

PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL- CHINCHWAD

PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

Parents Teachers Committee Meeting (PTA)

Virtual Meeting Date: 24/07/2021

Venue: Ground Floor

Time: 11:00 am

Present Members

Ms.Radhika Kanase

Ms. Gunjan Chitale

Ms. Prachi Wakharkar

Mr. Ramesh Behera

Ms. Deepali Rajhans

Ms. Sujata Phooltambkar

Mr. Jayant Magar

Ms. Kaumudi Pandey

Ms. Varsha Rawool

Ms. Jaya Kumar

Ms. Uma Agarwal

Ms. Shehanaz Cottar

Mr. D.S.J. Franklin

Ms. Archana Karande

Ms. Manisha Ghosarwade

Mr. Swapnil Ranavare

Principal Mam welcomed all the EPTA Members for the 1st EPTA Members for the A.Y. 2021- 22. Due to the pandemic situation the meeting was planned virtually.

Principal Mam introduced Mr. Franklin Sir (General Manager, Pune Region) , Ms. Archana Karande as Vice Principal for Morning Shift and Ms. Manisha Ghosarwade as Vice Principal for Afternoon Shift.

Franklin Sir welcomed all the members and said we will work together for the overall development of the students

Principal Mam then asked the interested parent to raise their hands for the selection of one Vice Chairman and two Joint Secretaries for the formation of Executive Committee.

Mr. Jayant Magar was elected as Vice Chairman and Ms. Varsha Rawool and Ms. Jaya Kumar as Joint Secretary.

CHAIRMAN	Ms. SHEHANAZ COTTAR (Principal)
VICE CHAIRMAN	Mr. JAYANT MAGAR
SECRETARY	Ms. ARCHANA KARANDE (Vice Principal)
JT. SECRETARY	Ms. VARSHA RAWOOL Ms. JAYA KUMAR

The Chairman informed that the EPTA and the Executive Committee has been formed as per the Govt. directives and the portfolio will be informed to all.

The school will reopen as soon as any directive from the Govt. is received, but for now till 31st of July no schools will start.

The entire building has been sanitized on regular basis , staff is vaccinated (single dose / double dose ).In the days to come the school will reopen for Grade 9th to 12th and later upto Grade 5 but the students will be asked to attend in scattered attendance.

An educative video will be shared to all students before the reopening of the school, wherein all the necessary precautions are taken and as per Government protocols a max of 12 students will be seated in each class and attendance will be on alternate days

The Chairman asked if anything the EPTA members want to share from their side.

Mr. Ramesh Behera had a query whether in the month of January 2021 when the school started for Std 9th to 12th , was it full capacity or partially opened, if partial then what about those students who stayed at home.

The Chairman remarked that the school opened for Std V to XII , wherein a prior consent was taken by parents. We had 500+ students coming to school , where we followed Hybrid teaching.

Mr. Ramesh Behera liked the concept of Hybrid teaching and was very impressed that the school is following it.

Ms. Varsha Rawool asked with regard to Transport facility for students to come to school.

The Chairman said that Transport facility will commence as per RTO guidelines and permission from the state Govt.

Ms. Uma Agarwal said that for Std XII students have classes from 7: 30 am to 2:30pm. Some students have joined CA Foundation classes which start at 6 pm to 9 pm in the evening. This schedule is very hectic for the students.

The Chairman said they were in the process of solving this matter at the earliest.

Ms. Sujata Phooltambkar wanted to understand how teachers are going to fill up the gap when the change is from virtual to physical.

The Chairman said that there's definitely a difference between physical and virtual learning. When we started our virtual school in the month of April 2021 for 02 weeks we had revision where the concepts of the students were made clear and any gap present was bridged, the same will be followed when we start physical school again. The teachers are using different type of apps to make their class more interactive and innovative.

Mr. Jayant Magar asked if any fee reduction circular has come from the Govt. due to Corona as many parents are asking for the same. They felt that infrastructure is not being used but parents were paying full fees.

The Chairman said till date no circular from the Govt. was received it we would be definitely take it into consideration. There has been a 10% discount applicable

on entire academic fees which are shared by the Accounts Dept. for the entire year 2020 and for some months in the year 2021.

Parents who have financial difficulties have approached the school and they have been taking care of them and the management has been kind enough to waive off their fees or reduce their fees.

Ms Sujata suggested about extracurricular activities, if students of lower class can come together and share their activity with each other.

The Chairman said that the school has many talented students, and an Instagram page for Art and Creative Activity has been initiated where their activities will be highlighted. This will also be shared with all the parents.

Ms. Prachi had a query that before reopening of school can we make sure that the family members of our students get vaccinated or if we can encourage them to get vaccinated. She also had a query if for this year is there any reduction in syllabus

The Chairman said we will take care of this and a circular will also be sent across all parents. There would be no reduction in the syllabus.

Ms. Deepali Rajhans was welcomed by Principal Mam and a short summary of the meeting was explained.

Mr. Ramesh had a query about publishing the name of the EPTA Members on the school website.

The Chairman said it will be published on the school board and on the website. She took confirmation from the members if only email id can be published on web site as the Mobile Numbers go public and for lady EPTA members it becomes difficult. This concern was raised by one lady representative from the last EPTA .All the EPTA Members welcomed the idea of using email id instead of phone numbers.

Ms. Radhika said that they are new admission in PIS - Chinchwad in Std I and had a couple of queries

1. Would it be compulsory to send students to school.
2. We have two platforms betweenus and google classroom, it is difficult to trace the home work on both, if any one can be followed and for working parents it becomes difficult to follow the deadlines.
3. For elder students if weekend work can be cancelled
4. If Marathi and Hindi class can be on seperate days.

5. Reduction in fees was another concern raised.

The Chairman said that it is not compulsory; to send kids to physical school it will be as per parents' consent. Teachers will be asked to Whatsapp the HW on official group at the end of the day and at least 2 or 3 days time is given to complete the home work .Attempts will be made to reduce the HW on Saturdays and Sundays. Hindi and Marathi classes will be scheduled separately for Std I. Discount is given to parent who pay entire Academic Fees. Any GR with regard to fees will be surely informed to the parents.

Mr. Magar suggested to have Whatsapp group for EPTA Members including teachers and other members so that transparency can be maintained

The Chairman replied that till date no whatsapp group was created and parents can easily drop a mail to the Chairman's email address. She said that the request may be considered.

Ms. Gunjan said that Integrated English has to be taught in English, but the teacher teaches in Hindi.

The Chairman said she would address the grievance.

Ms. Deepali Rajhans Mam requested that since they were new admissions to school did not have any friends due to pandemic. A suggestion for a virtual meet of all students could be organized so that they become aware of each other.

Principal Mam said we will plan for a breakfast together virtually with the class students.

Mr Ramesh highly appreciated that the children are doing good and students are more engaged in their 'work. School has opted for Hybrid teaching which is not so easy, but the school is managing it very well. School is doing very good in the pandemic

The Chairman thanked for the appreciation and all inputs from the EPTA was welcomed.

The Chairman thanked all the EPTA members and the meeting was adjourned.