

PA Meeting Minutes Sept. 25th

President-Natalie

- Explanation of executive board and that we are all volunteers
- Executive Board Member introductions
- No objections to Executive Board Members
- Explained donation box and subscriptions to website
- Purpose of PA
 - To enrich the children's education by promoting parental involvement in supporting school policies and programs.
 - To maintain and foster a constructive partnership between staff and parents in the interests of the school and children.
 - To act as a vehicle of discussion, learning, and positive action.
 - To enhance programs offered by QFI school and work toward achieving these goals through fundraising and other activities.
 - To create a community where ideas and information are shared, new families are welcomed, and learning is promoted. This is done in a respectful and collaborative manner.
- PA meetings are not the best forum to voice complaints
 - Talk to classroom teacher if related to class
 - Principal coffee meetings
 - PA has a suggestion box at every meeting where concerns and suggestions can be submitted.
- Introduced what the welcome committee would be and need for volunteers
- Introduced parent conversations- A group that would discuss various parent submitted topics such as nutrition, Qatari culture, etc.

Fundraising-Fran

- What is the fundraising committee
 - Use survey results to determine what to use money for
 - Charity
 - Help school
 - Discussed success of used book sale (raised 1,500 QR) and art night (raised 9,620 Qr). Used money raised for library.
- Possible fundraising ideas for this coming year include art night and used book sale
- Funds raised will go to the school library, garden, playground, and class field trips
- Looking for 3 volunteers to help come up with ideas and coordinate events

Events-Hala

- The goal of the events committee is to add idea and involvement to the school events such as literacy week, sports day , international day, etc.
- Looking for volunteers
- Class reps.- there is a meeting after PA meeting
 - Parent's representing parents and communicating with teacher and PA
 - Class reps pass information from teacher/PA to class parents mostly using what's app
 - 6 classes still need class reps
- Events calendar and class reps will go on PA website

Communications-Athena

- Athena explain the website and showed the different pages on the projector for everyone to see
- We currently only have 1 person responding to emails so response time make take a little while. More volunteers are needed to help in this area.
- Calendar on website has a link to school website

- There is currently a translator and someone to help with fliers, but there is still a need for someone to help sort emails, work on website (needs to be someone who knows how), and sort suggestions/complaints.

Treasurer-Mahtab

- The balance from last year is 0 because we were able to give the support staff 380 QR each and contribute to the library from last years fundraising
- Donations are 50QR per family (optional)
- Currently we have 1900 QR from donations

Parent concern

- A parent was concerned about food quality of lunch and expansion of school
- Natalie suggested to parents concerned about this to form a committee, write a letter, and we will vote on letter at next PA meeting

Introduced Ms. Hanne-VP and Davra-secretary

Next Meeting is on Oct. 16th