

OBK School Council Meeting # 9

Date:	Thursday, June 9 , 2016
Time:	6:30 PM – 8:30 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

Attendees:

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Agenda Items:

- School Council contribution towards the school gate / fence
- Summer break renovations from MCFC
- Summer break school building upkeep projects
- Photography policy in school
- Update on the School Council's Bank Account
- Outstanding cost for Apollo – School Playground Update
- Principal's Report
- Alberta Education Survey

Minutes:

Farzana Akbar, acting chair, conducting meeting on behalf of chairperson Rima Saghir by briefing the Agenda items.

Abdul Jalil Elkadri was given the floor first to explain the fencing project.

Abdul Jalil Elkadri:

Thanked School Council for inviting him to the meeting. It is his first time attending OBK School Council meeting.

Explained main issues in the school in terms of safety, pointed out by risk assessment company, Lions Gate hired by MCFC. Mr. Aziz is the head of the company. Discussions have been going on this safety concern, which was initially recommended by the RCMP two years ago.

The project suggests to change both south entrance gates with more durable, sturdy and automatic ones and to fence the north entrance (back alley) and the west entrance (into the shopping complex). Also surveillance cameras to be installed at all the entrances for the safety of the school since Musallah is used by the general public and exists in the same compound / enclosure / vicinity.

The cost of this project is estimated to be \$100,000 based on a quotation acquired by MCFC. President Abdul Jalil would like School Council to contribute 50% of this cost.

Principal Raiha is already informed about the project.

Abdul Jalil Elkadri will offer full support for fundraisers for the fencing project.

Anticipated timeline for the project is completion during the summer break.

Akram Jomaa Campus has these gates already installed in and the project was funded by MCFC.

MCFC cannot cover the project's cost at the OBK Campus due to the current deficit.

Jamal Al Asal and Haseeb Gowralli can provide the quotation of this project.

The gates will be closed 2 hours after school opens and will re open during lunch hour and at dismissal time.

Dr. Abdullah Omar and Haseeb Gowralli are responsible for the final decision on the quotation for this project.

Ahlam Sadden:

Ahlam, (Treasurer) presented the current financial position of the School Council. School Council has \$5717.38 ending balance for this year and \$3811.50 outstanding expense due in payment for the Apollo structure. After paying for this expense the ending balance will be \$1905.88.

Question towards Abdul Jalil:

Why is the fencing project's cost not embedded in the fee for the maintenance gate?

Answer: MCFC is low on funds for the maintenance projects and will appreciate School Council's help.

Palliser pays School \$75,000 for maintenance? Does this cost cover paint job and floor change?

School Council and parents would like to have a look at the pre-existing quotation or blue print from MCFC in order to do a comparative analysis in finding a competitive rate.

School Council cannot promise anything before any research work but is willing to look into options to help.

Abdul Jalil suggested School Council to do an Iftar fundraiser in Ramadaan.

Timeline of finishing the fencing project during summer break is a short notice for the School Council in terms of fundraising \$50,000.

Nada Merhi:

Asked about a plan to change flooring on the stairwells.

Nida Aziz:

Suggested using the first parking row at the West Side by on comers to the Musallah for parking.

Putting up low speed signs and ticketing drivers for speeding in the parking lot can curb some safety concerns.

Inquired Abdul Jalil about the 1-year and 5-year plan for the school.

Abdul Jalil :

Palliser pays \$75,0000 for building maintenance to the school but this amount does not cover school building renovation costs.

School has no education committee any longer. Abdullah Omar and Adam Browning are now in charge of all the education related matters of the school.

Adam Browning is the Director of Learning of both campuses of the Calgary Islamic School (CIS) and will look over the School by collaborating with the Principals.

Abdullah Omar (CEO) and Adam Browning will correspond with both principals of CIS.

Adam Browning communicates on behalf of Palliser.

Mentioned repainting of School walls with bright colors.

Paint job for the school costs around \$400,000 for both campuses. Approximately \$200,000 for the Omar Bin Al-Khattab (OBK) Campus.

Change in the flooring of the Stairwell is a next year (2017) project. Carpet samples / sample photos will be provided to Raiha.

Paint Job and Re carpeting are 1 - year plan.

Expansion of Akram Jomaa (AJ) Campus into a third campus is another 1-year plan anticipated to finish by January 2017. This campus location is behind Barlow in the green space.

Fixing the roof is a 5 – year plan.

Third Campus can accommodate 500 kids in 25 classes.

Separate fundraising will go on for the new campus.

Interest free loan is offered by Palliser for the new campus.

4.5 Million is the cost of the new campus and Palliser will be sharing some of this cost.

07:40 PM Abdul Jalil and Dr Abdullah Omar left the meeting.

General Discussion:

Asghar answering parent attendees difference between MCC and MCFC

Ahlam explains the money we fundraise is parents' "amana" (trust money) for us and we try to make the best use of it.

Asad Khan and Zafar Yousufi suggested we should have at least 3 options in terms of Fencing Project to compare which one is most feasible quality and cost wise.

Asghar Khan:

Asghar explained in detail some maintenance due for the Apollo Structure (Play Ground) which dates back to November 2015.

Play ground was completed in October 2014 and company was paid.

There were notable number of defects in the installation.

After numerous back and forth communication with BBI company, they came and evaluated at an onsite meeting and gave a list of 10 defects.

Asghar Khan and Ali Sadden were in the communication process and did not hear back from them in a timely manner.

Asghar Khan explained in detail to the School Council with the the help of diagrams and past communication threads between the company and themselves.

Blue Ink company was contacted after no response from BBI and they agreed to help.

Next step in this regard is to discuss with the Blue Ink guys next week over the phone and ask the company for the next procedure.

School Council can vote on it and make a decision.

Ahlam Sadden:

School Council's bank account was under MCFC since past couple of years.

Palliser approved School Council to have their own separate account.

School Council now have their own bank account and card under RBC (Royal Bank of Canada).

Two persons have signing authority, Ahlam Sadden (Treasurer) and Nada Merhi (Fundraiser Committee Lead).

Mohammad Ashraf, CIS Financial Controller has been notified to issue a purchase order for account name to transfer our funds.

Principal Raiha:

School Staff have limited the number of events in June due to Ramadan.

Students and the staff made a huge thank you card for the school council in appreciation of the Sports Day Event.

Palliser is reviewing contracts for the teachers and 4 additional teachers are required for hiring.

School staff are developing internal stuff like the class lists and school calendar which will be sent out in June 2016 with the report cards.

School like to do a big event jointly with the parents.

Sports day next year will include more physical activity like having a track and field. Festival and carnival element like face painting and jumping castle will be incorporated as well.

School will cater more family and kids loving events. Example, child focussed events where students can display their talent, like a sheath to the audience.

Principal Raiha going over the Survey Data Summary Report and Accountability Pillar Overall Summary results. Unexpected and concerning / alarming results.

Very few parents filled out the survey. Reason unknown.

School Council members and parent attendees do not remember receiving any school survey.

Nadia Harati:

Ramadan sleep overs was a very popular event in Fort McMurray Islamic School. Students will stay after Iftar and Taraweeh Prayers until Suhoor with their classmates. Event was segregated for girls and boys.

Principal Raiha suggested Teacher Rasha might be interested in doing a a Ramadan night sleep over for the next school year.

Next Steps:

School Council requested quotation, blue print / diagrams, equipment, material information on the Fencing Project. Abdullah Omar will provide information in two weeks' time.

School Council can have schedule meetings with Dr. Abdullah Omar.

Minutes Approved by:

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