



# GRANADA ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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## Board of Directors

Alma Soto  
Board Chair

**Date:** August 16th, 2018 at 6:30pm

Maha Dahbour  
Vice Chair

## **Attendees:**

**Board members:** Alma Soto, Khadiga Elhaddad, Maha Dahbour, Magdy Abdelrahman, Atef Ibrahim, Farooq Ashraf.

**Admins:** Osman Khan, Wael Abdeljabbar (partially).

**PTO Officers:** Mariam Abdelgawad (partially), Maria (partially).

Khadiga Elhaddad  
Secretary

Magdi AbdelRahman  
Treasurer

**Absentees:** no one

Administration  
Osman Khan  
Principal

Lian Jeeawoody  
Vice Principal

## **Topic 1: Principal Update regarding the beginning of 2018-19 Academic year:**

- Overall everything is going well from parents and staff side.
- Paint job was good and added a lot of flavor to the school (colors are bright and very suitable). Br Jul helped a lot in finishing this task.
- Some changes made by the new principal:
  - Changing tardy policy (no 10% decrease in grades after 10 tardies).
  - Work with positive discipline association to provide complete training for our staff.
  - Start to build relations with other islamic institutes in the area, such as Zaytuna institute.
- The principal highlighted the need for more admins in the school compared to the number of students. He asked for secondary admin/VP for k to 5th grade.
- He also recommends for next year for some admins staff to stay in summer to well plan for the new year.

The board asked the principal to study the current admin structure thoroughly and report to the board the exact changes he wants to apply.

### **Topic 2: High School Dean Update:**

- In the first month of the school, the Dean's plan is to interview all the students and their parents to know the goal of each student, and plan together to reach this goal. He will encourage them to take college level courses (mainly language and Math).
- The dean main project is to develop a new route to finish HS faster and cheaper. Students can come to school 1-2 days only (for IS, Arabic, PE, etc ), and then they can go to community college(s) for the rest of the classes.
- By late november the board should get a clear plan for the parttime HS program at GIS, which should be implemented in the coming academic year (2019-20).
- Clear marketing plan should be in place by the end of december. This should be made by the business development coordinator, and Br Wael will coordinate with him.
- GIS needs to bring back its independent program name, and no one should be using this name anymore. Br Wael will work on this.
- Discussion about making GIS HS a Cisco academy, or at least to offer more tech classes for our students, either here or through doing the classes at mission college. Br Wael will study this.

### **Topic 3: GIS Website:**

- The board with the principal agreed that the website content should be updated by the staff, one or two staff members should do, and the principal will be controlling the content.

**Topic 4:Renovating The Playground:**

The board formed a committee to take care of the task of renovating the playground.

Committee members:

- Ameerah (Leading the committee)
- Br Gul - MCA facility manager.
- Sr Maha from GIS board
- One PTO member
- One BoT member

2 weeks after Eid we expect a report from this committee (around 2nd week of September).

**Topic 5: PTO Update:**

- PTO asked for a place for their meetings (between 20 to 30 attendees). The principal will inform the librarian to work to fit them in the library schedule, so that they can meet monthly in the library.
- As for PTO communication with parents:
  - They can send whatever they want to the parents, but emails should be reviewed first by admins (to make sure that admins are fully aware of all PTO decisions and plans).
  - PTO room parents can start informal whatsapp groups. These groups are not managed by the school or by the teachers, they are parents initiative only.

