

OBK School Council Meeting # 9

Date:	Tuesday May 1st, 2018
Time:	6:00 PM – 8:00 pm
Place:	Upper Floor in the open space of CIS OBK Campus 225 – 28 th Street SE, Calgary
Participants:	School Council Members and School Parents

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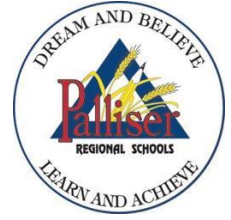
Minutes:

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm with opening dua, given by Br. Hani Saleh

Approval of minutes: Meeting minutes for month of April not approved due to absence of secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:

The school calendar has been finalized for next year. Changes to the calendar include, but are not limited to, feedback received from teachers and students. Hours for both half day and possibly full



day kindergarten have been calculated to abide by the guidelines set by the Minister of Education. Half day kindergarten holds 482 hours of instruction (480-483 required), while potential full day is at 900 hours of instruction. Elementary and Junior high require 960-965 hours. Both have 964 hours accumulated for the 2018-2019 school year. Each term is approximately 13 weeks. Parent teacher conferences run 6 weeks into the term. Three parent teacher conferences are planned for the 2018-2019 school year.

According to Alberta's teacher association, a teacher may not be assigned over 1200 hours of work over the course of the school year. Hours include supervision, instructional time, individual parent and teacher meetings, after hour assemblies, etc. After the assigned teaching time of 907 hours teachers are left with approximately 300 hours over the course of the school year. These remaining hours must be mandated precisely for each teacher. The school schedule has slightly changed by dismissing students at 2:55 pm, 5 minutes later than the present school year. Class subjects have also been reviewed to calculate the percentage or amount of hours that is to be met under the guidelines of Alberta Education.

Ramadan Events:

We are continuing Taste of Love this Ramadan. Volunteers come together to cook iftar for families in need of financial assistance. Tahfeeth students work very hard to help cook, clean, package and prepare food for distribution. School council is in support of this initiative for the month of Ramadan. Brother Hani gave the approval to go ahead with this initiative.

Eid Festival is to take place on June 18th.

Quran Competition Award Ceremony is to be held on May 25th.

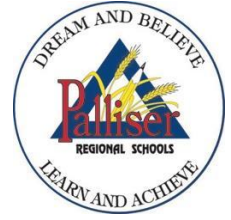
TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Introduction of Brother Hani Saleh:

Brother Hani is the new executive director for CIS. He has been holding this position for 3 months. His roll includes managing the education sector on behalf of MCFC. Brother Hani is to act as a link between the community, parents, MCC & MCFC, school and Palliser. The common target is the wellness of students.

Some goals for the coming school year include:

Make schools more creative for kids by forming a S.L.T. (senior leadership team) consisting of 8-12 members, this team will include: principles, teachers, parents, and society members. This team will be responsible in creating a strategic 8 year plan for the school which will



target many aspects of the school's needs such as building maintenance, increasing building assets, capacity, expansion, students' well being and success. From this plan a 4 year operating plan will be developed.

The team will also form a student handbook. Handbooks should contain everything that is needed for students and parents from fee and enrollment to dress codes and everything in between.

Operational manuals should also be available throughout the school and accessible to any person that may need to view it. (Example: Kitchen operating manual)

As of now, there is little to no active education committee. This is supposed to change as soon as possible and be formed by the coming school year.

Brother Hani is willing and enthusiastic to join our monthly meeting and listen to our concerns. He also recommends allocating a separate committee which can coordinate with him in regards to any issues we have in the school or otherwise building maintenance concerns.

Inline Skating:

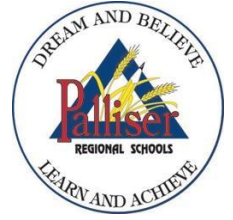
Inline skating has been booked for the following school year. It will consist of two consecutive weeks of inline skating with instructors. The program is being conducted through Aline In-Line. The program will cost \$5197.50. All students will participate in the program. \$1000.00 will be funded from the school budget and the remaining will be collected through fundraising by school means. A deposit of \$519.75 will be sent on or about May 12th.

Writing competition:

A letter is to be written by students to the prophet Muhammad PBUH based on answering the question "What would I say/ask the prophet". The letter or poem is not to exceed 500 words. Voluntary judges will be Mrs. Alkadry and Ms. Boucharif. Criteria and prizes will be further discussed and costs will be covered by school council.

Award Ceremony:

The last award ceremony has been reviewed and looked over by staff and the spirit committee. Ceremonies are a time to showcase school pride. It is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of students at large. Collaborative thinking and steps must be taken to encourage proper behavior during such events, so that these events can continue to take place. Too many children have been receiving awards. Extracurricular awards are to be limited to one child per award while academic awards are for all students who meet the criteria. It may be encouraged that some



council members could be preset to kindly remind parents to sit quietly and keep their younger children next to them at all times. Topic will be revisited in future meetings.

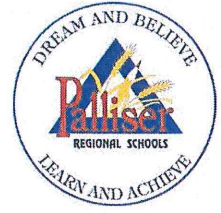
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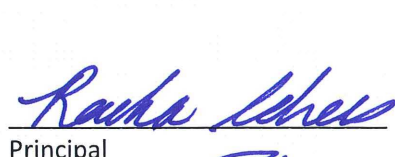
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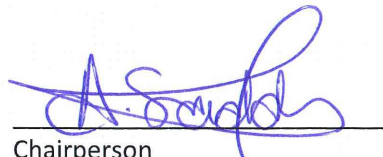


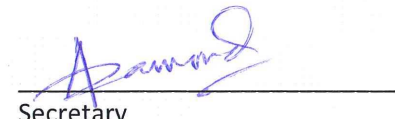
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