensure we provide opportunities for our middle school students to mentor. Mrs. Matthew clarified that she returned to teaching HM because continuing with the pilot program was "not a good use of her time" since she was the only teacher using it. After completing Spalding training, she shared that she is excited to implement new instructional strategies in her classroom.

13. Middle School Teacher Rep comments

Mrs. Hohnstein shared that the 8th grade ceremony is coming up and they will have a photo booth, a slide deck with students who are graduating from the program. 20 students passed Spanish II and will be one year ahead in high school. Mrs. Hohnstein will not be back for the 26/27 school year.

14. Principal comments:

a. Staffing plan for 26/27 School Year

Mrs. Martin shared that we are gaining another ELL tutor (total of 3). ASD School Board voted if the funding was approved by the state for the \$920 per student allocation we would receive 2 additional classroom teachers. We will still have a $\frac{1}{2}$ combo class. She will be bringing on another kindergarten teacher and removing the $\frac{2}{3}$ combo class. The hope is to hear back by the end of the week 5/22 or by 6/1 at the latest. The new middle school social studies teacher was a displacement from Dimond Ms. Frazier-Drath.

Open positions include a special education teacher and middle school English. Offer made to Orchestra teacher but has not accepted as of yet.

New requirements from the district:

- i. Health is no longer a pull out for students and will be taught by classroom teachers
- ii. PE increased by 5 minutes per session for a total of 100 minutes per week
- iii. Art will now be 50 minutes weekly where before it was bi-weekly
- iv. The library class will now be 50 minutes a week compared to 40 last year.
- v. Music decreased by 10 minutes for a total of 50 minutes per week (exception is middle school)

PAC asked if Mrs. Martin is actively interviewing potential candidates for the open positions, yes. **ACTION ITEM:** PAC would like to be involved in interviews, please reach to PAC for scheduling.

Mrs. Martin is advocating for the removal of all combo classes for the respect of our charter. Increasing teachers not combo classes. Mrs. Martin asked that the PAC advocate for this as well.

b. Test Scores:

Test scores for MAP (3rd-8th grade) and MCLASS (K-3rd grade) are continuing to improve. Stats were shared.

15. Celebrating Successes & Positive Wins

Mrs. Martin stated that she is receiving a lot of lottery applications from Campbell Stem & Lake Otis students due to closures.

This is our last meeting for the school year - Switch to Tuesday's for 26/27 school year

3 Kindergarten ceremonies

No discipline was issued during Field Day

Teacher Appreciation was a success

16. Adjournment: Jenny motioned to adjourn at 5:57pm; Kelly seconded. Motion passed.