

AUS PTSO

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 15th November 2016

Time: 5.30 p.m.

Meeting Called By:	PTSO
Meeting Type:	Planning and Review
Meeting Facilitator's Name	Amani Abulhasan, PTSO
Names of Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amani Abulhasan2. Pakinam Nabil3. Pia Dey Verma4. Dr Hanan Altabbakh5. Dr Mohammad AlKazim6. Cathy Al Obaid7. Emad Alzaben8. Ahmed Sayed Hassan9. Brenda Clements10. Marcella A Kulchotsky11. Tammy Ali12. Ashish Verma

I. Discussion Point: PTSO Meeting timings - feasibility

Discussion Summary	Amani Abulhasan welcomed the attending PTSO and AUS members and introduced the newly elected PTSO Board members. The point of an ideal PTSO meeting time was discussed, keeping working parents in mind. However, as this meeting (which was scheduled after school at 5.30 pm) had fewer attending members than usual, it was decided to hold most meetings in the future at the original timing of 1.30 p.m.
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II. Discussion Point: PTSO Courage County

Discussion Summary	The success of the PTSO Falloween event was shared with the attending members and the PTSO Board members expressed their gratitude to all parent volunteers who worked for the said event. As this was the first time that the event was open to the public, experiences were recounted.
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III. Discussion Point: School Spirit	
Discussion Summary	The idea of holding a parent vs teachers basketball game was discussed to develop the school spirit. Cathy al Obaid expressed her willingness to develop a plan for the same and share it with the board members.
IV. Discussion Topic: Winter Wonderland	
Discussion Summary	It was conveyed that the Winter Wonderland was scheduled for 17 th December 2016, which was the biggest fund raising event for the PTSO. Amani conveyed how the arrangements had already been started by the Board members in terms of material being ordered and vendors in the process of being reached out to. Ms Brenda Clements mentioned that for the cupcake decorating station, the PTSO could explore the possibility of reaching out to Sweet Dahlia for supplying cupcakes
V. Discussion Point: PTSO Coffee Mornings	
Discussion Summary	It was also shared that in order to bring the parents closer together and build a strong school community, the PTSO had started coffee mornings. The first one was held on 7 th November 2016 and was immensely successful.
VI. Discussion Point: Database of Parent owned businesses	
Discussion Summary	Cathy al Obaid suggested that the PTSO Board could create a database of parent owned businesses in school so that they can be reached out to during events.

(Prepared by Pia Dey Verma)