



Podar International School ICSE-ISC, Nerul

Minutes Of the Second Executive Parent Teacher Association Meeting

AY 2024-25

Day and Date: Saturday 10th August, 2024

Time : 8.30 a.m.

Venue : Ashoka Hall

Quorum : Dr.Bhushan Bonde- Chairperson and Principal

Ms. Baljeet Kaur-Vice Principal (Morning Shift)

Ms. Zareen Poonawala -Vice Principal (Afternoon Shift)

Academic Coordinators & Event Coordinators

Year Leaders and Class Representatives

EPTA members

Agenda:

1. Welcoming the PTA Members.
2. Glimpses of the activities conducted.
 - a) Student Welfare.
 - b) Behaviour and Personal development.
3. School achievements.
4. Academic Enhancement
5. Annual Planner:

- a) Term 1 Examination.
- b) Long Tours.
- c) School Events, Activities and Holidays

6. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Welcoming EPTA Members.

With a note of positivity and her cheerful demeanor Ms. Kavita Bhatt, Co-ordinator (Std IX and X) began her Welcome Speech with a beautiful prayer and welcomed each and everyone present in the Second Executive Parent Teacher Association Meeting AY 2024-25 . She highlighted the Agenda of the meeting and the Glimpses of the Activities .

Vice Principals, Ms. Baljeet Kaur (Morning shift) and Ms. Zareen Poonawala (Afternoon shift) presented the following:

Ms. Baljeet Kaur started her presentation with a meaningful quotation in Sanskrit that emphasizes the joint effort of parents and teachers in imparting valuable education and fostering the overall development of a child.

She profusely thanked our beloved Principal Dr. Bhushan Bonde for being the great motivator, constant guiding force and helping each and every member of Podar family not only to navigate our academic journey but also our personal growth.

She appreciated the active role of our class representatives who diligently work together to improve our classroom environment by addressing the important issues, ensuring hygiene, and collecting feedback on various aspects. Their collective effort is contributing to a great extent to bring the positive changes among the students.

Next, some amazing news for the entire Podar family was announced. Podar International School, ICSE, ISC Nerul has been honoured with the Excellence in Academic Achievement Award at the Leadership Excellence Conclave and Our Principal Sir has been honoured with the Certificate of Excellence by Hindustan Times Pace Principal Conclave.

In addition, we have some remarkable sports achievement to celebrate. Master Aryan Singh from Std X excelled in the Karate Championship, winning a gold medal and qualifying for the Nationals. Similarly, at CISCE Taekwondo competition hosted by Euro School Airoli, Tasheen Nazir Abdul from VID won a gold medal in the U-12 Girls category, Master Vihaan Honyalkar from VIII-D won a bronze medal in the U-14 Boys, Master Shourya Salunkhe from IXF won Silver medal in U-17 Boys category and Aarvee Yogesh Kaduskar won Bronze medal in U-10- Girls category. She congratulated to all the students whose achievement serves as an inspiration among other students to pursue their interests and excel in their respective fields.

Some unique initiatives that keep our students improve academically

1. **Enrichment Classes** are designed to help students strengthen their understanding of fundamental concepts in their subjects. These classes help students solidify their foundational knowledge.
2. **Pragati Program** caters to the needs of the classes who need a bit more practice in specific subject. It provides tailored worksheets, questionnaires, and practice papers of that subject and is continuously monitored by the class teacher.
3. **The Library Advisory Committee** has introduced a **Digital Library Initiative**, making a wide range of digital books accessible to students. The hyperlink to the digital library has already been shared with everyone as a result students find it easier and more enjoyable to engage in regular reading, exploring different genres and topics at their own pace.
4. **Performance Tips** have been shared with students after analyzing their Unit Test answer scripts. These tips are designed to help students improve their scores by identifying and addressing learning gaps, with additional support from parents at home. This is initiated so that students have a clearer path to academic success, with both school and home working together to support their learning.
5. **Lakshya**-- an Interactive virtual session was organised with academic toppers of the 2024 Board Exams. This session provided an opportunity for current Grade X and XII students to receive valuable guidance directly from those who have excelled and it helped them to become more confident in tackling their board exams.

Upcoming Important Dates AY 2024-25

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| First Term examination | 18.09.2024 to 1.10.2024 |
| Open house- First Term examination | 19.10.2024 |
| Unit test 2 | 02.12.2024 to 13.12.2024 |
| Open House – Unit test 2 | 21.12.2024 |

Upcoming Holidays AY 2024-25

Ganesh Chaturthi: 7th September to 11th September, 2024

Diwali Vacation: 26th October to 10th November, 2024

Christmas Vacation: 25th December to 1st January, 2025

Long Outdoor Tours have been arranged for the students to Aurangabad and Hyderabad. All the itinerary details are shared with them and a virtual orientation has been arranged with the tour operators for parents whose wards are going on the tour.

Glimpses of the recent school events and activities:

Spelling Bee competition was conducted in the month of June for the students of Grade V – X to enhance students' spelling skills and vocabulary comprehension through friendly competition. It promotes language proficiency and boosts confidence in public speaking among participants.

Podar Nerul ICSE Model United Nations Conclave to teach students about international relations, global diplomacy and critical problem solving skill.

Inter-house Competitions : Fancy Dress Competition named as **Dress to Impress** was for Grade V and VI. Grade VII and VIII had one minute enactment **Page to stage**. The classrooms of

Grade I to IV turned into quizosphere spaces with curiosity, enthusiasm and laughter at its peak during **The Comic Trivia Quiz**.

Students also got an excellent chance to showcase their talent for the Display Boards based on the theme **Ink and Imagination** on cartoon characters.

Scientifica: Hand on scientific experiments and different interactive projects made by our students are displayed along with the write ups for all on a regular basis.

Grati-Tuesday is conducted every Tuesday where students write a note of appreciation in their school diary by thanking one person each week. This activity aims at making our students realise the importance of expressing appreciation and gratitude for the people around.

Abhiman Series : This activity is conducted on every Thursday by the respective Class Teachers where we pay tribute to our unforgettable heroes who made our country proud globally.

'Special Feature – Mirror Musings: Reflecting on My Brightest Self' was conducted on 15th July, 2024 to introduce the students to a growth mindset and help them differentiate between a growth and a fixed mindset. The activities were designed to prepare the students (V and VI) to adapt and develop them to have a growth mindset. To make the students aware of the sensible use of plastics, Jumpstart activity was conducted for the students of Grade of VII and VIII .

Ashadhi Ekadashi : Shaleywari was conducted by the students of grade V where each and every student, dressed in Traditional attire proudly exhibited the rich culture of Maharashtra.

Our students also participated in a seed drive activity to complement the Vriksha Dindi celebration on this auspicious day of Ashadhi Ekadashi. This initiative was a vibrant blend of cultural reverence and environmental consciousness.

Vriksh Dindi, a procession symbolizing the importance of trees in our lives, was beautifully echoed in the **Seed Drive Activity**. Students collected a variety of seeds and prepared them for planting, emphasizing the significance of nurturing nature. This activity not only reinforced their understanding of environmental sustainability but also connected them deeply with the cultural heritage associated with Ashadhi Ekadashi. The event was a testament to the students' commitment to fostering a greener future, as they actively engaged in promoting biodiversity and ecological balance. The seed drive was a meaningful tribute to Vriksha Dindi, reflecting the students' dedication to preserving the environment while celebrating traditional values.

Guru Purnima : We value the ancient tradition of **Guru and Shishya parampara** and this bond was beautifully depicted through an impressive role play in the special assembly by our students.

Abhivyakti: The Annual Debate Competition Abhivyakti was conducted for Grade XI and XII. A topic was given to the participants one hour before for preparation. This helps students in developing critical thinking, confidence, communication skills, research skills as well as Public speaking skills.

Best Classroom of the Month: To inculcate the feeling of belongingness towards their class, Podar International School ICSE-ISC, Nerul has initiated Best Classroom of the Month award for which two classes are awarded every month. This motivates the students to take pride in their classroom and work for the betterment of it.

International Yoga Day : Like every year , this year also the day was celebrated on June 21st and aims to spread awareness about the benefits of yoga for physical and mental health. The theme was Yoga for Self and Society.

Budding orators

The Budding Orators Competition at Podar International School, ICSE (Grade III and IV) was a remarkable event that showcased the eloquence and confidence of young speakers. Held in the school Library, the competition saw enthusiastic participation from students who were eager to demonstrate their public speaking skills. It was a memorable event that celebrated the potential and creativity of the young minds.

Story telling

On the 18th of June, 2024, our school library buzzed with creativity and excitement as we conducted our Storytelling Competition. This year's event was nothing short of spectacular, bringing together talented storytellers from grade 1 and 2, each eager to share their unique tales with an enthusiastic audience.

Declamation competition

Declamation Competition held for the students of Grades I and II, provided the students with a platform to develop their public speaking skills and encouraged them to articulate their thoughts confidently.

Role Play Day

On July 18, 2024, the Grade I to IV classrooms of our Primary Section were abuzz with laughter and excitement as the students were completely engaged in the Role Plays they proudly endorsed. The activity is designed to foster creativity, confidence, and a deeper understanding of various concepts among our young learners. Each class presented their role plays, with students portraying a wide array of characters.

Earth Day

On Earth Day 02.08.2024, our young learners of grade I to IV creatively raised awareness amongst all about the **Pacific Ocean Plastic Patch** through an engaging skit performed during the school assembly. The skit was designed to educate young minds on the critical issue of plastic pollution in an entertaining and memorable way.

The engaging storyline, combined with colorful costumes and props, captivated the audience and left a lasting impression on the young students. By integrating this creative approach into their Earth Day celebrations, Podar International School successfully conveyed the importance of protecting our oceans and inspired students to be proactive in preserving the environment.

Rakhis for our soldiers: Raksha Bandhan—a **bond of protection** is celebrated in our school in a unique way. When we send rakhis to our brothers, it is an act of personal care and love. But, when you **send rakhis to our soldiers** at the borders, it immediately turns out to be an act of impersonal love which is believed to be far superior and sacred form of love and bond. We sent **111 rakhis** made by our students to our soldiers who are protecting us round-the-clock in seasons.

All these activities not only help the students in academics but also in fostering self-esteem and social skills.

The meeting was concluded with an awe inspiring speech by our beloved Principal, Dr. Bhushan Bonde. He narrated the story of the boy, the wind, and the kite arguing over taking the credit for the kite's flight. This is significant as it teaches a lesson about the importance of collaboration and humility. Each party—the boy who made the kite, the wind that allows it to soar, and the kite itself—plays an essential role in the process.

The boy's craftsmanship gives the kite form, the wind provides the force that lifts it, and the kite's design enables it to catch the wind and rise. Without the contribution of any one of these elements, the kite would not be able to fly.

Success is often a result of teamwork and interdependence. It emphasizes that no single entity should claim all the credit, as the outcome is a product of combined efforts. This story can also serve as a reminder to appreciate and acknowledge the contributions of our **Golden Triangle**

