

Parent Council Meeting Minutes 29 October 2019

Attendees:

Mr. Fred – School Principal
Mrs. Hanan – Vice principal

Agenda:

- I. We are HUBS
- II. Community Service Plan
- III. Core Competencies / First People's Principles of Learning
- IV. Endorsement of BC Diplomas
- V. Update on CIS Accreditation (Safety Issues, Fire Drill, Drop Off / Pick Up Procedure)
- VI. BC Inspection
- VII. G4 – 7 Science Coordinator (Hands On Learning / Lab Use)
- VIII. Parent Discussion Topics

Notes:

I. We are HUBS

We are HUBS is a positive behaviour program that the school created to help students with behaviour and also to avoid focusing on the negative points and focus more on the positive. Students will be rewarded if they behave in a positive way, the program is applied in both BC and Arabic classes.

II. Community Service Plan

Students indicated in a survey that they wished to have more opportunities for community service.

They have suggested 3 projects; recycling at school, environmental clean-ups, and sponsoring the digging of wells in Africa.

III. Core Competencies

Following the BC curriculum the school teaching three competencies (Communication, Thinking, Personal / Social). During each class teachers are indicating which of the competencies is being focused on for that lesson. This leads to students being capable of reflecting on their own learning.

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IV. Endorsement of BC Diplomas

Last year was our first graduating class at Hayat, Qatar and the first students to receive the BC diplomas.

All BC diplomas were authenticated by the Ministry.

V. Update on CIS Accreditation

CIS's last visit was good but they had few areas for improvement regarding school safety.

They wanted us to improve our evacuation procedures (fire drill). This has been taught and practiced at all grade level and there has been a significant improvement.

They had concerns regarding the students Pick up and Drop off. Several changes have been made to the procedure and the result is a more safe and orderly dismissal.

The school provided families with ID cards to ensure that students are only being picked up by authorized persons.

VI. BC Inspection

The BC inspection is done every year and it's expected on the 1st of December, 2019

VII. Coordinator Positions: Grade 4 to 7 Science Coordinator and K2 - G3 Education Technology

Ms. Chelsea (Science Coordinator) and Ms. Shukri (Tech Coordinator) are supporting teachers to provide more hands on activities in both subject areas (Science and ADST). Helping and encouraging students to do more projects and more lab use.

Parents Concerns:

1. The nurse's room is used for older and younger boys at the same time. Also both boys and girls use the same nurse's room.
2. This year's PE trousers quality is very bad, unlike last year, and parents were not happy that they didn't know about changing the uniform and they bought bigger sizes at the end of the year for this academic year.
3. Parents are not happy with the Social Studies books this year, they see that the books do not represent the Qatari culture and society.
4. Students are lost in G8 and G9 Science and they haven't had any quiz or test until now and parents complained about Ms. Hiba and said she is a bit lost and doesn't communicate or share a lot of information with parents except some slideshows and they don't have any information about the exams.
5. Parents wants the unit test to be sent home monthly and asked for tests papers also to be sent home for their signature.
6. The number of students in some classes is very large which is affecting their concentration and the teacher's control.
7. The buses used for student's field trips are dirty and the school needs to change the company.

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Suggestions:

1. Arabic teachers needs to focus more on the students' handwriting
2. If a student asks to use the bathroom anytime the teachers should allow them to avoid accidents.

Mr. Fred's Comments:

1. Cumulative tests are sent home.
2. Will inform the teachers about the importance of communication with parents via plus portal and emails.
3. Will follow up with Ms. Hiba regarding the science tests.
4. The outside area (parking) is still under construction and the school is making the area as safe as possible while changes are ongoing.