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SCHOOL CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING 28 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT GHARAFFA CAMPUS

Present: Jeannette Verspui, Deon Ellis, Jill Chomowicz, John Todd, Pauline Markey, Donna Brackstone-Drake
Apologies: Liz Holloway
Minutes: Ingy Shaker

Jeannette opened the meeting at 6.30 PM

- Matters arising from minutes of 31 May, 2011:
 1. School Strategic Plan to be re-evaluated and hopefully shared by end of year with S.C.G. An SCG accomplishments letter has been completed. Donna is to clarify assessment process and specifically regarding process in next newsletter.
 2. Elections to be arranged for 3 of the members. An agreement to have one election for all 3 people.
 - a. John Todd will talk with Jeanette re dates for the elections.
 - b. Jill Chomowicz recommends the update of SCG Constitution.
 - c. Need to look for 2 parent representatives from Gharaffah and 1 from Madinat Khalifa.
 - d. Jeanette suggested the election should be 2 weeks before Eid, so after Eid they can announce officially the elected candidate by Head of School and then organize a social event with new members in November.
 3. There was a positive response regarding new tarmac and soft play at Gharrafa and new doors at Madinat Khalifa.
 - a. A new play area for older primary children at Madinat Khalifa is coming.
 - b. Jill Chomowicz was impressed with the appointment of a Project Manager to work on specifically building work at Madinat Khalifa. Parent bulletin board is to be erected as soon as plans are approved by John Todd.
 4. Parents representatives:
 - a. A very positive feedback re Madinat Khalifa start of the year, in particular some Qatari families were very enthusiastic. Deon Ellis mentioned that some parents were wandering up and down before the school was ready to receive them on first day and suggested to put up signs / people on doors directing new families. Also a very good comments re new teachers from parents.
 - b. Jill Chomowicz suggested girls' basketball offering. John Todd said that there will be more team sports opportunities and that students would be assessed before selection.

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Secondary School Trips:

- a. John Todd stated that he is waiting for final Health and Safety approval then a letter will go out to parents.
- b. Jeannette Verspui suggested that all school trips to be in school time more popular. Deon Ellis stated that we need to give an advance notice for parents.
- c. Mrs. Hundahl will be the secondary parent representative and the primary will be chosen from class parent.
- d. Pauline Markey and Donna Brackstone feel that class parent representatives should not be a member of SCG. Otherwise a narrow number of parents would be involved in school life. The class parent coordinator will be responsible for meeting with campus principals and collating all parent info sheets to create banks of volunteers.
- e. A social meeting is to be held on the 22nd November, 2011 and SCG actual meeting on the 6th December, 2011.

And the end of the meeting all participants suggested to think about new ideas or topics for each meeting and a SCG agenda that should discuss the following:

- Strategic Plan
- Seminars about learning and IMYC.
- Arabic and PE team development.
- Marketing & communications.
- Curriculum.
- Differentiation in class and assessments.

The meeting closed at 8.10

Next meeting: 6th December, 2011 at Gharaffa Campus.

A social meeting on Tuesday 22nd November, 2011.

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