



# Almadina Language Charter Academy

## Board of Directors

### Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:00 pm

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## Minutes

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### Members Present:

Haytham Ghouriri, Chair                      Issa Mosa, Vice Chair                      Mohamad El Jabali, Treasurer  
Mohamed Salih, Director                      Sohail Sherwani, Director                      Samir Jalloul, Director  
Abdul AL Aziz Houmsi, Director

### Staff Present:

Yvonne DePeel Superintendent, Wanda Hayes Executive Assistant, Suzanne Bedard Secretary Treasurer

### Guests Present:

Dan Ferguson, Alberta Education

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – January 22, 2015

**Motion: 15-01-22-1** Moved by: Mohamed Salih, Seconded by Samir Jalloul  
The Board approves the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

#### 3. DELEGATION

Our representative from Alberta Education gave us a glowing report on how Alberta Education sees Almadina and how well we are doing when compared to other public and charter schools in Alberta. The results are outstanding.

A representative from the WEP team came and gave a short presentation on “Who do you tell”.

The Principals from both schools gave a presentation on some of the outstanding things we do as a school system. This included highlights on Robotics and sports just to name two.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion: 15-01-22-2** Moved by Mohamed Salih, Seconded by Issa Mosa

The Board approves the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting –November 20, 2014, as presented.

The board approves the minutes from the Special Meeting – December 18, 2014, as amended.

The board approves the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting – December 18, 2014, as presented.

**Carried**

#### 5. REPORTS

##### A) Committee Reports

- 1.1 Chair & Vice Chair – no report
- 1.2 Finance – discussed the surplus and how we should handle it
- 1.3 Transportation – discussed current bus issues, such as drivers and late arrivals
- 1.4 Facilities – discussed
- 1.5 Policy – committee of the whole – no report

## **B) Superintendent Report**

The Superintendent submitted her report and gave a brief update on progress for ongoing projects, such as high school request, 15 year leases, new school facility and the TAAPCS meeting in Red Deer.

## **6. INFORMATION FOR DISCUSSION**

- 6.1 Financials – planning for use of surplus for facilities  
Our surplus was discussed and recommendation made by the Finance committee
- 6.2 Staff appreciation – Feb 25, 2015  
The date has been confirmed and the Communications committee will finalize the details of the Staff Appreciation Dinner
- 6.3 School safety & security  
Safety concerns for our children were discussed, we will be considering options
- 6.4 Board office use – this was discussed at a previous meeting
- 6.5 Registration – the procedure and dates for registration for the 2015/2016 school year were discussed, as well as criteria for acceptance
- 6.6 Kangaroo Math competition
- 6.7 A request was made for the Superintendent to send out a parent survey on the after school homework club and bring the survey data to the next meeting.

## **7. IN CAMERA – No in camera session at this meeting**

## **8. ACTION**

**Motion 15-01-22-3** Moved by Issa Mosa, Seconded by Abdul Houmsi

The board approves to extend the meeting until 10:30 pm

**Carried**

**Motion: 15-01-22-4** Moved by Sohail Sherwani, Seconded by Issa Mosa

The board approves sponsorship of Kangaroo Math competition in the amount of \$2,000.00 based on receiving a positive or negative recommendation from the Superintendent's research.

**Carried**

**Motion: 15-01-22-5** Moved by Mohamad El Jabali, Seconded by Mohamed Salih

The board approves the transfer of \$600,000.00 from Unrestricted Surplus to Capital Reserves to meet Almadina's infrastructure projects and the transfer of \$400,000.00 from Unrestricted Surplus to School & Instruction Operating Reserves.

**Carried**

**Motion: 15-01-22-6** Moved by Samir Jalloul, Seconded by Issa Mosa

The Board approves a 0.6 School Counsellor for each campus.

**Carried**

## **9. INFORMATION NON DISCUSSION**

Nothing for this meeting

## **10. OTHER**

## **11. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair thanked everyone.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.

*Signature on file*  
Haytham Ghouriri Board Chair

*Signature on file*  
Wanda Hayes, Executive Secretary

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### BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD

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Board Member	Signature	Time of Arrival
Haytham Ghouriri	Signature on File	6:30 pm
Issa Mosa	Signature on File	7:30 pm
Mohamad El Jabali	Signature on File	7:00 pm
Sohail Sherwani	Signature on File	6:45 pm
Mohamed Salih	Signature on File	7:00 pm
Samir Jalloul	Signature on File	6:45 pm
Abdul Al Aziz Houmsi	Signature on File	6:50 pm