



AMERICAN UNITED SCHOOL
KUWAIT

AUS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Nov. 20, 2019

3:30 p.m.

*Professional Development Room Grey 7
2nd Floor*

Attendees:

Officers:

**Ms. Amani Abulhasan
Ms. Lama AlBabtain
Mr. Nawaf Arhama
Mr. Mijbil AlAyoub
Ms. Nicole Arnulphy**

**Co-Chair
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Vice Chair
Public Relations Liaison & PTSO Rep.
Secretary & ES Teacher Representative**

Voting Members:

**Ms. Reem AlMazidi
Ms. Tammy Ali
Ms. Huda AlShammari
Ms. Wadha Mohammad
Ms. Teeb AlBader
Ms. Katalin Brogdon
Mr. Rajesh Puri
Ms. Nicole Arnulphy
Ms. Rachel Eckelson
Ms. Candice Warzecha**

**ES Parents Rep.
MS Parents Rep.
HS Parents Rep.
HS Student/ Student Council President
HS Student/ Student Council Vice President
U.S. Embassy Representative
Schlumberger Representative
ES Teacher Representative
MS Teacher Representative
HS Teacher Representative**

Non-Voting Members:

Jennifer J. Beckwith, Ph.D.

Founding Director

Mr. Michael Winger

Ms. Brenda Clements

Ms. Kelly Buffurine

Ms. Taryn Peirera

Assoc. Director for Educational Tech. and
Accountability

HS Principal

MS Principal

ES Principal

Apologies:

Taryn Periera

Agenda:

- **Adoption of October SAB Meeting Minutes**

Approved and adopted

- **Seat Belt Campaign Presentation by Ms. Torino Johnson, ES Counselor & Andrea Phillips, ES & MS Counselor**

- explained the safety of seatbelts
- Mission keep students safe and responsible citizens
- Slogan: *It doesn't matter how far... Just Buckle up*
- Goal – Increase number of AUS students using seatbelts
- Law – children under 10 must sit in the back and have a seatbelt on – operator's responsibility
- December 1st – kick off – social media “teasers”
- Monthly teaser videos
- Seat belt safety week 9-12 December
 - Prosche kids driving school working with Pre-K, Kinder and G1
 - Kidzania Kuwait – interactive stage performance G2-G3
 - Kuwait Ministry Of Interior work with G4-G5
 - Kuwait Motoring company working with G6-G12
- Hashtag challenge #buckleupnation – children asked to post photos with their seatbelts on
- Safety seatbelt social action movement partnering with PTSO

Kaitlin: Question – where are the videos being shown?

Torino: Answer – on schools Instagram

- **Beta Club Presentation by Bobby Bright, Information Specialist Coordinator**

- BB: 27years involvement with Beta club organization
- Beta works to engage and make active students
- Looking for students that need more motivation
- Leadership – works with children to build leadership skills – leadership camp DC and Tennessee – perhaps AUS students could go
- Inclusion and not exclusion
- STEAM based
- AUS first school in Kuwait and Middle East to be Beta
- For G6-G9 students

LA : How will the program be implemented?

BB : Marketing campaign in December for students and parents – then getting students and parents involved then starting in the Fall

Tammy: less likely to be involved – is it completely teacher recommended or can the students sign up

BB: not looking for the perfect student – the student needs to go through the teacher and therefore the teacher recommendation

JB: like the program because it is not exclusive – more inclusive organization – it looks for kids that have the potential

- **Associate Director Report - MW**

- Traffic – is better than we started!

TA: Stella security in the middle school so people are behaving now

JB: reiterate it is about safety

- Continue to hold IAN meetings
- PEAK Al Nibras Feb 8
- Equip my school – 3rd party vendor, preparing now for next year budgeting and ordering – close the orders Dec 12 – Dec 18 everything completed
- Audit Ernst and Young - 1 day visit to finish the Audit
- NESAs - Near East South Asia
 - Inspired by: Tell me so I can hear you talk – process of being able to have conversations (difficult conversations)
 - Inspired by: Adult brain theory – the deliberately developmental organization
 - Inspired by: Immunity to change
- Installing Vape detectors: FlySense, has a sensor – vape and anti-bullying – sends an alert to phone to say there is a vape or noise level

- **ES/MS/HS Reports**

KB: Elementary

Yearbook photos Dec 1-5

World Arabic day

Musical performance dates in parent updates

Mid Q reports Dec 4,5

Middle school

MAP finished – reports on portal next week

Photos 8-12

MS and HS Students in Lego robotics completion (HS competition but MS students going)

Cinderella performance

Dec 12 winter concert

High School BC

Theatre arts department – REAL language and arts festival at AUK

Boat race today – created the boats out of recycled materials – with the students in the boats

Student led clubs – students created them – Art Club, Bio-Defenders, book club – adult sponsor/teachers to help them

- **PTSO Report**

MA

Thanked volunteers from Falloween

Tripled fallween revenue money for supporting students and teachers events

Shared meeting dates

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Shared coffee morning dates

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Car Seat Campaign – Asked how can PTSO support this?

Regular PTSO

And now ideas

Introduce international day at AUS

Celebrate mothers day

Seinor students pancake day

Create parents club (social outside of AUS)

Give workers summer donation

October 2019:

Falloween – vendors came through

Parents and volunteers came through

Tombola – a lot of money came in because of this and easy to find sponsors

November 20, 2019 combined general meeting, volunteer meeting and coffee morning

1. Mia Van Der Heijden – Life coach – how to talk to teenagers
2. Will talk about financials

December

Winter wonderland – DEC 14

Revisiting ticket price – students get free entry

Contacted food vendors

Finalizing events logistics Co

Decorating after thanks giving

Volunteering requests around Dec 1

- **Student Council Report**

Teeb & Wadha

Nov/Dec

Free dress day Nov 28th – for teachers and students 1KD –

Annual holiday drive for AUS employees collect donations fro Nov 24-Dec 11 – the free dress day KDs will go this

List of Items shared

JB: 5th year we have done this – it has always been student lead

JB Closing:

- Percentage of Parents attended the Conferences on Nov. 6,7.
 - a. ES: 89% attendance
 - b. MS: 68% attendance
 - c. HS: 50% attendance
- school calendar is posted on the Web site – so people can start planning
- Shared operational budget – still on a 10 year plan – had to re-adjust, due to enrollment – this past year did not meet enrolment projection: Pre-K not full.
- Still in the red – not expecting to make money until year 10 – this has been planned for – operating capital is still OK, enrollment 1097
- Best school start – many returning parents
- Re-enrollment in January
- New-enrolment February

NAh: What is the goal for full school?

JB: school capacity 1500 – bigger/more classes in MS and HS

LA: Are we dividing into committees?

JB: Because we are working on strategic plan – High Point are going to come and work with us on this and they will have focus groups – they will come back with advice and help us create a 5-7 year plan – so no small working parties

Meeting closed at

Upcoming SAB Meetings SY 19/20:

- *Wed. Jan. 29th, 11:30 a.m. (Strategic Planning with Consultant)*
- *Wed. Mar. 18th, 3:30 p.m.*
- *Wed. May 6th, 11:30 a.m. (Ramadan)- End of Year Report*

Things to Consider:

- **Video of the Consultants at Last SAB Meeting**
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1upOwjITyblZFY_QRLwUHWN_7XI59xWy

Important Dates to Remember:

Nov 24	Technology Integration PD (ES/MS/HS) @ 3:15 p.m. PTSO Coffee Talk
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving
Nov. 28	Early dismissal at 11:00/Teacher Work Day
Dec. 2	PSAT Test @ 8 a.m., drama room, 46 students
Dec. 5	Cinderella Performance @ 6 p.m.
Dec. 7	SAT @ 7 a.m.
Dec. 8	Campus Wide PD/Global Impact Collaboration (ES/MS/HS) @ 3:15
Dec. 9	Shelter-in-place
Dec. 10	Team Lead / Grade Level Chair Meetings @ 3:15
Dec 14	Winter Wonderland
Dec. 19	Early Dismissal @ 11 a.m.
Dec. 22- Jan. 2	Winter Break - School Closed

Official end time: