



Almadina Language Charter Academy

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00pm

Central Office

#118, 3132 - 26 Street NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6Z1

Minutes

Members Present:

Haytham Ghouriri, Chair
Sohail Sherwani, Vice Chair
Mohamad El Jabali

Abdal Aziz Houmsi, Treasurer
Samir Jalloul, Director

Issa Mosa, Director
Mohamed Salih, Director

Members Excused:

Staff Present:

Yvonne DePeel Superintendent, Suzanne Bedard Secretary Treasurer

Guest: Mandy Hutchinson Educational Technologist, Pavan Kinnera IT Specialist; Beverley Barca Alberta Education

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Motion: 17-01-19.1 Moved by Issa Mosa, seconded by Sohail Sherwani

The Board approves the agenda as amended: addition of “In Camera”

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: 17-01-19.2 Moved by Mohamad El Jabali, seconded by Samir Jalloul

Board approves the minutes from the Organizational Board Meeting – December 15, 2016 as presented.

Carried

Motion: 17-01-19.3 Moved by Mohamad El Jabali, seconded by Samir Jalloul

The Board approves the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting – December 15, 2016 as presented.

Carried

Motion: 17-01-19.4 Moved by Mohamad El Jabali, seconded by Samir Jalloul

The board approves the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 9, 2017 as presented.

Carried

4. **Delegation:** Almadina needs to update its student information system so that it is compatible with PASI for September 2017; The Educational Technologist, Mandy Hutchinson and the IT Specialist, Pavan Kinnera presented the two options available to Almadina, highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of both systems. The IT Committee informed the board of its recommendation.

5. REPORTS

Committee Reports/Discussion items

5.1 Superintendent Report – Highlights only

The student registration timeline for the 2017-2018 school year has been finalized;

Homework Club is going well;

TAPPCS quarterly meeting will be held in Red Deer on January 20 & 21;

TAPPCS training for board members is scheduled for January 24;

Organization of the staff appreciation dinner reception scheduled for February 15, 2017 is going well.

Communication regarding the Superintendent’s resignation was sent out to all staff, the Almadina community and Alberta Education;

- 5.2 IT Committee: recommendation regarding the new Student Information System (SIS).
5.3 Finance Committee: YTD financial reports as of December 31, 2016 were presented.
5.4 Facilities Committee: school walkthrough scheduled for next week for the purpose of identifying summer projects.
5.5 Policy Committee: the draft policy document will be circulated to all board members for comments.

6. In Camera - Staffing

Motion: 17-01-19.5 Moved by Abdal Aziz Houmsi
The board approves moving "in Camera"
Carried

Motion: 17-01-19.6 Moved by Mohamed Salih
The board approved moving "out of Camera".
Carried

7. ACTIONS

Motion: 17-01-19.7 Moved Mohamed Salih, seconded by Sohail Sherwani
The board accepts the recommendation of the IT Committee to purchase the new Student Information System from PowerSchool with a budget of up to \$35,000.
Carried

Motion: 17-01-19.8 Moved by Issa Mosa, seconded by Sohail Sherwani
The Board approves an increase of the International language staffing budget of 0.5 FTE.
Carried

Motion 17-01-19.9 Moved by Issa Mosa, seconded by Sohail Sherwani
The Board accepts Superintendent DePeel's resignation effective March 4, 2017. Mrs. DePeel agreed to help with the recruiting and hiring process and would extend her stay to ensure that a new superintendent is in place before her departure.
Carried

Motion: 17-01-19.10 Moved by Mohamed Salih, seconded by Abdal Aziz Houmsi
The Board instructs the Superintendent to hire the services of an architectural firm to start on the Mountain View modular classrooms project.
Carried

Motion 17-01-19.11 Moved by Abdal Aziz Houmsi, seconded by Samir Jalloul.
The Board approved a bonus payment of \$5,000 to Superintendent DePeel.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The chair informed the board members that Almadina has been granted 4 replacement modular for Mountain View;
The chair circulated a letter from MLA Luff praising Almadina's success.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm


Haytham Ghourifi, Board Chair


Suzanne Bedard, Secretary Treasurer

BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD

Board Member	Signature	Time of Arrival
Haytham Ghouriri	Signature on File	6:15pm
Sohail Sherwani	Signature on File	6:45pm
Mohamed Salih	Signature on File	6:35pm
Issa Mosa	Signature on File	6:28pm
Mohamad El Jabali	Signature on File	6:50pm
Samir Jalloul	Signature on File	6:45pm
Abdal Aziz Houmsi	Signature on File	6:20pm