

PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL- CHINCHWAD

PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

Parents Teachers Committee Meeting (PTA)

Meeting Date: 30/11/2024

Venue: II D (Ground Floor)

Time: 03:00 pm

Present Members:

1. Ms. Shehanaz Cottar (Chairman)
2. Ms. Manisha Ghosarwade (Secretary)
3. Ms. Vaishali Ransubhe
4. Mr. Mandar Dalvi (Vice Chairman)
5. Mr. Deepak Ratnaparkhi
6. Mr. Gajendra Bidwai
7. Mr. Pankesh Chaudhari
8. Ms. Jayashree Jaiswal
9. Ms. Manasa Rammohan
10. Ms. Deeplaxmi Parande
11. Ms. Pranali Chaudhary
12. Mr. Rohidas Patil
13. Ms. Farzeen Firoz
14. Ms. Nazma Shaikh
15. Ms. Blessia Chakaranarayan
16. Ms. Geet Karamchandani
17. Ms. Aparna Mane Deshmukh
18. Ms. Shweta Deshmukh
19. Ms. Geetha Vishwanathan
20. Ms. Geeta Bennur
21. Ms. Sachita Nanekar

The meeting started by welcoming the EPTA members.

The Chairman informed that the APAAR ID details are shared with parents and for Grade IX and X the response is good compared to other classes. The EPTA Members are requested to sensitize the parents about APAAR ID to parents of other classes as it has been shared from Education Department.

Mr. Bidwai asked if it was mandatory and had a concern as it is handled by a third party.

The Chairman clarified that it is mandatory for all the children and the school needs to complete the process where it would serve as a digilocker for the students and all the academic records would be found there.

The Chairman said that PT2 are starting from 2nd December. Parents send requests to conduct re-exam as they are out for a function. In this case the child will be marked absent. If the child is sick it will be considered and re-exam can be conducted or average marks will be given. She also said that Grade IX students use Instagram and post unhealthy messages. Parents need to monitor and talk to their wards to stop such posting.

Mr. Bidwai had a concern with regard to books weight and timetable. The changed TT had 2 days in a week where there was a concern.

The Chairman informed that the bags were weighed and once again it will be done. Parents must send books timetable wise. For high grades the students share the textbooks.

Mr. Bidwai said that Grade XII will pay the fee according to the new fee structure but they will not be the part of the school in future. He also asked about the further improvements?

The Chairman informed that every 2 years as per the Fee Regulation Act fee can be increased upto 15 %. The school has improved a lot in the last 10 - 12 years. The school ground is modified with Turf, Flood Lights, a new lift is installed. Now there are two lifts, German equipment is installed, and the Innovative, stage in the Quadrangle and Basket ball area has come up.

Students are not charged except for Annual day, costume, picnics and after school activities.

Mr. Bidwai reacted that the school has proposed a 15% fee hike for 2 years, which is annually 9% and is high enough. The infrastructure is shared by two shifts.

The Chairman informed the members that if you look at the Bench Mark in PCMC, our school has very low fees. Maximum students go for single payment, discounts are provided. Siblings get a 10% discount.

Mr. Dalvi and other parents wanted to know the School's Development Plan for the next 2 years in the improvement of the school. Mr. Bidwai added a point that there is no scope of introducing extra classes like music , dance, sports etc as the school is double shift.

The Chairman said maximum schools in the vicinity are double shifts. Their fee in comparison to Podar is very high. Every parent is informed about the fee and is known about the infrastructure. There is no compulsion for admission; parents take admission as per their choice.

Mr. Bidwai asked about improvement in the periods? The school should have extracurricular activities

The Chairman said all students not achieving Podar goals remedial can be given as per the parent. We inform parents not to enroll for tuition classes. Parents pay huge amounts for tuitions. It is the choice of the parent which school to choose for their ward.

Mr. Dalvi had a concern about teachers who leave the school or go on long leaves, it is students' loss which should be filled. Supplement teachers should be available. School should be ready to meet such challenges.

The Chairman explained that the teacher goes on a long leave or leaves school due to some family emergency or medical reason. In this situation other teachers pitch in and care is taken that the students will not have academic loss. The school will definitely think about a supply teacher.

Mr. Dalvi said as exams approach there is a rush in completion of the syllabus. The student who is sick has to suffer.

The Chairman said that the team sits together and plan the portion. We do understand that it is a loss for the child who is sick but we do conduct re-exams for such children.

The Chairman continued that CCTV will be installed in all classes as it is the need of the hour.

Talking on the Washroom concern for the 1st and 2nd floor the chairman assured that there will be renovation of the Ground floor, 1st Floor and 2nd Floor washrooms in the month of May 2025.

Mr. Bidwai said that 25% of RTE students study in school free of cost. There are some parents who are defaulters, and ultimately the expenses come on parents who pay regular fees.

The chairman made it clear that the parent pays for his/her ward only. It's Govt. quota of RTE students which cannot be denied.

The Chairman also said that the school is working on the permanent solution of covering the Front porch area and quadrangle area.

The Chairman informed that the management has not agreed on the 10.5 % fee hike put forth by the EPTA during the last meeting.

The EPTA members wanted a thumbnail proposal of the expenses so that they can put forth before parents .

They also stressed that the process of EPTA should be streamlined. There should be a mechanism for communication. The message of Fee Hike can be put on the Loop Learning as a means of reaching all parents well in advance.

The Chairman thanked the parents and said that they would have a meeting before the Winter Break.

