

Date: December 8th 2025

VISPA

Vision International School Parent Association

Attendees:

- Ms. Elizabeth Fennel - Director and Head of School.
- Ms. Samar Yassin - Boys' Principal.
- Ms. Mona Shosha - Girls' Principal.
- Ms, Charlotte Verrell - EC & ES Principal.
- Ms. Arwa Mohamad - EC & ES Principal Assistante.
- Ms. Chenese Manikram - Curriculum Manager.
- Ms. Hanan Abousedo - Parent Relation and Marketing Officer.

The meeting began with a warm welcome to all members in attendance. An introduction was made for everyone present to get acquainted with each other. The purpose and role of VISPA were briefly explained to provide context. Following the introductions, the meeting proceeded to discuss the agenda items as outlined below:

1. Discussion on Student Projects

- Parents expressed their interest in seeing students' work.
- Showcasing students' projects has a positive impact on both students and parents, and helps students feel that their effort is valued and not overlooked.

2. Student Attitude and Respect

- Concerns regarding student attitude and respect were raised.
- The need to find solutions and set clear limits was discussed.

3. Communication via Emails

- Teachers should include their name and class in the email subject line.
- Parents were informed that a new system will make communication with the school and teachers easier.
- The school is working on this new email system, which will be launched in January.

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4. Student Events and Updates

- Parents expressed their desire to be informed of upcoming events in advance, so they can contribute ideas or support improving these events.

5. School Newspaper Proposal

- A proposal was made to create an online school newspaper for all grade levels, especially Elementary.
- A single link would be sent to parents, containing sub-links for each section, allowing parents to view the levels they are interested in while keeping access open to all.

6. Teachers' Roles and Expectations

- It was emphasized that the primary goal of teachers is to teach in ways that help students love learning and enjoy the subject.
- Teachers should avoid getting involved in cultural, religious, or other unrelated matters.
- The point about hiring native speakers was discussed; we clarified that our goal is to hire strong, effective teachers regardless of nationality.
- We assured parents that our Principals at each level are highly capable and will continue guiding teachers toward professional and academic growth.

7. In-Class Activities

- A suggestion was made to create in-class activities and local competitions to encourage student engagement and motivation.

8. School Books

- A request was made for all student books to be original copies, not photocopies.

9. Parent Participation

- Mrs. Yousef Al-Mulla expressed her interest in being part of student activities.

10. School Calendar

- A suggestion was made to create two calendars:
 - A regular academic calendar
 - An events calendar

11. Student Dismissal After Exams

- A question was raised about why students cannot leave once they finish their exams.
- The school clarified the reasons for not allowing early dismissal.

12. Student Tardiness and Gate Closure

- The issue of morning tardiness and gate closure times was discussed.

13. Voting for the Next Meeting Date

- It was agreed to send a vote to decide the date of the next meeting, during which the topics discussed today will be followed up.

Closing:

The meeting concluded with a summary of the discussed points and a mutual agreement to follow up on the action items in the next meeting. Appreciation was extended to all attendees for their valuable contributions and active participation.