

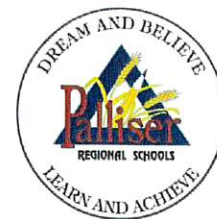


18:50 – 18:55	<b>5. Questions / Comments / Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AOB- Any other Business</li> </ul>	
18:55 – 18:58	<b>6. Upcoming Meeting</b> <b>Next School Council Meeting January 4th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agenda items for next meeting due by December 29th, 2021</li> </ul>	
18:58 – 19:00	<b>5. Closing Dua</b>	Volunteer

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### OBK School Council Meeting # 3

Date:	Tuesday, December 7, 2021	
Time:	6:00 PM – 7:19 PM	
Place:	Google Meets	
Participants:	School Council Members and School Parents	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Email Addresses</b>
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Aasima Asrar	Chair OBK Campus	
Zeshan	Vice Chair OBK Campus	
Adil Sandhu	Treasurer OBK Campus	
Rima Elkadri	Teacher	
Sara Behairy	Teacher	
Srimal Ranasinghe	Sustainability Calgary	
Parents		

Minutes:

**Meeting commenced at 6:00pm with opening Duaa**

#### **Agenda Items Discussed:**

- **Summary of Agenda/ Aasima**
- **School Council Bank Account Resolution/ Aasima:**  
A motion was made to add the new executive members as signatories on the school council bank account and remove all signatories from previous years. Parents voted and the motion was passed.
- **Subcommittees/ Aasima:**
  - Three subcommittees have been formed: volunteers, events, and grants.
  - A self defense course will be offered to girls in the school gym after winter break.
  - To run after school programs, we will need a lot of parent volunteers because classes are not allowed to mix.
  - A bake sale will be held to fundraise for inline skating. They are fully booked this year. If a slot opens up, we will take it, if not we will put the money towards inline skating for next

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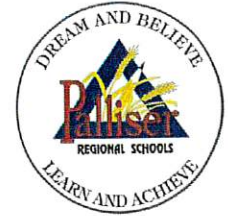
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year 2022-2023.

- We will need volunteers for the upcoming movie week. Parents will be selling snacks to the students. Anyone who would like to volunteer needs to provide the school with proof that they applied for a police clearance and proof of vaccination. If they are not vaccinated, they must provide a negative PCR test result done within 72 hours of volunteering. Schools don't request this for parents visiting the school, but if they are volunteering and will be around kids, it is required.

● **Running Shoe Gala 2022:**

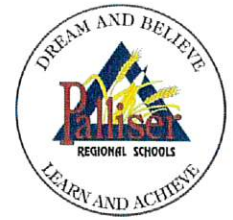
- The new green space will be featured in the Ever Active Schools' Running Shoe Gala in May 2022.

● **Ms. Elkadri's Update on School Project:**

- The school has been working with Ever Active Schools and Sustainability Calgary since last year to improve the school. We are working together with Sustainability Calgary to improve the entrance of the school.
- Srimal Ranasinghe from Sustainability Calgary is working on this project with the school. He worked with students and got their feedback on how they would like to improve the entrance. The majority of students chose to improve the Alley and make it a more inviting and attractive space. A plan has been made by his team to improve this space and it is funded through the federal government. His request to the School Council is for them to maintain this space and make repairs when needed. The School Council agreed to take charge of that.
- A parent raised the concern that this space might encourage people from the ALEX to come and spend time or even sleep in this space. Srimal explained that the benches are designed in a way which would make sleeping on them uncomfortable, and they have already talked to the ALEX and asked them to keep an eye on that space. Also, Raiha mentioned that a security guard is on site until 4:00pm every day, so while children are at school, there will be security to make sure no one uses that space. After 4:00, this cannot be prevented as the gates are kept open for community members to access the Musallah.

● **Ms. Behairy's Grade 9 Initiatives:**

- This is the last year for the grade niners, so they will be hosting several fundraisers to fund their graduation ceremony at the end of the year.
- Some of the initiatives are: movie night, story and games night, arts and craft paint nights, Ramadan preparation activities, Ramadan iftars, bake sales, Ramadan book, Eid goodies sale.
- Most initiatives will be held after school from January through March.
- During April and May, the Ramadan and Eid initiatives will take place.



- Ms. Behairy will share the calendar with the School Council so they can coordinate to make sure events don't overlap.
- **School Calendar/ Raiha:**
  - The district proposes a calendar for the upcoming year for North schools in line with the CBE calendar. Days off are calculated to make sure we meet the minimum requirements of 950 hours of instructional time for students. The calendar is shared with the principals in December. OBK and AJ principals work together to come up with a draft which is then shared with the School Council. They will try to adjust any recommendations. Once it is reviewed by the School Council it is submitted to the central office to be approved by the board and implemented.
  - The calendar must be submitted before the ministry's deadline. If we find that we need it approved before the next scheduled School Council meeting, we will call for a separate meeting to get it approved.
- **Schedules/ Raiha:**
  - Parents asked how schedules were made, and how time was allocated in the schedule.
  - We follow the Ministry of Education's Program Planning ECS-9 recommended requirements. A percentage of time is allocated for each subject. According to this allocation we determine the number of blocks for each subject per week.
- **Career Week/ Raiha:**
  - This week we invited parents to come into the school and talk to students about their careers to help students learn about different careers they may get into.
  - We are creating an infographic about the different careers parents have at OBK. Expect your child's teacher to be asking more questions about your career.
- **Questions and Comments:**
  - Ali Farhat requested that once students reach grade four to have segregated classes. Raiha recommended that the School Council make a proposal to MCC and request that.
  - Mariyam Malik: Why do students have to fundraise for their graduation. Shouldn't MCC, Palliser, and the school have a budget for graduations? Raiha explained that the school does put aside some money for the graduation ceremonies. This is an opportunity for students to learn how to work towards something and accomplish it. This also teaches them finance skills. This is something that all schools across Alberta do.
  - Adil: Three years ago we had an incident with a substitute teacher who was playing Christmas carols for the students. This year a substitute was shortening students names to make things easier for them in his son's class. Shouldn't there be a certain training for substitute teachers, so they understand what things are acceptable and unacceptable in an Islamic school. Raiha explained that these issues about particular teachers cannot be discussed in a public meeting. Raiha will call Adil to discuss this matter.



- **Upcoming Meeting/ Aasima:**

- Next School Council meeting is January 4th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
- Parents will receive an email to update the agenda during winter break.
- Agenda items for the next meeting are due by December 29th, 2021.

### CLOSING DUAA at 7:19

Minutes Approved by:

Principal  
Raiha Idrees

Chairperson  
Aasima Asrar

Secretary  
Fatema Itani