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SCHOOL CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 31 MAY 2011 AT MADINAT KHALIFA CAMPUS

Present: Jeannette Verspui, Renu Ballantine, Jill Chomowicz, John Todd, Pauline Markey, Donna Brackstone-Drake, Liz Holloway

Apologies: Deon Ellis

Jeannette opened the meeting at 6.30 PM

1. Minutes of 29 March 2011

- Jill will draft the annual SCG accomplishments letter. John will also give some input as necessary

Action Point: letter to be completed and circulated to community before end of term

2. Arabic Improvement Plan

- Action Plan seen in January 2011 – this is an update from Sarah Johnson, Head of Learning
- The focus is on raising standards and improving learning
- Our curriculum and plans have recently been approved by the SEC and were highly commended
- Plans are written using SEC standards and SEC templates
- Looking for Learning protocols have been used to review standards of learning along with peer reviews and observations of other classes by Arabic staff followed by learning conversations
- Staff attended an Arabic differentiation course
- There have been sessions on setting appropriate learning targets, weekly co-ordinator meetings, a more collegiate approach to planning
- One member felt that students were not making sufficient progress in Arabic, a number of people disagreed. It was stressed that Arabic needs to be taken seriously and that any improvements must be continued
- Suggestions for the future included:
 - Parents being invited to visit classes
 - Separation of first and second language students
 - Information morning for Arabic and Islamic Studies

3. Communications

- SCG felt that the school needed to communicate its master plan to the community as soon as possible to show that there was a strategic plan
- John will discuss with the Board and hopes to be able to do this by September end at the latest
- There needs to be more effective contingency planning
- Better use could be made of parent resources.

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Action point: SCG parents to discuss and reflect on parent committees and communications and discuss with Head of School by end of term

Action Point: Head of School to discuss with Board and communicate strategic plan to community by end of September

4. Assessment Week

- Parental opinion about the secondary school assessment week was very positive
- A paper was presented with suggestions for improvement and clarification
- Donna presented a paper response and the school broadly agreed with the issues raised and felt that this had been a good learning exercise and that the paper raised some useful issues for improvement

Action point: Donna to clarify assessment process and specifically grading process in the next newsletter

5. The Head of School's report was presented

6. Secondary school trips will be announced before the end of term

7. Some issues were discussed concerning the Madinat Khalifa Show. There was some very positive feedback about the performance and recognition of good work. There may have been some communications issues about tickets.

The meeting closed at 8.10

Next meeting: Tuesday 27 September 2011 at Gharaffa Campus

SCG Dinner 14 June for members and spouses.

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