



LEARNING WELL, ENJOYING LIFE, EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

SCHOOL CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 29 MARCH 2011 AT GHARAFFA CAMPUS

Present: Jeannette Verspui, Renu Ballantine, Deon Ellis, Jill Chomowitz, John Todd, Pauline Markey, Donna Brackstone-Drake

Jeannette opened the meeting at 6.30 PM

1. Minutes of 01 March 2011

- Deon has now submitted his bio for the website, but not the photo
- Jill has not submitted bio or photo
- The secondary letter from Mrs. Restivo will also be sent via the new portal
- Bulletin Board at Gharaffa – issue now closed
- School Improvement Plan letter from SCG – Renu to complete to send out this term
- IB presentation for SCG – received by members and no questions

2. School Improvement Plan

Marketing

- Many questions were raised by parent members for school to consider and think about for the future
- The function of the website was an issue and this is being reviewed by the company. How does it relate to the school's IT strategy?
- More information was requested on the curriculum and how it relates to the different constituencies of the school. How can we make it more understandable to people used to other curricula? Need to explain the technical vocabulary.
- How does the school manage corporate relationships?
- Should the school consider exit interviews? The feeling was yes and this to be reviewed
- Language programmes – school will focus next on Danish, but there will always be an emphasis on language and culture, hence the need for more resources and a library

SEAL

- There was a discussion about how the underlying philosophy of the school related to the curriculum
- Parents main concern is that the SEAL programme encompasses their family values. There needs to be a match between school and parents and the school is conscious of this during the admissions process.
- Positive behavioural issues need to be part of reporting to parents.
- Opportunities need to be extended to all students and not just the Student Council in some areas

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Community

- How does the school interact with the wider community through learning, social events, cultural events, etc?
- There are already many school events, we need to keep an eye on staff work / life balance
- More parental involvement is needed, but people are reluctant to commit to membership of committees, but will volunteer when asked
- How do the different committees relate to one another – this needs to be reviewed

Any other business

- John gave a brief update on the school's security policy and preparedness

The meeting closed at 8.10

Next meeting: Tuesday 31 May 2011 at Madinat Khalifa

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