

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS GROUP

Saudi Arabia

Dhahran British
Grammar School

Dhahran Elementary/
Middle School

Dhahran High School



ISG Dammam

ISG Jubail

Yanbu International School

(ISG is a not-for-profit Educational System for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.)

“Committed to Educational Excellence”

Notes from the meeting of the ISG Board of Trustees

September 28, 2009

Members present: President Doug Holroyd, Basil Abul-Hamayel, Peter Armstrong, Mark Bennett, Bob Britt, Patrick Galletti, Jim Morcom, Ancel Lewars, Steve Porter, Tom Rooker, Rana Al-Turki.

ISG staff present: Superintendent Norma Hudson, John Chapman, David Whitaker, Kelly McDermott and Bill Stapp

1. Welcome

President Holroyd opened the regular meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Board Candidate Interview

Mr. Robert Morin, Human Resources Consultant, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company was interviewed by the Members for a seat on the ISG Board of Trustees. Following the interview and discussion, the Members voted in favor of his appointment and he also will be part of the Facilities and Finance Committee.

3. Other Information

President Holroyd welcomed Dr. Bea Cameron and US Consul General Joe Kenny.

Dr. Bea Cameron introduced herself and gave a historical overview of her role as Regional Educational Officer for the Department of State Office for Overseas Schools and the relationship with International Schools Group. She will be visiting Jubail, Dammam, DHS, DEMS and DBGS over a period of two days. Dr. Cameron also will meet with teachers at school sites and will observe our current “virtual school” capabilities.

Mr. Kenny, Consul General, US Consulate thanked Dr. Cameron and welcomed her back to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Kenny also reviewed the close relationship that the U.S. Consulate has had with the school since 1964. He stated that the relationship remained strong and mutually beneficial for both organizations.

4. District Planning Team

President Holroyd welcomed Student Alex Britt to the Board of Trustees Meeting. Alex was asked to attend the meeting as a representative of the District Planning Team to present the new Mission Statement for review and approval.

The new Mission Statement reads:

OUR MISSION

We are a multi-cultural organization of accredited schools in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia offering a challenging world-class education. We endeavor to ensure that our students aspire to their fullest potential to become capable of a lifetime of high achievement, driven by integrity, acceptance of others and personal ambition. This will be achieved through excellent programs implemented by dedicated professional educators in a safe and nurturing environment.

Open communication and honesty are at the heart of our partnership with students, parents and community.

The District Planning Team was made up of students, faculty, parents, and board members. The Members discussed the proposed statement and approved it unanimously.

5. Consent Items

- Minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings from 25 May and 24 Aug were approved.
- Minutes of the HR/C and I Committee, Facilities and Finance Committee and Facilities Task Force were approved.

6. Seconded Resolutions

- Facilities Task Force
ISG – Dammam - The Members discussed timelines and alternative options for the new Dammam school project.
- Yanbu International School (YIS) - The Members discussed the acquisition of a new facility on a new site in Yanbu, and directed the administration to finalize lease arrangements.

7. Enrollment Report - Enrollment is currently 3,109 students.

8. Board And Committee Meeting Schedule

The Board and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2009 – 2010 was approved.

9. From the Superintendent

Superintendent Hudson updated the Board of Trustees on:

- King's Decree to close schools due to the H1N1 concerns
- Steps taken by ISG to inform community of the King's decree and school closure
- "Go Live" dates for school sites
- Daily communication to staff, students and parents by letter and FAQ's
- Evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the "Virtual School" experience

10. From the Board President

President Holroyd congratulated the Administration, staff and technology team on the work done to get the "Virtual School" running. Results of the evaluation will be presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.