

Meeting Minutes Parent Council Meeting 8 January 2017

Attendees:

Mr. Fred – School Principal

Mrs. Hanan – Vice principal

Agenda:

- I. Follow-up
- II. I Letter Grades
- III. Student Attendance Data
- IV. Student Activities
- VI. After School Activities
- VII. New Building
- VIII. Sensitive Topics In HACE/Planning
- XI. School Timings Survey
- XII. Community Involvement Opportunities
- XIII. Parents communicating with parents via WhatsApp about parent workshops the school will be offering
- XIV. Complaints
- XV. Suggestions

Notes:

- I. Follow up on parent suggestions at the last meeting:
 - We have a shared calendar for teachers of every class 7-10 on Google Drive, English and Arabic teachers have been asked to balance as much as possible but it is possible that students will have more than one assessment on any given day
 - Music and Languages are not in the plan for the moment because the parents and students wants the school to focus more on the academic level.
 - Students can begin the 30 hours volunteering process as soon as they complete Grade 9

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II. Letter Grades:

- I Letter grades have been changed for some students who finished / submitted a project Or Passed a test, New report cards will be issued by Thursday, January 12

III. Student Attendance Data:

- The number of Absence and Tardy is lower than the last 3 years.

IV. Student Activities:

- 1st place in the scouting competition
- 2nd place in the Qatar Debate International Competition
- Fun Fair, Writing Contest, Arabic Reading, Young Engineers and Scientists, Arabic spelling...
- All the photos and winner names are on the school website

V. After School Activities:

- A letter will go to the parents this week about the students activities after school that lasts for six weeks as a one on one (1teacher + 1student)

VI. New Building:

- New building staff visit was scheduled last Saturday 7th of January
- Arrange a tour of the building for some students and parents
- Photos will be uploaded on the website

VII. Sensitive Topics In HACE/Planning:

- Informed parents that a list of sensitive topics exists and that we would welcome parents to work with us on a committee to discuss how these topics could be dealt with
- Parents wants the Sensitive topics to be discussed in secondary grades only

VIII. School Timings Survey:

- School start and end times were discussed with parents
- Expanding the school day for secondary students to have more breaks and tutorials

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IX. Community Involvement Opportunities:

- Parents were asked during the last meeting to share with us any opportunity for community involvement which they can help us access (Places, activities, events, contacts...)

X. Parents communicating with parents via WhatsApp about parent workshops the school will be offering:

- Ask if parents would be willing to help encouraging other parents using their WhatsApp in order to alert more parents for the workshops we are planning to offer.

XI. Complaints:

- Mention to teachers that assessments should not occur prior to attendance being taken
- Construction and Traffic around the school are the main reasons of being late

XII. Suggestions:

- Parents suggested that languages courses could be taught during after school activities
- Parents in attendance suggested that a member from the Ministry of Education should be a part of the committee and a gender specific committees with Islamic teaching staff.