



Almadina Language Charter Academy

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2016 7:00 pm

Board Office

#118, 3132 26 St. NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6Z1

Minutes

Members Present:

Haytham Ghouriri, Chair

Issa Mosa, Vice Chair

Mohamad El Jabali, Treasurer

Samir Jalloul, Director

Abdal Aziz Houmsi, Director

Members Excused: Issa Mosa, Vice Chair

Mohamed Salih, Director

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present: Beverley Barca, Alberta Education

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Motion: 16-01-21-1 Moved by Samir Jalloul

The Board approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: 16-01-21-2 Moved by Abdal Aziz Houmsi

The Board approves the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2015 with one correction.

Carried

4. DELEGATION no delegation

5. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Reports/Discussion items

5.1 Superintendents Report – The Superintendent spoke to the guidelines for sexual orientation and gender identity from Alberta Education, she will have a package together for the February meeting. Our policy on gender identity is to be submitted to Alberta Education in March. This procedure must be in line with the Scholl Act.

The Superintendent updated the board on a few items brought to her attention by the school council. She is to set up a meeting with the school council and the board to discuss these items. One of which is the possibility for a 20 year re-union celebration with our first students. Parental volunteer was also discussed.

The Superintendent gave updates to the board on PAT preparation, Saturday school is now open.

There was a short discussion on the lockdown procedure and safety reports from CBE, this should be ready for a special meeting the first week of February.

Board training has been set up for February 6th.

Class sizes, grade 9 graduation and the school calendar for next year were also discussed.

5.2 Finance – The Secretary Treasurer reported that all revenues and expenses are in line with expectations and the budget.

5.3 Transportation – The transportation committee reported on the progress from weekly transportation meetings. Busing buses are running on time. Messages between the bus company and the parents need to

improve. There is some shifting of families which affects the bus load count. We are still waiting for quotes for cameras on the buses. There was a request made to have the bus load counts for the February meeting.

5.4 Facilities – The facilities committee is to meet when the quotes are in.

5.5 Languages – The Languages committee has a meeting set up for next week.

5.6 Communication – Progress on the staff appreciation dinner was brought to the board.

5.7 ATA Update – Still in negotiations, the issues coming up for review will take time.

5.8 High School Update – nothing new, still under review

6. IN CAMERA –

Motion: 16-01-21-3 Moved by: Abdal Aziz Houmsi

The Board approves moving in camera to discuss staffing.

Carried

Motion: 16-01-21- 4Moved by: Samir Jalloul

The Board approves moving out of camera.

Carried

7. ACTION

7.1 Motion: 16-01-21-5 Moved by Sohail Sherwani, Seconded by Mohamad El Jabali

The board approves offering a temporary contract to employee # 4013 for the position of Inclusion Teacher

Carried

8. INFORMATION (NON DISCUSSION)

The Principals report was part of the board package for information only.

9. OTHER

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The chair spoke to the board about the recent Charter School Association organizational meeting. There are some concerns with responses and support from the Minister. A new letter is to be sent from the chair to the Minister of Education regarding our space requirements. There have been no meetings between TAAPCS and /or Charter schools and the minister of Education to date.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Signature on File

Haytham Ghouriri, Board Chair

Signature on File

Wanda Hayes, Executive Secretary

BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD

Board Member	Signature	Time of Arrival
Haytham Ghouriri	Signature on File	6:10 pm
Issa Mosa	Signature on File	EXCUSED
Mohamad El Jabali	Signature on File	6:35 pm
Mohamed Salih	Signature on File	EXCUSED
Sohail Sherwani	Signature on File	6:35 pm
Samir Jalloul	Signature on File	6:30 pm
Abdal Aziz Houmsi	Signature on File	6:08 pm