

## **Emirates International School - Meadows**

### **PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP – UPDATE 2 (2016-17)**

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Dear Parents/Friends

I am pleased to share with you 2<sup>nd</sup> update for the academic year 2016-17. We had to postpone PRG meeting to 20 April due to Spring break and Spring Fair. Hope you enjoyed the Spring Fair which is part of several events proposed by the school management to connect with the community.

We are happy to note that number of initiatives have been made in the last 1 ½ months to improve quality of teaching and learning, communication with parents, smoother transition of children from Year 6 to Year 7, celebrating success of kids in academic and non-academics, providing internship opportunities for Year 12 and recognition of high attendance % by various year groups.

We have been informed by the Principal that several new positions have been added which we believe will enhance the school leadership and improve overall quality of teaching and child development.

- Head of Inclusion – a role that has a holistic and positive approach towards quality of teaching and learning
- Head of Pastoral care – responsible for care and welfare of pupils
- Career counsellor – a non-teaching role providing career advice to students up to Year 13
- Focus on Arabic and Islamic studies with dedicated staff members for Arabic A and B for both Primary and High School
- Staff for High School to focus on quality of Mathematics teaching
- Marketing staff to enhance marketing & public relations of the school

Results of IBT tests for various year groups were reviewed and the school leadership team is in the process of developing action plan to improve Science curriculum. Improvements relating to student report cards for Term 2 were discussed and the Principal agreed to improve reporting standards from next academic year with personalized comments for High school students and numeric representation for Primary school children.

PRG focus groups held periodic meetings and several improvement ideas are under consideration for implementation. Glad to note interest from some parents to join these focus groups – together we can!

Last but not least, PRG terms of reference have been amended and the Principal will be sending out invitation letter seeking nomination for new PRG members for the next academic year. Please be ready to file your nomination. The new PRG would hold their meeting before the summer break!

Warm regards,

On behalf of EISM - PRG

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*Chairman*