

## Meeting Minutes

### Parent Council Meeting

### 29 January 2019

#### **Attendees:**

Mr. Fred – School Principal

Mrs. Hanan – Vice principal

#### **Agenda:**

#### **I. Items from last meeting**

- a. Successful Learner Framework – students suggested animals to replace the ones in the original
- b. Parents want the opportunity to discuss more complaints and suggestions. Mr. Fred has set aside 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month for parents to drop in to discuss their concerns.
- c. Some students missed their exams on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Mr. Fred informed the parents that a meeting will be held to discuss the exams that students missed. The meeting was held and as the result, any student who missed an exam on this date was allowed to write it without penalty.
- d. Length of school day. It was suggested that the Finland school had shortened the school day.
- e. Staircases. It was suggested that they were not safe.
- f. Drivers and nannies. It was suggested that they not enter the school but wait in the cars.

#### **II. CIS Accreditation**

- a. Preparation work continues. Time given on non-instructional days. Visit occurs during the week of April 29. Thank you to all who participated in our parent survey.

#### **III. Showcase Performances**

- a. Feb. 19 G7 Girls
- b. Feb. 20 G7 Boys
- c. Mar. 12 PreK and K1
- d. Apr. 25 G6
- e. May. 15 K2

#### **IV. Parent Suggestions**

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**D. Length of school day. It was suggested that the Finland school had shortened the School day**

Mr. Fred checked the Finland school timing and day length and it is still the same, and they don't have as much Arabic and Islamic lessons as we do.

**f. Drivers and nannies. It was suggested that they not enter the school but wait in the cars.**

The school cannot control the drivers and nannies as they are sent to school by parents to pick up / drop off students and it's a family matter.

**VI. Parent Suggestions**

**1) The waiting area full of drivers and nannies**

Ms. Hanan explained that parents were welcome to wait in the Reception area.

**2) Shorten the school day**

**3) Why add 5 minutes to the length of the day**

Ms. Hanan explained that we added 5 minutes to the school length which allowed students and staff to have an extra day without classes.

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#### **4) The teachers should remind the students to take the books (Arabic and Islamic) home before any exam**

Ms. Hanan explained that students in higher grades should remember to take their books, and teachers shared the books link from SEC.

#### **5) Why too many things at the same time ( new lessons, review, project )**

Parents shared their thoughts about giving the students so many things at the same time because it's hard for them to keep up and it makes them stressed. Mr. Fred explained that the teachers use a Google Calendar to ensure that the students do not have multiple assessments or projects on the same day.

#### **6) The BC curriculum is not clear**

Parents are asking why the BC curriculum is not clear and suggested to add grammar books next year to help strengthen and develop the students English. Mr. Fred explained that many of our grades do have Grammar books and that he would ensure that they are being used.

#### **7) School Fees Increment**

Parents asked about the school fees increment and Ms. Hanan explained that this is a yearly thing, the school applied for increment and waiting for approval.

#### **8) Teachers lack of communication**

Parents complained about the lack of communication from teachers when it comes to exams, teachers are usually sending the information a day before. Mr. Fred said that an announcement will be made to ask teachers to send the information to parents once per week, on Plus Portals in G4 - 12 and in a week at a Glance K2 – G3, to let them know about everything that is happening.

#### **9) Next meeting will be end of March.**