

## CIS – OBK School Council Meeting Minutes Education Committee Proposal Meeting MCC & OBK School Council Meeting #1:

Date:	Thursday, September 22, 2016
Time:	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Place:	MCC Tower Building - CIS OBK Campus 225 – 28 <sup>th</sup> Street SE, Calgary
Participants:	MCC & MCFC Board Members, CIS Principals, CIS CEO, OBK School Council.

### Participants Names & Positions

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## **MINUTES:**

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

#### **Iftikhar Bari:**

- To establish an education committee between MCC, MCFC, and CIS School Councils.

#### **Tahir Alvi:**

- Previously there has been a school committee but a lack of collaboration with MCC members.
- The stakeholders were not present when key decisions were being made (ex. School Fees, budgets, etc.)
- A disconnect was evident.
- Now a proposal has been put in place for an education committee with 6 members.
- 2 MCC members, 2 MCFC members and 2 School Council Members (one each from AJ and OBK)

## **Education Committee Presentation**

#### **Iftikhar Bari:**

- This committee is essentially a great effort from MCC to provide transparency to parents and collaborate.
- This committee will not have any interference with Palliser's school administration and operations.
- The only connection between the groups will be to receive an update on how the school is doing, areas of concerns or success, which will be facilitated through Abdullah Omar.
- PowerPoint Presentation of proposed Education Committee details (to be distributed to MCC members, MCFC members, CIS Administration, AJ & OBK School Councils)

## **Presentation Discussions and Suggestions:**

#### **Abdul Jalil AlKadri:**

- Acknowledgments to Iftikhar Bari for putting in the time and effort to compose the presentation.
- Overall it is a step in the right direction.
- Abdullah Omar will be involved in this committee as a liaison between the school's administration offering insight from the principals on the schools' needs and areas of urgency.
- NOTE: This committee will be providing school recommendations and submitting those recommendations to MCC for final approval.

#### **Abdullah Omar:**

- Asked for clarification on the committee's structure based on the diagram presented.
- Breakdown of how the committee would operate and to whom it would report to. Mandate needs to be clearer (to be revised).

#### **Nour Bouissoukrane:**

- The importance of communication is key moving forward as it has been a set-back in the past.

## **OBK School Council Concerns/Suggestions:**

### **Nida Aziz:**

- Recommended name change of the "Education Committee" to an "Advisory Education Committee" in order to clarify the purpose and goals of this committee.
- Positive response from Abdul Jalil AlKadri: Acknowledged the recommendation to include "Advisory" in the title.

### **Ahlam Sadden:**

- What protocols will be put in place if the committee makes recommendations that are denied by MCC? Initially, in a joint School Council meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2016, Ghazanfar Zafar stated that the Education Committee will carry the responsibility of managing the capital expenditures/building maintenance funds received from Palliser, and did not mention it would serve an "advisory" committee.
- Answer from Ghazanfar Zafar: Ultimately MCC will have the final say on whether or not a recommendation is approved.
- Answer from Iftikhar Bari: The purpose of this committee is for us to find common ground and be transparent in making decisions fit for the school in a collective approach. The committee's decisions will practically be 90% final and with the collaboration between all members can be finalized with the MCC's approval.
- The presentation needs some revisions; however, the overall concept is a step in the right direction.

### **Nada Merhi:**

- How do the principals of CIS play a role in this model?
- Answer from Iftikhar Bari: This committee is still in its initial phase and is not restricted to modifications. Of course, the advice and expertise of the principals is vital to our understanding of what the schools require.

## **CIS Principals Concerns/Suggestions**

### **Raiha Idrees:**

- What data was collected to determine that the academic and Arabic curriculums need urgent attention? Was a survey taken or data collected from another source?
- Answer from Iftikhar Bari: This was based on my experience and the fact that the school received a poor score on the Fraser Institute School Rankings.
- Response from Ahlam Sadden: This may need to be looked into with some further detail as the Fraser Institute ranking incorporates many other aspects in addition to academics.

### **Ramy Elhamalawy:**

- Acknowledged the time and effort taken to formulate the presentation. Overall it looks good; however, some of the terminology needs to be changed. Also, the committee structure diagram needs to be revised.

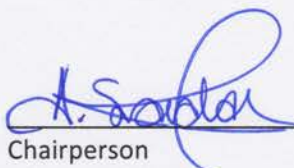
**Proceeding Actions:**

- Recommendation for Iftikhar Bari to email the Education Committee Presentation/Documents to all attendees to outline revisions.
- Conduct a follow-up meeting.

Minutes Approved by:



Principal  
Raiha Idrees



Chairperson  
Ahlam Sadden



Secretary  
~~Huda Birani~~  
Nida Aziz