

School Council Minutes
April 8, 2019

Mountain View campus

Attendees:

Jamal Elrafih, Shakila Raja, Dalal Ayash, Abby Darwish, Miriam Merhi, Mohammad Roshid, Shumaila Nadeem, Mrs. Thaxter

Start 5:35 PM

Welcome and approval of agenda by Miriam

Minutes approved by Abby

Ogden:

- Last month in Ogden there was a “Live Different” presentation. The theme was “*Kindness Changes Everything*”, spread the word of being kind, through stories, videos and live music. This presentation was completely funded through student generated funds. Well received event. The stage looked great and this may be a long term project, looking to upgrade in the future.
- The final calendar was approved by the board.
- Badminton has started up with an upcoming city-wide tournament this month. New badminton shirts for the team.
- Stencils: provided by AHS: to paint the playground with games; will need the school council support to come help spray paint these.
- Bronze and silver medals were won and 2nd place was awarded to a grade 8 student during the city-wide science fair the past weekend.
- Lunch time intramurals are starting up again next week.
- PowerSchool information went out to parents. Information posted on school website. Need school council help to spread the word of the benefits of connecting to PowerSchool and improving communication between parents and teachers.
 - 93 parents signed up, total of 540 log-Ins this month
- Discussion of Almadina B.B.Q.: Building a network of community members, including former alumni of Almadina both in high schools and universities. Building a bridge for families and their children to feel connected and supported within their community. Creating a strong foundation: we would like to host an Almadina BBQ on June 8, 2019. “*Almadina Alumni*”. School Council will follow up with request for board support of this initiative.
- We have talked about volunteering and making sandwiches at “Alpha House” (people that are in the detox phase and need support).
- TIMSS: Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study: 54 countries participate in these tests.
 - Grade 4’s will be writing a 3.5 hour test on April 9,2019
 - Grade 8’s will also be tested (date to be confirmed) they are previous grade 4’s that were tested.

Mountain View:

- Quest Theatre on Wednesday April 10, 2019: Indigenous perspective “*We are All Treaty People*”. Students learn about the reconciliation and their roles in the treaty process, even as recent arrivals, we all have a role to play.

- School counselor Mrs. Ferrario resigned and moved on to a full time position elsewhere.
- Popcorn fundraising on April 30th (Miriam)

Dalal:

- More improvement for the gym stall at Ogden campus; girls are not as engaged in gym due to facilities for changing for gym. Facilities need to be followed up with.
- Popcorn fundraising on April 11th at Ogden, \$1 a bag
- Board has approved optional uniform pieces: black hoodies and hunter green summer shirts. Abby will talk to Elegant Design for follow up.

Abby:

- Graduation fundraising: Donair Hot Lunch in Ogden, April 30th, send out forms this week.
- Hot lunch for Mountain View, funds go towards Grade 9 graduation.
- Mother/Daughter night: on April 18th, Latin dance Instructor, Marissa, will come for free. Will provide an honorarium for her.

Roshid:

- Father/Son night, Genesis centre is not available for May, need another site.
 - Event will be a potluck at Ogden on May 17th 2019.
 - Follow up to book a guest to talk about mental health
 - Follow up with local leaders as possible guests

Next meeting April 29, 2019 at 5:30 PM, Mountain View
Meeting adjourned, 7:00 PM