

**PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL- CHINCHWAD**

**PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Parents Teachers Committee Meeting (PTA)

Virtual Meeting Date: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Venue: Ground Floor Class II D

Time: 03:00 pm

Present Members:

1. Ms. Shehanaz Cottar (Chairman)
2. Ms. Manisha Ghosarwade (Secretary)
3. Ms. Vaishali Ransubay
4. Ms. Deeplaxmi Parande (Joint secretary)
5. Mr. Gajendra Bidwai
6. Ms. Simmi Datta (Transport Rep)
7. Ms. Manasa Rammohan
8. Ms. Jayashree Jaiswal
9. Ms. Setu Shah
10. Ms. Swarnima Tiwari
11. Ms. Manjiri Dalvi (Joint Secretary)
12. Mr. Pankesh Chaudhari
13. Mr. Mandar Dalvi (Vice Chairman)
14. Ms. Nazma Shaikh
15. Ms. Shweta Deshmukh
16. Ms. Pranali Chaudhary
17. Ms. Geet Karamchandani
18. Ms. Aparna Mane Dehmukh
19. Ms. Blessia Chaktanarayan
20. Ms. Sachita Nanekar
21. Ms. Farzeen Firoz
22. Ms. Dipti Lagad
23. Ms. Geeta Bennur
24. Mr. Rohidas Patil

The minutes of the last EPTA meeting dated 06/07/2024 were briefed to all the members.

The Chairman updated that Good Night Machines are put in all the classes with concern regarding to Chikungunya and Dengue. The Mid Term Exams have started and if any child is sick or not keeping well, the school will provide help and support and the retest will be conducted for the students showing genuine reasons as well as for the students who will be participating for ZP competitions and Drawing Exam. These retests will be conducted from 3rd October 2024 onwards.

The Chairman also informed that this year Annual day is planned on 22, 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 at the PCMC auditorium. The annual day practice will start from 03rd October onwards and the program will be conducted in 6 slots. Details of the same will be shared on 3rd October to all the parents. Grade X and XI will also participate in Annual Day. Grade XII will not be able to participate as they will prepare for their Practical and Board exams.

**The Chairman said that the PCMC Auditorium has been booked with the help of a parent and they are grateful for it.**

The Chairman informed that Diwali vacation starts on 25th October to 10th November 2024. Post Diwali vacations picnics are planned.

Ms. Datta expressed her concern about Marathi Language, she said that for Non Maharashtra students it is difficult to learn this language and if the concepts could be explained in English or Hindi.

**The Chairman said that the teacher will share vocabulary words in English as well as explain it but being in Maharashtra they need to learn Marathi**

Ms. Jaiswal had a concern about the After School Club Activity. She said that her child has enrolled for football , since he is the only one classes cannot be held and request for the amount to be refunded. For ZP competitions Grade VII students were selected, other Grade students were also working hard but did not get a chance.

**The Chairman replied that a prior circular was given and trials took place accordingly. Sometimes the opposite team is tough and hence under age students are not selected. Selection of students are done as per the age category.**

Students who do not participate in the Annual Day are not given Invitation Pass and hence do not get motivation so there was a request that invitation cards be shared.

**The Chairman said in the Auditorium capacity is limited and hence accommodating all the parents is difficult.**

Parent asked which is the correct way to get connected with the teacher as messages are not replied on Loop Learning.

**The Chairman said if any message is not replied within 24 hours the parent can share the screenshot and send mail to the Principal.**

The parent said the Loop Learning app can be downloaded only on Android phones and not for IOS. It works much faster on the Browser than the App and it would be beneficial if there could be notification for the Teachers messages.

**The Chairman said Mr. Murari IT Executive will check and update regarding the same.**

Mr. Bidwai raised a concern about ideal bag weight. According to Govt. rules 10% of the body weight of a child to be considered.

Ms. Shweta Deshmukh said that there are surprise checks done and it is found that the students in higher grades are carrying unnecessary things. Students do not carry books as per Time Table.

**The Chairman added that from 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 an awareness drive will be organised. Reminders can be sent to parents to check bags and to send books as per Time Table. We can counsel the students and check bags. If the students are found with extra books, they will be counseled and handed over. The third time the books will be kept with the school.**

Mr. Dalvi said if the entire school can be called for Independence Day and Republic Day celebration.

**Decision was taken that all the students will be called for Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Mr. Dalvi said students are asked to complete Notebook and Workbook and the message is sent a day prior about incomplete work.

**Vice Principal (Afternoon) said that workbook questions are application based and must be completed by the students on their own. They are guided by the teachers.**

Mr. Dalvi said that Grade VI students are unable to read Hindi fluently and Hindi Grammar is tough.

**The Chairman said students write as they speak. Hindi Teachers will be informed to explain in detail. Videos are shared during breaks regarding Hindi Matras.**

Mr. Dalvi suggested if some sessions can be organized on Stress Management for students and parents to keep mobile away.

**The Chairman informed that sessions are conducted for students by the Leadership team and the school counselor from time to time. The counselor is trying to reach out to them for online sessions but very few parents take part.**

The Chairman informed that to improve on safety and security with the recent sensitive issues happening around, the Management has decided to go ahead with CCTV in all the classrooms and an Innovative Lab has been set up for the students to go ahead with Robotics and it will be functional in the next few days.

The Chairman introduced the Fee Hike for A.Y. 2025- 26 and 2026- 2027 along with 5% on one-time payment and 10% on sibling discount. The last fee Hike was for the AY 23 -24 and 24 -25 for 14%

The parents have the option to pay in one stroke, in 3 easy installments or use Gray Quest. The EPTA members said they will discuss amongst parents and revert back.

The bus incident which took place was questioned.

**The Chairman said drivers are counseled and trainings are conducted. They are not allowed to drive in PMT Bus routes. Since the Bus Driver did not follow proper rules and policies his job stands terminated.**

Ms. Datta asked about the Hyderabad Trip and the safety of the children.

**The Chairman assured that the students will go by train. Teachers and the Tour Manager will accompany. Safety will be completely taken care of.**

The Chairman thanked all the members for the constructive meet and looked forward to an early reply by the EPTA members with regard to the Fee Hike.