



AMERICAN UNITED SCHOOL  
KUWAIT

## AUS Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

16/01/2018

11:30 am

Professional Development Room Grey 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Members:

#### Officers:

Mrs. Megan Sofge (**Present**)

Vacant

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Chairperson

Vice Chair (Schlumberger Representative)

Public Relations Liaison

Secretary

#### Voting Members:

Sheikha Mariam Mubarak AlSabah

Dr. Suja Aboukhamseen

Mrs. Amani Abulhasan (**Present**)

Dr. Nawaf Jandoul AlDousari

Vacant

Miss Zeina Al-Fulaij (**Present**)

Mr. Abdulla Al-Kazemi

Mrs. Lama Albabtain

Mrs. Molly Jung (**Present**)

Ms. Ansley Thurber-Elbakry (**Present**)

Mr. Leland DuNomes (**Present**)

Mr. Daniel Leritz (**Present**)

Elementary Parent

Elementary 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

Elementary School Teacher Representative

Middle School Teacher Representative

High School Teacher Representative

## Committee Chairs

Vacant

## Non-Voting Members:

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

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

Michael Winger **(Present)**

Dr. Craig Ross **(Present)**

Ms. Brenda Clements **(Present)**

Ms. Taryn Peirera **(Present)**

Founding Director

Associate Director for Teaching and Learning

Assoc. Director for Educational Tech. and Accountability

High School Principal

Middle School Principal

Elementary Principal

## **Agenda:**

### **1.) Vote on October's Meeting Minutes**

- **Minutes from last meeting were submitted by acting secretary, Daniel Leritz and approved.**

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

- **Summary of Accreditation Team visit and out brief was shared by Dr. Beckwith. The team was very pleased and impressed with what they saw during their visit. CIS report was shared with MSA. Final decision on accreditation will come at the CIS annual meeting later this spring.**
- **Mona Nelson summarized areas of growth from Standards B and E of the Self-study. From standard B, becoming more efficient with our PD and consider being a training hub for the region. Improve differentiation in the classroom and assessment and data practices. From Standard E, develop a gifted and talented program as well as an ELL program in the MS/HS. Also, to solidify the SST process for MS/HS.**
- **Michael Winger summarized standards D and G from the self-study with commendations and recommendations. Mr. Winger also shared the results from the comprehensive climate survey that was administered to all AUS stakeholders. Results will be shared with staff and community later.**

### **3.) ES/MS/HS Reports**

- **Dr. Ross shared about students being accepted into Ambassador Leadership programs and list of upcoming events (see calendar)**
- **Ms. Clements shared the success with math intervention in the middle school and how that is now being incorporated in the ES. Also that a similar intervention program will begin with ELA at the MS level as well.**
- **Ms. Peirera shared that the ES is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of MAP testing as well as Fountas and Pinnell benchmark testing. Ms. Peirera also commented about parent concerns with the National Day presentations.**

### **4.) Student Council Representative Report**

- **Zeina Al Fluaij shared on the results of the worker donations and the fundraising drives for Student council. Nearly 300kd was raised for PAWS in Kuwait.**
- **Possibility of a 2<sup>nd</sup> karaoke night, possibly including the MS this time.**

5.) PTSO Report

NA

6.) Committee Reports

NA

7.) Voting on Vacant Board Positions

- Voting for vacant board positions will be tabled for now until we can get a more representative demographic of our student population present. The Board approved Daniel Leritz as secretary.

8.) Discuss Next Steps:

- Next steps for the board will be to create subcommittees to edit/revise the AUS Strategic plan in the wake of accreditation and to continue our work in addressing the areas in the Endicott Survey and the new data from the Compressive Climate Survey.

9.) Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 3:30 pm.

10.) Things to Consider:

- Creating sub committees
- Filling in vacant board positions
- Preparing for our first graduating class in 2019

**Important Dates to Remember:**

January 7	Instruction Resumes
January 8 & 9	Girl's Basketball Tryouts @ 3:00 pm
January 10	Picture Day--Makeups
January 10	SOTM-December--Cancelled (Rescheduled for next month)
January 24	Merit Celebration Q2
January 25	Quarter 2 Ends-44 days
January 28	Quarter 3 begins
January 29	Quarter 2 Grades Due for teachers to submit @12 midnight
January 30 & 31	Science Fair
January 31	Quarter 2 Grades posted on Portal

*Official end time:*