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Dear Parents,

ELECTIONS FOR PARENT MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL CONSULTATIVE GROUP

In November 2008, the School Consultative Group (SCG) was started. There were elections for the four parent representatives and two staff representatives; the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher are also members of the SCG.

At this time, there are two vacancies for parent members. We are looking for one new parent member from the Gharaffa Campus, representing any of the mileposts and one new parent member from the Rayyan Campus, representing all the classes. This letter is to tell you about the SCG and the elections on Monday 19th October 2009.

The goal of the SCG is to support the school in the development of effective partnerships with parents, teachers and staff and to improve the communication between Compass International School and parents. All parent members keep in contact with the class parents of the Milepost they are representing (at Gharaffa Campus) or of all classes (at Rayyan Campus). Their task is to represent the issues and general concerns from among parents. The role of the SCG is advisory.

In our letter of 21 June 2009 the SCG members wrote about their achievements last year (see our school website for the complete version <http://www.cisdoha.com/NewsandInformation/SCGDocuments>). Among our results we:

- Established a clear and open channel of communication between parents and the school
- Implemented a change in break times for the students
- The Rayyan Campus became not only secondary school but also a primary school
- Made school policies visible on the improved website
- Set up a Parent Information Directory.

How much time will it take?

There will be six meetings every year (two meetings every term). Before every meeting the parent member will have to email all class parents of the Milepost he/she is representing (at Al Rayyan: for all classes). After the meeting you need to give feedback to the parents who raised an issue. Generally speaking it will take around 4 hours per meeting. The meetings are 1½ hours and always in the evening.

The elections

If you want to be a representative for a large group of parents, if you are good at communicating with different people, if you like to be consulted by the school management on different kinds of topics and if you want to advise and influence the school, nominate yourself for the SCG. The elections will be held on Monday 19th October 2009 at 18.30 at the Gharaffa Campus.

To be nominated you either find a person who wants to nominate you, or you nominate yourself. Please collect a nomination form from the School Secretary or download it from the school website (<http://www.cisdoha.com/NewsandInformation/SCGDocuments>). Fill it in and return it to the School Secretary before Friday 16th October 2009. The final thing to do is come to the SCG elections on Monday 19th October 2009 to get elected and become a new parent member of the SCG. All parents are welcome at the elections to vote for a candidate. We will put all information on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

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