

CIS - OBK School Council Meeting # 8

Date:	Tuesday, May 02, 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

Attendees

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Meeting start 6:45 PM.

Minutes approved from previous meeting.

Opening Dua:

Principal's Report:

Fontana's and Pennell testing showed quite a significant improvement. Meetings were held with the central office for budget, HR and school calendar. Previously discussed the initial calendar with the school council.

Minor calendar changes from the initial proposal:

Instead of half day Thursdays, every Mondays there will be an early dismissal at 12:25 PM. Regular school hours would be from Tuesday – Friday 7:45 AM – 2:50 PM.

School events are and will be planned more affectively and in advance for example; 22nd and 23rd of March is marked a no kindergarten day in order to conduct Dial 4 testing.

Awaiting updates regarding full day Kindergarten from MCC.

Cricket:

2nd order of cricket equipment is on their way.

Food Drive:

Raised 4500 total food items.

Goody bags will be made for each child from MFNS as a thank you note for the food drive. These bags will be distributed to the kids on sports day towards the end of the day.

Bowling Trip:

Bowling trip is booked at "Lets Bowl" on May 18th for the winning Grade 2s from 10 am – 11 am.

Discussing to book a big bus for the bowling trip.
Bussing is not covered. Cost to rent one bus is typically \$120.
Ousama generously agreed to pay for the bussing cost for the bowling trip.

Sports day:

Assembly and attendance will be conducted at the challenger park's stadium field.

Martin Parnell from Right to play will be one of our guests that day.

Parents can pick up students from the field. They will be sitting in their class order.
Students shall dress for the weather. Have sunscreen, rain coats, water bottle, lunch bag etc., accordingly.

Volunteers:

Free lunch will be provided from the school council for volunteers and staff.
Each kid will also get a chip bag and juice for free from the school council.
Raiha will inform the staff at the stand up meeting on Thursday.
Maximum number of volunteers required is 12 which will cover all the stations.

Calgary police, fire department, MCC, WEP, Martin Parnell from Right to play), Jeff, Jiu Jitsu trainer and two members from OSP will be some of our guests for the Sports Day.

Names will be given to Mrs. Noel Haymour for invites.

Event starts at 8 AM.
Pick up time is 2 PM.
Bus kids will be transported to and from the location.

Pizza and shawarma will be offered through Healthy Hunger for hot lunch.

Every class will take their first aid boxes.

Quran Competition ceremony will be held on the eve of Friday, June 09, 2017.
School Council will contribute an iPad towards the competition.

Tahfeeth Sponsorship:

Alberta teacher's association offers scholarship towards Quran competition.

Term 3 Excellence award will be held during the day on June 8th, 2017.

Multicultural cook off will be on parent's teachers conference night on Thursday, May 11th, 2017.

Rasha want to fundraise for career fare trip in Edmonton.
Tahfeeth students are welcome to join school council cook off and fundraise to cover \$800 for the career fare trip.

School Council is willing to contribute towards any Ramadan event the school organizes.

Islamic levelled books for the classrooms.

Noreen shared a list.

Coordinate with Mrs. Elhaj since she has the list to have a Book Drive in Ramadan

OSP in September.

Monday, May 15th will be the next hot lunch day.

Eid Carnival will be on June 28th.

Planning will start after all the May events.

Extended Leaves:

A new policy in affect from the next school year for students absent for extended leaves.

This is a policy practiced by Alberta Education and school has to implement it.

Alberta Education will stop funding for students away from the school from last weeks of June up until mid / End September.

Safety Concerns:

In lieu of the certain safety concerning events, a maintenance staff person has been hired by the Society to stay in school 4 days a week when the administration voiced security concerns with the Society.

Majority on the staff have First Aid Training.

Nadia:

Observed litter problem outside of the school building especially in the playground.

Kids should not be allowed to bring packaged food items on the playground or maybe have them eat before leaving for recess.

Relay this concern to the staff and the teachers and come up with a policy to resolve the litter problem.

Maybe have a recycle bin at the playground as well can minimize the kids from leaving the juice boxes on the benches.

IT update:

Preferred ratio Palliser would like to have for the devices for Junior High would be 1:1.
A ratio of 1:4 will keep on adding mobile carts.
Required ratio is 1:10.

School can opt to have decent recycled machines.
Palliser is not in favour of acquiring devices older than 5 years.
Discussed as a staff that it justifies 1:1 ratio for grade 7, 8 and 9 since they use the most amount of mobile computer carts.

The other option is:

There are about 50 computers. Carts per floor per division to go 1:1.

Heritage Christian Academy has a program, where they charge students for owning their device.
Students can take their respective devices home as well.
This is something that our School can introduce.

Digital citizenship:

A survey can be sent out to the parents to get a feedback that can decide if parents interest is in either bringing their kids' home devices or purchasing a school based chrome book with filter.

Water Fountain:

Upstairs one and only water fountain is not functional and needs to be fixed urgently.
Society has been informed about it and they have taken measures to control the leak and working on getting it replaced.

Colleen:

Updated School Council about the Board going through a policy review.
This gives opportunity to the new ones.

Board policy review is available on Palliser's website:

New policies have been introduced and added to our newsletter.

We should all take a look at the new newsletter for the upcoming year and take a look at what is new and perhaps take the opportunity to have an input and phrase our opinions if we have any and bring fourth any ideas we may have that will be of any benefit.

Went through the budget and Palliser is \$1.2 M short on a budget of \$92 M.

We also spoke about having and perhaps look into getting a nutrition program funding which would cost \$5/day.

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