

School Council Minutes

November 19, 2018

Mountain View campus

Attendees: Mr. Jamal Elrafih, Ms. Shakila Raja, Mrs. Lina Chama, Mrs. Rumana Haque, Sherry Thaxter, Dalal Ayash, Abby Darwish, Miriam Merhi, Kausar Asghar, Mohammed Roshid, Rubaida Ahasan

Parents: Haythem Ghouriri

Start: 5:35 PM

Approval of Agenda: Rubaida

Approval of minutes: Miriam

Mountain View:

- 3 year plan: collect data and submit to the government On “Outcome Two: Alberta’s education system supports First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students’ success”.
 - e.g. Celebrated Orange shirt day in both campuses.
 - Blanket exercise: indigenous culture and stories; done in Mountain view
 - Mr. Ghouriri suggested field trips to indigenous places
- Yearly calendar:
 - Nov: Clothing donations for the cerebral palsy; Acceptance virtue assembly
 - Dec: Fundraising for Ahmad Abbas and Children’s hospital
- Workshop for School council: Will be booked in February. “Building Positive Partnerships”

Bus issues:

Only a couple busses have real cameras while the others do not; A letter was sent to the parents regarding this by the Superintendent. Only school admin and First student Canada representative have access to digital log to review any concerns

Uniform survey:

Current uniform is fine. The fabric has been changed to a better material.

A meeting will be set up with the owner of “Elegant Design” to discuss uniform issues. Roshid, Kausar, Miriam and the board members to discuss future plans

Mrs. Thaxter:

Registration for project Minerva is closed for this year, will look into it for 2019-2020 year. U Smart program: about developing mental health awareness

Ogden:

- Looking into implementing a program: Restorative Justice; to help discuss and resolve problems

- Yearly calendar:
 - Dec: Make lunch at the drop-in Centre

- Statistics and Strategies of students grades 7-9 (2017-2018)
 - Safe and caring: average 80.6% in Almadina while 89% in Alberta
Problems with cyber bullying;
Bus behaviour incentive program to reward good behaviour and have no misconducts;
Looking into TA (teacher advisor) program to help with problematic students to help and connect them (having someone that cares and is responsible for the kids) – start working as an institution... we are all responsible; Paul Davis came and talked about internet safety.
We need more monthly talks about internet safety.
 - Learning opportunities:
Average Almadina 81% while 77.8% in Alberta
Access to computers in the school (includes: iPad, Chrome, laptops)
 - Preparation of lifelong learning, world work, Citizenship:
average 71.2% while 83% in Alberta
“How can we serve the community?” We need to volunteer more and the school council will help with that.
Attend community meetings and ask about their elders and how we can contribute to help in the Ogden area. Making sandwiches at drop-in center. Coordinate a spring clean-up.
Call the City of Calgary and ask them what events we can help with.
 - School Improvement: average Almadina 76.5% while 80.3% Alberta. We want a target to push Almadina to do much better and over the province average.
 - Parental involvement: average Almadina 81.1% while 81.2 Alberta.
 - Work preparation: average 84.6% while 82.4% Alberta.
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PAT results for Grades 6 and 9: (2017-18)

Gr. 6: Students struggled with part 1 – Mental Math

Language Arts and Social Studies is where they need more improvement in the excellence range

Gr. 9: All average marks are above average Alberta marks.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

Next meeting: to be scheduled.