

I. Principal's Report

- First assembly to be conducted tomorrow, October 21st, 2016
- 10th and 11th grades PSAT conducted, creating a report to summarize the results
- Sister Sumaya hired as 5th grade assistant
- Coach Abdallah left

II. PTA / Sports Update

- Bleachers have been ordered and delivered for the gym
- Kids night out (KNO), a highly successful event conducted all 100 tickets sold in advance
- Other important events scheduled

III. Parking Lot/School Traffic Issues

In the process of reviewing action items from meeting Number two, dated September 30th, 2016, the Council decided that all action items in reference to this topic should be implemented. Action items indicated in the previous minutes in reference to this topic were not implemented as of October 20, 2016, the date for meeting Number three of this school year. Some action items in reference to this topic could change based on the discussions in meeting number three, on October 20, 2016.

In summary, the following action items from the previous meeting were pending. Assigned to Brother Bashir Harb

1. Painting the Montessori express lane of the parking lot
2. Signage on the west side of the parking lot, cautioning students not to climb the wall
3. To collect students in the front corridor, across from the office to facilitate their movement and minimizing wait times in regards to the student pickup process
4. Increasing the number of traffic lanes by eliminating certain parking spaces

During this meeting, Brother Robert proposed some ideas of how to eliminate potentially six parking spaces to improve traffic flow between 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 3:00 to 4:00 PM. He also proposed to leave the north side of the parking lot intact, and to make changes on the west side only.

Action Item – Brother Robert Lyon

- Robert to bring back plans and recommendations regarding proposed changes to the parking lot.

IV. New School Calendar – 2017-18

Ms. Samah presented the school calendar draft for 2017-18. Two different versions of the calendar for presented. According to the principle, the key difference between the two versions is the winter break. According to the calendars presented, MLK day was not observed as a holiday. There was discussion about the lack of holiday for a day, which is observed as a civil rights day at a national level. It was suggested that a special school event in relation to civil rights should be conducted on MLK day in order to involve the students and to teach them lessons of this great struggle. This could include possible inclusion of guest speakers followed by short videos and other public events.

Many council members, including Dr. Tomeh and Brother Irfan were having a difficult time understanding the differences between the two versions of the calendars presented during the meeting.

Action Item – Sister Dalal Jawad

- Sister Dalal agreed to provide explanation of the differences between the two versions of the calendar for the Council members, which will help an overall understanding of the key changes between previous years and upcoming school year (2017-18).

V. Zero Tolerance Policy:

Dr. Tomeh brought up topic of zero Tolerance policy. He commented that due to the potential impact of the zero tolerance policy on students and parents, the school administration has an obligation to promote awareness about this policy to students and teachers. Improved awareness about this policy would help ACA maintain an environment free of behaviors reflected under the tolerance policy.

Action Item – Sister Samah Bkhaitan

- Sister Samah will remind the staff via staff meeting and students via a presentation.

VI. Upcoming Council Shura Meeting

This is the second year in a row to conduct this meeting. The Council will be working in collaboration with PTA to host the meeting, which will provide an opportunity for parents and other stakeholders for updates from the school Administration and the board. We will follow the strategy from last year in terms of logistics. Although to minimize disruption and noise, children's activities would be conducted outside rather than inside the gym.

