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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ZOOM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 AT 16H00 AT SAFA COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	L. KHATIB	(CHAIRPERSON) (PROPRIETOR)	(LK)
	S. MERCHANT	(PROPRIETOR)	(SM)
	S. DUCKITT	(PRINCIPAL)	(SD)
	L. FRIDD	(VICE PRINCIPAL/HEADTEACHER PRIMARY)	(LF)
	M. DAVIES	(HEADTEACHER SECONDARY)	(MD)
	Z. HARRINGTON	(PRINCIPAL SAFA BRITISH SCHOOL)	(ZH)
	T. GREGORY	(COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA ADVISOR)	(TG)
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	S. MERCHANT	(PROPRIETOR)	(SM)
<b>MINUTES:</b>	S. DUCKITT	(PRINCIPAL)	(SD)

The meeting was convened at 16h00 by LK and the following items were discussed.

**1. WELCOME**

LK welcomed all present.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes were deemed true and correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

**4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

All reports were tabled prior to the meeting and Board members reviewed these. The meeting provided an opportunity for board members to raise any aspects from the reports and to address any other business.

**4.1. Numbers on Roll**

It was noted that some parents who had relocated or who were no longer able to pay the SCS fees had transferred to SBS in order to stay in the Safa family.

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## 5. SECONDARY REPORT

All reports were tabled prior to the meeting and Board members reviewed these. The meeting provided an opportunity for board members to raise any aspects from the reports and to address any other business.

### 5.1 Secondary Leadership

Board members were interested in the primary and secondary leadership structures and discussion was also had on the through school leadership changes for the new academic year.

## 6. PRIMARY REPORT

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### 6.1 Leadership and Management

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## 7. DISTANCE LEARNING

It was noted that in primary the school had appointed specialist distance learning teachers, especially to support the younger children who were on distance learning. Less than 5% of the school had opted to remain on distance learning.

In secondary, distance learning students logged into the normal lessons.

## 8. VARIOUS INSPECTIONS

School management reported that SCS had successfully completed a number of inspections from KHDA, Dubai Municipality and the DHA. The Board entertained a discussion on consistency and objectivity of inspections. Board members asked whether schools had received standard checklists used by inspectors. TB asked if he could offer any help especially in linking with the KHDA.

The Board members discussed the frequency of possible future school inspections and ZH advised the SBS had a KHDA review recently.

## 9. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SCS was starting afterschool swimming again following widescale parental requests to do so. This was being fully run by Aquatix as an external provider.

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Normal extended PE lessons resumed for primary students in the mornings and in the afternoons for secondary students.

## **10. NEW SECONDARY BUILDING EXTENSION**

LK highlighted the excitement and activity surrounding the imminent commencement of the new Secondary and Sixth Form extension building. This will start in the first week of June 2021 and be completed for the September 2022 intake.

## **11. REOPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2021**

LK suggested that SCS should prepare for a normal school year in September and then make adjustments for any specific protocols related to COVID that may be required of schools.

LF noted that parents were very anxious to receive updates on the type of schooling that will be available in September and particularly with children being able to move class to class in subjects such as MFL and Arabic. The Board noted that it would be prudent for the authorities to give early notifications.

The Board noted that parents across Dubai wanted to be reassured and confident that schools would reopen as normal as possible in September.

## **12. COVID-19**

LF asked if Dubai had a facility where staff could apply for exemption from being vaccinated and for having to wear a mask as is the case in some other emirates.

TB noted that we should assume rules will change constantly as the COVID situation changes.

The recent announcement that 12+ aged children can be vaccinated has been actively pursued by SCS families.

## **13. LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

LK thanked SD as the outgoing principal and his support for the school over the last six and half years. He and the Board also congratulated LF on being appointed as the new principal. Parents were pleased for the continuity and there has been a handover for an entire term.

## **14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

14.1 No dates were discussed for the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 16H50.