

CIS - OBK School Council Meeting # 9

Date:	Tuesday, June 06, 2017
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

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Principal Report:

Finalising report cards.

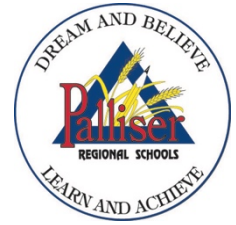
Shared accountability pillar.

KG assessments are going on. Finalising all the class lists for next year.

The grade team sits with the Arabic staff to decide how to divide the students into different grades.

PATs have started.

English part A starts June 19th.



Accountability Report:

Out of the 9 categories, our campus was excellent in 8 and good in one.

These results were based on Grade 4 & 7 students, parents and all the certified staff survey.

The information session was set out in multiple languages as well as the survey which was helpful for parents in choosing their responses.

Surveys were made available in Urdu and Arabic.

Results were shared with Gary Andrews. They were happy with the progress.

Our challenge as a school for now is to maintain our achievement.

Among different contests and competition, 3 were won for mental awareness poster.

2 were won in a poetry contest and one for the science contest.

Calendar will be sent out soon.

As far as the Human Resource is concerned. There were 6 temporary vacancies due to the maternity leave. 3 have been filled and other 3 will be filled soon.

Tahfeeth:

Tahfeeth is a very strict program that requires a lot of commitment from students, parents and teachers.

Interview with the sheukhs are also conducted before final enrolment.

Acceptance is assured if a student qualifies in 3 of the core subjects.

Parents have to sign a 3 years' commitment contract in order to make sure students can cope with this intensive program.

Breakfast Program:

President's choice does a breakfast application program.

They came up with a budget and put it together.

It comes out to be 75c / students / breakfast. We can budget for about 30-40 students per day.

Looking forward if other venders are willing to contribute towards it.

Put down \$500/ year for the rest of the year.

June 30th is the due date if staff / school council wants to be the first contact person.

Staff Accountability and Evaluation:

This year 5 instructors were evaluated for accountability on their side.

Once the report is made its signed by the staff. They are evaluated under each competency.

Academic planning, lesson plans, commendations and recommendations.

School Budget:

Our budget of the year is \$172,000. We have over spent by around \$883.

Most was overspent on substitute teacher cost.

Substitute teachers were called in when our teachers need to go for their doctor's appointments.

Palliser does not have a separate budget for sub teachers.

Upcoming Events:

Term 3 Excellence Awards and Quran Competition Ceremony will occur on the same day.

Quran Competition Ceremony will be finished before Maghreb / Iftaar.

No budget left for Eid celebration.

Students can have a classroom party and come in modest Eid clothes.

Ice cream sale on the last day of school.

Raiha: share the criteria for the awards and introduce Quran award category for the excellence awards night.

Full Day KG:

5 kids were interested in full day KG.

We will not be introducing this program this year.

KG set up will be the same as the current year.

We will plan an information centre on the importance of full day KG for parents ahead of time next year.

Portables are still required from the Society in order to accommodate Grade 5 class.

Sports day feed back:

Received great response from Division 1 and 2 teachers. Facility was nice and spacious.

School Council suggested that in events like this where weather is unpredictable, school should have a back up plan.

Lunch distribution was planned for the day from 2 different vendors and deliveries were at separate times.

Lunch station became chaotic as parents who have paid for their child's lunch wanted to have it before it was delivered.

The day was planned and executed differently.

It was our first time so next year we will have more levy.

Next time there will be more contests, rewards, medals for sports activities.

Martin Parnell wrote back a note of thanks. He is willing to come back and have motivational speech for our students.

All the guests enjoyed the food and day with us.

Kgs cannot attend sports day for full day because of staffing issue. Certain number of certified staff needs to be present at all times.

Submitted a budget proposal of \$5000 towards sports for next year. Haven't heard yet.

It is high time to update sports equipment.

School Council can help with the update of the equipment.

Allocated \$350 for iPad towards Quran Rewards Ceremony. Spent \$450 towards it.

Vending Machine:

There will be summer camps during the school summer break.

Vending machine can stay functioning and be filled with items that don't expire.

A council member can volunteer to maintain stocking once a week.

Yearbooks:

Post a reminder notice for parents on our Facebook to purchase yearbooks.

Also advertise on June 9th at the Quran Rewards Ceremony.

Year end Newsletter:

Send out a School Council end of the year newsletter and possibly a survey.

School Attendance:

Alberta Education need notification for final budget so students need to be in attendance by September 15th.

They have to be physically present before this date in order to maintain their spot.

Most parents go over seas and come back in October.

If not coming back by September 15 then their spot will be taken away.

Students are not guaranteed a spot if they extend their leave from June to September.

School Council Financials:

Year end balance in our account is \$2253.

All members on our team voted on having a strong start next year with this balance.

Uniforms:

Suggested to change school uniforms for both girls and boys.

The white is hard to maintain.

Change boy's t-shirts to longer shirts/ kurtas so they are praying appropriate.

School has to look into getting a better price and quality through vendors.

Contract with the current vendor was until this year.

We had started working on uniform policy of which Dr. Omar was a part of it. School has not heard

back after he left.

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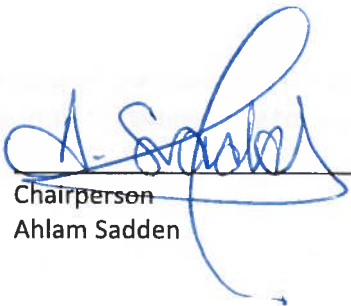
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