

ALMADINA SCHOOL SOCIETY
Saturday December 8, 2012

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Board Members Present:

Mr. Mohamad ElRafih	Chairman
Mr. Sohail Sherwani	Treasurer
Mr. Sajjad Hussain	Vice Chair
Mr. Mohamad El Jabali	Director
Mr. Mohamed Salih	Director
Mr. Issa Mosa	Director
Mr. Haytham Ghouriri	Director

Staff Present:

Yvonne DePeel	Superintendent
Janice LeDuc	Secretary Treasurer
Wanda Hayes	Executive Secretary
Jamal El-Rafih	Principal
Rumana Haque	Principal
Laila Bhaye	Administration
Dalal Chamseddine	Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion # 12-12-08-1 Moved by the floor

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Annual General Meeting June 19, 2011

Motion # 12-12-08-2 Moved by Houda ElRafih, seconded by Sonia Aranda.

That the Society approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2011 Annual General Meeting as presented.

Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Secretary Treasurer summarized the Balance Sheet changes for the year ending August 31, 2011 and August 31, 2012 and presented a table comparing the program surpluses and deficits for the years 2011 and 2012.

4.1 Motion # 12-12-08-3 Moved by: Khaled Alkadri, Seconded by Ali Elkhatib

That the Society approves the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2011.

Carried

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5.1 Motion # 12-12-08-4 Moved by: Houda ElRafih, Seconded by Khaled Alkadri
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Carried

5.2 The Secretary Treasurer presented the Transportation Report

5.3 The Secretary Treasurer presented the Facilities Report

6. AMENDED BY-LAWS

7. Motion: 12-12-08-5 Moved by Rania Kadri

The Superintendent outlined changes to the Vision Statement that ensure that it is written in proper English. There was a discussion on adding the word Charter to the statement and this was agreed upon.

The new Vision statement as follows:

Strive to operate as Canada's best Public Charter School by providing students whose second or third language is English with the opportunities to reach their full potential.

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Parent Surveys

Not discussed, surveys will be sent home with students.

9. Three Year Plan and AERR

This plan is available on the website. The plan is updated every year.

It forms the basis of all work in the schools and sets out long term direction for Almadina.

Active parents improve our plans through the school council and by serving as Board Members.

9.1 Superintendent Highlights

The Superintendent discussed the Discover Reading Program, the enrollment cap increase, the hiring of two new teachers, and the increased option classes available, as well as the PAT result highlights

10. WEP Presentation

Not presented.

MOTIONS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR

11. Asbestos in the schools

There was general discussion about the safety of the children in the schools and the issues raised by asbestos. Many of the parents are concerned and wished to discuss this. Due to the length of discussion there will be a special meeting held to address this issue.

The Superintendent stated that all renovation work must be carried out by CBE approved contractors that are knowledgeable about maintaining proper air quality during and after renovations.

Motion: 12-12-08-6 Moved by Ali Elkhatib

The Society approves that there must be a special meeting called to discuss the asbestos issue in the schools to be held before the end of January.

Carried

12. Management Plan

There was a discussion on the procedure followed during renovations done at the schools.

Motion: 12-12-08-7 Moved by: Houda ElRafih, Seconded by Khaled Alkadri

The Society approves that there must be a formal asbestos management plan in place before any work is done.

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 12-12-08-8 Moved by Ali Elkhatib

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:12 pm

Carried

NOTE REGARDING CONDUCT DURING GENERAL MEETINGS

The meeting was frequently interrupted and did not follow the Agenda. For the future, we remind society members that there are procedures in place to address all concerns raised. These procedures will be available in the Updated Procedures Manual on the web site.

One concern expressed was that when detailed information goes up on the web site, the society members should be notified. Administration will strictly follow this practice in the future.