

CIS - OBK School Council Meeting # 7

Date:	Thursday, March 07, 2016
Time:	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Location:	Upper Floor in the open space - OBK Campus 225 – 28th Street SE, Calgary Alberta
Participants:	School Council Members, Administration, Society Members, School Council Executive Committee.

Attendees:

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Minutes:

Opening Dua at 6:57 PM by Dr. Abdullah.

- February meeting minutes approved and signed.

Students Registration for 2017 – 2018 School Year:

- Approximately by the 2nd week of March, registration will open for the students' siblings. Soon after that registration will open for the public through the online system.

Proposed Changes in School Calendar:

- Proposal to sync CIS School Calendar (currently based on Alberta Education Calendar) with the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) Calendar was proposed by the parents in the past School Council meetings.
- Principal Raiha Idrees discussed the concern with Palliser.
- Palliser decided to give its Calgary schools option to sync their Calendar with either CBE or Alberta Board of Education.
- Proposed School Calendar (in sync with CBE) and CBE calendar were circulated and briefly discussed among the attendees.
- One of the few changes in the calendar for next year discussed were early dismissal (12:05 PM) on Thursdays. Fridays will be full days in order to maintain Jumma prayers lead by students.
- Planned for 6 PD days next year as compared to 12 PD days this year.
- October 19th – 20th district is introducing faith formation days.
- Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 will be the 1st day of school for the students.

Update on the Vending Machine:

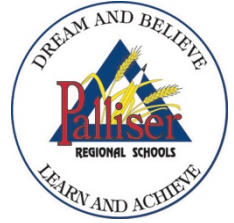
- Electrician came in and plugged it into a separate breaker.
- Decide on rules and regulations for students on when to purchase from the vending machine.
- Send a letter to the parents informing them about the vending machine purchase and where the funds generated from it will be utilized.
- Nayax is a software that helps in keeping a track of the stock in the machine. It will cost \$12/ month if we choose to purchase the software.

Fee schedule update for the next year:

- MCC is working on the budget and will inform School Council about the fee schedule.
- \$200 reregistration fee will be adjusted in the next year school fees.
- Parents will be informed of the fee structure before the due date for the reregistration fees.

Field Trips:

- In other Palliser Schools, society usually covers the cost of the students' field trip programs.
- It would be a good gesture if society can contribute towards the field trip cost of CIS students.



Tahfeeth Volunteering:

- Call Palliser to find out if volunteering outside school hours is permissible. Also check liability issues pertaining to such volunteering.
- Reward these volunteer students with some incentives. (e.g.: free hot lunch etc.)

Sports Initiatives:

- Staff has safety concerns on taking the students for the tubing trip.
- Palliser offers Student's insurance policy and some parents have taken their kids name out of it.
- Principal has requested Palliser \$5,000 for sports initiatives.
- Some ideas for the sports day include Track and Field (Rotary Park), skiing, swimming, cricket, martial arts, trampoline park (flying squirrel), bowling and Jiu Jitsu classes.

Jiu Jitsu Classes:

- Classes are taught by a retired police officer. He is available to offer the program as a gym curriculum. It teaches defense against bullying.
- The coach willingly lowered the cost of the class from \$150 down to \$100/class. 3 – 5 classes per grade can be included at one time.
- Approximately \$1,000 from school council could be allocated for Jiu Jitsu probably for Grades 5 and 6.

Bowling trip for Students:

- Arrange a bowling trip for students.
- Bussing cost for trips in the city is \$120 and \$300 for trips outside the city.

Basketball purchase:

- School Council will purchase 2 basket ball nets with appropriate size balls for younger kids.
- 20, Size 5 balls could be purchased out of the profit from the Council's bake sales.
- Storage might have some space for basketball equipment as it is no longer used for storing prayer carpets.

Cricket:

- Order form for cricket equipment is \$200 for all the balls, bats and wickets. More can be ordered if need be.
- Br. Shafakat will volunteer his time for teacher's training on PD Day, Friday, March 31st, 2017. Arabic staff will not attend the cricket workshop as they will be attending an Alberta Iqra Arabic Conference in Kananaskis.

Tahara Competition.

- Islamic Arabic team away for PD Monday – Wednesday.
- They suggested to implement this program class by class for both Tahara and Prayers.
- It is important to develop a love for cleanliness and prayers as opposed to doing it as a competition.

Leader In Me Conference:

- This year the Society allocated \$10,000 for PD for both campuses.
- Teacher Ghada Aziz and Teacher Tulip Raslan attended the ISNA Conference in Anaheim, CA representing the OBK Campus.

Graduation Bake Sale:

- Grad grades would do their bake sale selling cookies, popcorns and hot chocolate.
- School Council generated approximately \$1,600 in the last bake sale. Profit was used in purchasing the equipment for Basketball and Cricket and to fund the Jiu Jitsu program.
- Date for next bake sale will be Thursday, March 23rd, 2017 and all proceeds from it will go towards graduation ceremony costs.
- School Council's third and last bake sale for this school year will be before the beginning of Ramadan at the end of May.

Food Drive:

- Food Drive will be from April 3rd – April 13th in collaboration with the Spirit Committee.
- Theme this year will be "Strike Out Hunger".
- The winning Grade will go on the bowling trip.

Other Important Dates:

- **Quran competition** will start in April and ceremony will be in Ramadan.
- **Brown bag** event will take place on March 15th, 2017.

Calligraphy Workshop:

- Saffia Malik will be visiting from Toronto to teach a workshop on Islamic Art and Calligraphy.

- Dates are March 15th, 2017 for Division 1 and March 16th, 2017 for Division 2. Cost of the workshop is \$20/ person which covers the cost of the canvases, paints and brushes.
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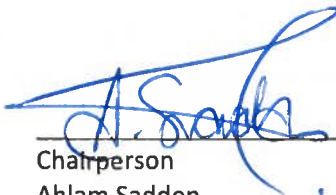
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