



AMERICAN UNITED SCHOOL
KUWAIT

AUS Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

May 15, 2018

11:30 m

*Professional Development Room Grey 7
2nd Floor*

Members:

Officers:

Mrs. Megan Sofge

Ms. Denise Mendieta

Vacant

Mr. Daniel Leritz

Chairperson

Vice Chair (Schlumberger Representative)

Public Relations Liaison

Secretary

Voting Members:

Sheikha Mariam Mubarak AISabah

Dr. Suja Aboukhamseen (present)

Mrs. Amani Abulhasan

Ms. Ayeshs Arora (present)

Dr. Nawaf Jandoul AIDousari

Mrs. Usha Narayanan (present)

Miss Zeina Al-Fulaij

Mr. Abdulla Al-Kazemi (present)

Mrs. Lama Albabtain (present)

Mrs. Molly Jung

Ms Denise Mendita (Present)

Ms. Ansley Thurber-Elbakry (present)

Mr. Leland DuNomes

Elementary Parent

Elementary Parent

Middle School Parent

Middle School Parent

Middle School Parent

High School Parent

HS Student/ Student Council President

HS Student/ Student Council Vice President

PTSO Representative

U.S. Embassy Representative

Schlumberger Representative

Elementary School Teacher Representative

Middle School Teacher Representative

Mr. Daniel **Leritz (present)**

High School Teacher Representative

Committee Chairs

Vacant

Non-Voting Members:

Jennifer J. Beckwith, Ph.D. **(present)**

Founding Director

Mrs. Mona Fairley-Nelson **(Present)**

Associate Director for Teaching and Learning

Michael Winger **(present)**

Assoc. Director for Educational Tech. and Accountability

Dr. Craig Ross **(present)**

High School Principal

Ms. Brenda Clements **(present)**

Middle School Principal

Ms. Taryn Peirera **(present)**

Elementary Principal

Agenda:

1.) **Vote on March Meeting Minutes**

- **Meeting called to order by Dr. Beckwith. Minutes from the March 20 meeting were read and approved**

2.) **Director and Associate Director's Reports**

- **Dr. Beckwith shared with the board the news on AUS receiving a 10 year accreditation from CIS and MSA. The school will continue to celebrate this achievement through ads online, instagram, and banners outside of the school.**
- **Dr. Beckwith emphasized that now that accreditation has been achieved it is time for the school to working on our 5 year strategic plan.**
- **The school will also work on a new promotional video capturing the perspectives of AUS from multiple lenses (elementary, middle school, and high school, students; faculty/staff, and the parents.**
- **MAP Testing has concluded for the year. AUS showed growth and scores at or above the average score for this test in the US.**
- **Mona Nelson shared with the board where we are at with reviewing of MAP Data from the last round of tests. Data will be used to identify and begin intervention efforts in all grade levels with math and ELA**
- **AUS is looking at for next year beginning our Gifted and Talented program for qualifying students.**
- **And we had our last consultant visit of the year with Science and Math being the focus.**
- **Michael Winger Shared with the board the latest with from several areas. Mentors have been busy with contacting the new hires and building that first week schedule for the new staff. New hires arrive August 15**
- **Other items in the report was reminding the board of the student technology changes for next year with chromebooks being brought into the MS and grade 9 of the HS next year. The new FOSS science curriculum has arrived and another curriculum piece (litlife) is arriving.**

3.) ES/MS/HS Reports

- Ms. Taryn Peirera shared the ES report. Elementary has been very busy with wrapping things up for the year and preparing for Ramadan. Elementary will have their own Girgran celebration (May 24th) commemorating the halfway point of Ramadan. Also, elementary yearbooks are in Kuwait, but not available for distribution yet.
- Brenda Clements shared the MS report. There was lots happening in the middle school. Many of the students participated in academic competitions with Arabic Poetry and Math Team. Students had an opportunity to cook through their Spanish and AFL classes. and Ms. Sretchen had brought in a guest speaker educating the kids about the importance of bees and the role they play in our ecosystem.
- Craig Ross shared the HS Report. Dr. Ross shared the new developments in Science and the new science standards and the new FOSS science curriculum we are exploring with Dr. Craig Gabler. Dr Cory Bennett was continuing his work with the Math team with lesson studies.
- Preparations are underway for our first graduating class. As of now we are in the early stages but caps/gowns, diplomas and other must haves will be decided on.
- All campuses contributed tremendous amounts of time, energy and resources towards our recent AUS Arts Night. This years theme was a red carpet, Hollywood style gala. Student work and demonstrations were proudly displayed.

4.) Student Council Representative Report

- Abdullah Alkazemi and Ms. Ty Lougher represented Student Council. Student council as a treat to the students, had a surprise student recognition event in which HS students were celebrated in a OSCAR style event. Categories were chosen by student council and voted on by the respective HS classes.

5.) PTSO Report

- Lama Albabtain shared the PTSO report. Recently with the HS we had New Parent university were parents could have a question answer session with administration on summer academic programs and AP Summer Work.
- For Teacher Appreciation Week, the PTSO catered a special lunch for the staff during our recent in service. It was Indian/Bollywood theme with Indian style cuisine and a drummer accompaniment.

6.) SAB End of Year Report

- Basic compiling of all the meetings, minutes, and agenda items discussed and covered this year. The focus of the SAB meetings this year were on accreditation and the next steps we need to take as a Advisory Board

➤ Things to work on next school year:

- New members NA
- Voting on Vacant Board Positions NA

11.) Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is next school year, **Wednesday October 24th, 2018 @ 3:30 PM**

Things to Consider:

- a. *Ramadan Working Hours 9 a.m.-2 p.m.:*
 - i. *Arrival 9:00 a.m., Classes Begin 9:30 a.m.*
 - ii. *Dismissal: 1:45 p.m. for Bus Riders , 1:55 p.m. for Car Riders*

Important Dates to Remember:

May 16	Ramadan Schedule starts (approximate)
June 4	Last Day of School (Pre-K and KG)
June 7	Last Day of School (Grades 1 - 11)/Early dismissal at 11:00 -
June 10	Last Day for Teachers
June 14	Last Day for Administrators
June 17-21	Eid Al-Fitr Holidays
Aug 12	Administrators return to work
Aug 26	All school personnel are back to work by this date
Sept 2	Student Orientation Day (11:00-13:00)
Sept 4	First day of School (Grades 1-5)
Sept 5	First day of School (Pre-K and KG)

Official end time: