

**CIS - OBK School Council  
Meeting # (4)**

**December Minutes Summary**

**Food Sharing:**

**Motion:**

- ❖ Students are sharing food among their friends during recess or snack/lunch. Due to different Halal dietary needs, allergy reasons or certain products containing non halal ingredients parents are concerned about food being shared.
- ❖ Students are rewarded with unhealthy treats.

**Action:**

- ❖ Raiha will inform the School Staff.
- ❖ School Council members will prepare a list of food items that fall under non halal category for reference prior to making food purchases for school events.
- ❖ Raiha assured that students will be awarded with healthy treats/ non food items like stationary etc.

**Principal Report:**

- ❖ Raiha shared her report with all the School Council members prior to meeting.
- ❖ Focussing and identifying students who need more education support.
- ❖ One on one interviews with staff regarding their Professional Development Plans.
- ❖ LST and Principal attending workshop on ESL benchmarks.
- ❖ Lesson observation on-going.
- ❖ Attending Grade team planning meetings.
- ❖ On-line programs being ordered for Projects and Science.
- ❖ PD Plan being drafted for Arabic/Islamic Staff.
- ❖ Discover U conference for grades 7 -9 in Lethbridge – All students attending.
- ❖ Palliser Review report discussed in Admin Association Meeting.
- ❖ OBK School Council elections- Impressive speeches.
- ❖ PAT night for grade 6, 6T and 9T students and parents.
- ❖ Ummah Day – Great Assembly – the students had a good time and was organized in a way to promote Muslims achievements around the world.
- ❖ School Goals Meetings with Palliser.



### **Grade 4 Tablet Proposal:**

#### **Motion:**

- ❖ Mr. Nick Irving proposed introducing tablets for Grade 4 students in order to improve classroom lessons and to individualize student's learning.

#### **Action:**

- ❖ Awaiting Pallisers approval for the purchase of Tablets.
- ❖ School Council voted in agreement to support the initiative and will look into various tablet options as well.

### **Lunch Pilot Program:**

#### **Motion:**

- ❖ ASLP (Alberta School Lunch Pilot Program) was introduced by Racheal Notley in some schools and schools that have signed up would be eligible for free lunches for their students.

#### **Action:**

- ❖ Raiha will look into signing OBK Campus for ASLP Program.

### **School Cash Online:**

#### **Motion:**

- ❖ Palliser also offers a program called "School Cash Online":  
<https://www.schoolcashionline.com> where money can be collected online on behalf of our school's bake sales, field trips etc.

#### **Action:**

- ❖ Raiha will look into if our school can be added in the School Cash Online Program.

### **School Calendar:**

#### **Motion:**

- ❖ Parents have a hard time planning vacation for their kids who attend both CBE and CIS Schools reason being OBK School Calendar not synced with CBE School Calendar.

#### **Action:**

- ❖ Parents can relay this concern to Palliser or Alberta Education. School has limitations and receives calendar when all the statutory holidays, spring, winter and summer breaks are already marked.

**Arabic Language Objective:**

**Motion:**

- ❖ Reassessment of Arabic Language Objective.

**Action:**

- ❖ Dr Omar said we need to see what the curriculum is first and then define the objective accordingly.
- ❖ Dr. Omar will also look into having an Arabic Language/ Curriculum evaluation.

**Vending Machine:**

**Motion:**

- ❖ Leanne, Success Coach from WEP, also a part of Health Committee, would like to join hands with School Council's health initiatives such as purchasing a vending machine (healthy items only) on the Campus.

**Action:**

- ❖ Awaiting approval of Vending Machine from Palliser.

**Tahara Initiative:**

**Motion:**

- ❖ Offer students a Tahara (Cleanliness) refresher course in order to observe proper Wudu and Washroom etiquette.

**Action:**

- ❖ Mr. Shafakat Syed offered to organize Wudu and Tahara Competition.
- ❖ Shafakat Syed, Fatema Itani and Youssef Tassi are willing to form an Islamic committee.
- ❖ Leanne mentions a Grungy germ WEP initiative, geared towards kids up to Grade 3 that teaches them the importance of cleanliness.

**Hot Lunch:**

- ❖ Friday December 16 will be our upcoming "Halal Chicken Boneless Biryani Hot Lunch".

**Tahajjud Night:**

**Motion:**

- ❖ Planning for two gender divided Islamic halaqa and sleepover events for boys and girls.

**Action:**

- ❖ School Council discussed, agreed and put into action all the activities and purchases for the event.

**Other Initiatives Discussed and Agreed:**

- ❖ School gardening.
- ❖ Coin Drive.
- ❖ Movie Night.
- ❖ Cricket

Minutes Approved by:

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