

Board Chairperson report to the AGM for the period ending 31st December 2021.

Playford College, where a better future is being made.

On behalf of Playford College Board of directors I am pleased to present the annual report for the academic year of 2021. It is without question that school staff and student faced the many challenges related to COVID 19. The daily follow up of the public health reports required major and quick adaptations to the teaching and learning frameworks throughout the entire school to allow students to have an effective and smooth transition to online learning without compromising on the quality of education.

As a community that is rooted in the Islamic tradition, Playford College aim to contribute to our local and wider communities, providing experiences that nurture holistic development considering the spiritual, psychological, and physical dimensions of our existence.

Over this twelve-month period, the board worked hard to achieve its goals and support the school and I am delighted for the achievement & success that the Board has accomplished. Despite the many challenges, the School Board continued in its steady governance and policy role, working with, and supporting School Leadership as required.

Governance

The commitment of being on the School Board is significant, with monthly Board and Finance Committee meetings along with the preparation time required for each meeting. It is a role that none of the Board Directors take lightly, and I am thankful for the thoughtful and robust contributions from each of the Board Directors.

Playford College Board worked closely with School Leadership to ensure the school achieves excellence in academic outcomes and provides quality educations while ensuring this occurs within an Islamic faith, manners, and values. We also worked with School Leadership to introduce several policies, Standards and guidelines that promote above principles and encourage our staff and students to take the best of their opportunities and focus their efforts to make themselves proud of their faith and culture.

The Board thanks the very significant work of both our School Leadership and Finance Manager for their diligence and hard work in achieving healthy financed and budget. Based on our 5-year cashflow projections, the Board is confident, that our borrowings are within our current and projected capacity.

Changes in Board of Directors

In Mid 2022, **Dr Saad Jaber** decided to resign from his role as Board Director due to personal reasons. On behalf of school board, I would like to thank Dr Jaber for his sincere help and valuable contributions to school project since 2015 and Playford college school board from 2016 until now.

Dr Jaber role in establishing Playford College won't be forgotten, and he will continue to be one of Playford College pillars and main founder. We hope that Dr Jaber won't be away from school board

for long time and will join us again when his time allows him to contribute effectively to various school board activities.

The Board appointed **Mr. Salih Al Rashid** as a board director to replace Dr Jaber. Mr Al Rashid was a volunteer at Playford College from its inception in 2016 as IT Committee member and continued his role recently when the school requested his skills and experience in IT Audit and IT Officer selection, interview, and employment.

Strategic and Master Plan

The year 2021 was also highlighted by 2 main events at Playford College. First, Playford College continued to grow in many areas and develop in several dimensions, including student enrolments and the increasing waiting list. This reflects parents and students' confidence in the school and its bright future. This increased enrolment promoted School Leadership and school board to upgrade and develop school facilities. The second one is the completion of several projects and buildings refurbishment that are aimed to provide excellent learning environment.

In 2021, the College Board met frequently with School Leadership to oversee many projects that were completed in our school as listed in the table below.

School board and school leadership worked with school Architects, PPA and school Planner in the planning and preparation for stage 3 and 4 of our Master Plans. This project will provide state of the art multi-stage building to provide multi-million-dollar project will include double storey, state-of-the-art, custom designed buildings. The key focus of the project is to enhance teaching and learning to promote better educational results in the community.

The ground floor will have 3 laboratories (Art Lab, ICT and Design Technology) and brand-new toilets for boys and girls while the upper floor has and 6 GLA and new staff room.

Below is a table containing summary of these projects that were completed in 2021.

| Project | Estimate cost | Expected completion. Issues/ Comments |
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| Prophet Muhammad pbuh building (stage 1 and 2) Video LINK | 5.2 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praise to Allah swt, stage 1 and 2 of our Master Plan was completed and officially opened on time in November 2021. The building is named 'Prophet Muhammad pbuh' which is the first building that carry this name in SA. This mazing project was funded by BGA Grant, SAFA loan and school contribution. The Ground floor has Science, STEAM and Home Economy labs and the upper floor has 7 GLA. School Architect is Phillip Pilkington Architect and the builder is Cook building |
| SAFA Loan & BGA for Stage 3 and 4 of Master Plan | | The board, school leadership and Finance Manager worked together to obtain loan and grant to support stage 3 & 4 of school Master plan that will start in 2022. |



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| Application for Stage 3 and 4 to Playford Council. | 6 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board worked closely with school Leadership, Architect PPA, School Planner, Local MP, Lou Fantasia and MFY Traffic Consultant to plan, prepare, review, and submit PA for Stage 3 and 4. PA and DA approval were obtained for this project. |
| Admin / Reception building internal refurbishment. | \$ 400,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That was much needed project to upgrade the old and aging Admin building which is has reception area, 4 offices and staff area. The Architect was PPA and the builder was Cook Building. |
| Refurbishment of the Praying Hall + creation of new Canteen | \$110,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The praying hall (Imam Husayn building) was expanded and refurbished with the addition of new AC, LED Lighting, new exhaust system, new PA system and new storage area. A brand-new kitchen and canteen were created to serve our students. Architect was Jim Diamante and was done as builder owner system. |
| Refurbishment of the IT Lab and Illumination dept Office | \$ 90,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IT lab was totally redone with new HP Desktops, benches, Desks, cupboards, walls, ceiling. The illumination dept office was expanded with the addition of new benches, cupboards, LED lighting, walls, and ceilings. |
| Front yard and Internal work for 15 Dauntsey Road | \$ 80,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This newly purchased property was refurbished and upgraded to be used as Community Hub. This facility serve parents of our community who need assistance in specific areas and became very popular. It provides English, Computer and sewing lessons for families from school community. |
| Removal of the 3 old transportable | \$ 24,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These 3 old transportable served the school well, however, they were replaced by the new Prophet Muhammad building. |
| Comunet Audit of IT department | \$ 15,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school board and SL engaged an IT Community, called Comunet to conduct Audit of school IT setting, hard and software. Comunet provided 20 recommendations to improve IT setup, organization, documentation, policies, and Cyber security, and Wifi Access. Introduced Microsoft 365 instead of Google G suit Introduced Sentral upgraded version |
| Upgrade of internet from ADSL to nbn | \$ 50,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three-year contract negotiated with Blackbird to provide fibreoptic internet to the school. This had replaced the old ADSL internet. |
| Planning for new playground and new Sport Zone | \$200,000 for playground. \$ 350,000 for sport Zone. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 and 2 project removed school playground. Planning started in 2021 to replace it with brand new one. Funded by State Government grant and school contribution, this project due to be completed in 2022. Sport Zone, this project provides 2 multi-user space for youth to exercise and play sports. This will be funded by school. |

On behalf of Playford College Board, I take this opportunity to express our appreciation, gratitude, and recognition to the entire Playford College family, school leadership, teaching and supporting



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staff in Finance, Admin, Maintenance and IT Department for their courage, tireless support, commitments, dedications, hard work and enthusiasm. We are all proud of you.

It is appropriate and fitting that I express my thanks to those who serve as Board Directors; Vice Chair, Mr. Mohsin Mirza, Dr. Saad Jaber, Mr. Syed Asad Ali Naqvi and Mr. Sam Tripodi. I am thankful for their many years of service and the way they have contributed to the Board over these years.

I ask Allah (swt) to grant us His guidance and to help us all to accomplish the objectives we have set for Playford College.

Finally, we always end with what we started and that is,

Playford College, where a better future is being made.

Warm Regards

Dr. Abdul-razaq Musa,

Board Chairperson