

Minutes of the Second EPTA Meeting

AY 2025 - 26

Date & Day : 20th September 2025, Saturday

Time : 9:30 am

Venue: School - Room No 203

Quorum : Principal, All EPTA Members and School Staff.

The Vice Principal Ms. Baljeet Kaur initiated the meeting by expressing her gratitude to the Executive PTA Members, for their humble and noble gesture of showing love for the teachers with a token of appreciation on Teachers Day.

She further requested the attention of everyone present to come together for a round of applause for the EPTA.

The Vice Principal requested everyone to join her for a short prayer. She later stressed on the importance of the need for the parents and school to walk hand in hand for the bright future of children.

Post prayer a small token of appreciation – Paintings made by the students were presented by the Principal, these paintings signified the **initiation and planning of forthcoming Art Exhibition**, our tradition to mark the beginning of a creative journey.

Ms. Baljeet Kaur displayed the agenda on the screen and initiated the presentation.

Academic Achievements

The quadruple years of success in the ICSE Board Results was shared with the EPTA Members, it was shared with great pride that **29 students scored a perfect 100** in different subjects – Indeed a proud moment for all of us.

Academic Initiatives:

The following initiatives which enhanced the performance of the students were shared with the EPTA members.

- Academic Guide in May
- Test Yourself Worksheets in August
- Past years Term 1 Examination papers



- Revision Worksheets in September
- Conducting Career Guidance sessions

To give a glimpse of how our children are working in the classrooms, a short video was shown displaying school students in action.

Academic Achievements of the students:

The following achievements were shared with the parents, with a special mention of how the teachers along with the parents play a crucial role in the success of the students.

- **Miss Karnavi Patel** – Won the *Silver Medal* in the prestigious **Dr. Homi Bhabha Balvaidyanik Competition**, competing against over 88,000 participants.
- **Mst. Abhipray Sinha** – Secured a *Gold Medal in Mathematics* and was recognized with the **STEM Model of Excellence Award**.
- **Mst. Sumedh** – Took Podar to the global stage by presenting his paper at the **International Space Conference, GLEX-2025 in Delhi**. He interacted with astronauts Rakesh Sharma, Angad, and Michael López (NASA), and even received guidance from ISRO Chairman, Mr. V. Narayanan. A proud journey from *Classroom to Cosmos*.

Initiatives by the Teachers:

A short video was showcased to illustrate the faculties ongoing commitment to continuous learning and development. The videos illustrated how the faculties are completely involved in preparing specialized worksheets, tests and academic resources in preparing specialized worksheets, tests and academic resources.

Sports Achievements

Ms. Baljeet explained that qualities such as discipline and effort lead to success in academics and the same qualities shine brightly on the sports field.

Achievements in various sports competitions were shared with immense pride with all the attendees. (*football camp in Austria, taekwondo, boxing, swimming, basketball, chess, skating, badminton, etc.*)

Student Welfare Sessions (SWS)

The meeting reiterated that at Podar, we believe that true success is not measured only in marks or medals, but also in the **smiles, values, and well-being of our students**.

The following **Student Welfare Sessions** were conducted by the school.....:

- Mindfulness,



- Good Touch–Bad Touch,
- Respectful Behaviour,
- Cyber Safety,
- Career Guidance,
- Mental Wellness,
- Handling Peer Pressure and Challenges.

It was emphasized that these sessions are not extra lessons — they are life lessons. They prepare our children not just to **score well**, but also to **live well**.

A short video which captured the spirit of our Student Welfare Sessions — nurturing happy, confident, and responsible Podarites was presented.

Ms. Baljeet kaur invited Ms. Jullie Shah , Vice Principal Afternoon Shift carry out the further session.

Ms. Jullie conveyed that the experience through school activities shapes and makes well-rounded individuals who thrives in the future."

She shared a few key highlights from recent student development initiatives at PIS ICSE-ISC, Nerul,

"Celebrating Rakhi with Those Who Protect Us"

It was proudly shared that 1350 Rakhis made by our students were sent to the border post through Army Postal Service and after receiving Rakhis from our students, the soldiers were overwhelmed with gratitude. Year after year, they continue to send heartfelt appreciation letters, which motivate our students to continue this noble initiative.

Along with this, the students also visited the NRI Police Station and Fire Station at Nerul to express their thanks our local protectors for their selfless service.

Following new initiatives that aimed at shaping the complete development of our students was shared.

Calligraphy Competition

" The Elegant Strokes Calligraphy Competition beautifully showcased the creativity and passion of our students. Each stroke reflected not only their artistic talent but also the patience, dedication, and love they put into their work."

The Alumni Meet – Vidyut *New initiative.

"An Alumni Meet was conducted for our students of Grades 10 to 12, featuring an engaging interactive session. Our former students shared their inspiring journeys from school life to the positions they hold today. Their experiences helped the students of Grade 10 understand stream selection better and reduced the confusion they usually face at this stage."



News Paper Reading Week (III & VIII)

A new initiative was introduced to nurture the joy of reading among students, helping them enrich their vocabulary and gain confidence in the English language. Even the younger learners were encouraged to explore dictionaries, turning the discovery of new words into an exciting adventure of learning."

Mind optimizer –IT wizard for grade III to XII

"Technology is best when it brings people together." The Mind Optimizer Club brings tech-savvy students together to showcase creativity and problem-solving skills. This year, with a focus on AI tool app development, students were encouraged to innovate and explore solutions for real-world challenges and explore the projects by using coding.

Think tank

What began as a simple classroom activity turned into one of the school's most successful events? The Think Tank challenged students to pitch their ideas within a limited timeframe, sharpening their communication and presentation skills. Guided by real Shark Tank examples, they focused on clarity, strong visuals, and impactful delivery. The event's highlight was an expert panel of alumni professionals, who evaluated the pitches, shared valuable insights, and inspired students to dream bigger for their future."

Hindi Diwas Celebration : Chitti Aayi Hai

"दिल से दिल तक" : From the students to their parents

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with the activity "Chitti Aayi Hai – Dil Se Dil Tak," where students penned heartfelt letters to their parents, expressing their love, gratitude, and respect. The initiative beautifully highlighted the emotional bond between students and their families.

Gratitude Tuesdays Every Tuesday, our students reflect on the good things in their lives and express heartfelt gratitude to those who've made a positive impact. They write thank-you notes in their diaries, fostering a culture of appreciation and respect.

The Abhimaan Series

A series that we celebrated the journey from freedom fighters to today's real heroes, inspiring students to see them as true role models. The school paid tribute to the Indian Armed Forces for their selfless service and sacrifices that keep our nation safe. Students also learned the stories of eight brave hearts, filling their hearts with courage, duty, and love for the country."

Guru Purnima – "गुरु बिन ज्ञान अधूरा"

"Guru Purnima was celebrated with respect and gratitude, as students honoured their teachers—the true guiding lights— The saying 'गुरु बिन ज्ञान अधूरा' reminds us that learning is incomplete without a guru. Students expressed through poems, speeches, cards, and flowers making the day a touching tribute to their mentors."

Special Assemblies



To familiarize our students with various festivals and significant days, we conduct special assemblies that help inculcate values and make them understand the importance of *each occasion*."

Book distribution.

On the occasion of Independence Day celebration, books on the inspiring lives of our freedom fighters were distributed to students. The aim was to encourage reading habits and help children experience the joy of holding and reading a book, especially in today's digital age where many are moving away from books."

Chess competition

A fun and engaging Chess Competition was organized for students of Grades 1 to 12. Preliminary rounds were held during PT periods, and the finalists competed in the grand finale. The event aimed to build critical thinking, concentration, and problem-solving skills among students. The enthusiasm and active participation made the competition a resounding success."

Long Educational tours – Mahabelswar grade X to XII 6th to 8th October

Statue of Unity grade VII to IX 13th to 15th October

One-day trip - As we have received the encouraging responses from the parents of grade I to V we have arranged the one-day trip for our students.

kidzania- Grade I to IV 15th October

Bollywood park grade V to VIII 17th October

Monteria village grade IX to XII 17th October

Sakhi Savitri

The 'Sakhi Savitri' committee is constituted as per the Maharashtra Government Education Department GR to ensure student's safety and well-being. The school has completed five meetings this year and reviewed safety measures. Minutes of Meetings (MOM) are regularly submitted to the Education Department. An unannounced inspection was also carried out by the department, and our school received high appreciation for effectively and efficiently implementing the guidelines issued by the Maharashtra State Government GR."

Student safety committee meetings held every month

The Student Safety Committee (Anti-Bullying Vigilance Squad) works to keep our school safe by regularly monitoring the campus to prevent bullying or misbehaviour. The team also offers support and guidance to students whenever needed."

Admission open on 29th September 2025 Ms. Jullie requested to the EPTA members to be the schools brand ambassadors, and appealed to continue to support the school by sharing positive feedback with parents outside and encouraging them to seek admissions."

Forth coming events

Garba, was scheduled for 26th September. Students will be allowed to come dressed in traditional attire for the celebration. The Diwali celebrations and Sports day will be conducted on later date.



Annual Day

Ms. Jullie mentioned that this year, our students are ready to take you on three incredible journeys through their performances.

✦ Grades 1 & 2 will charm you with Nitya Tarang — the eternal waves of joy and innocence.

🎨 Grades 3 to 6 will take you on a vibrant ride through our beloved city with Namaste Mumbai.

🚀 And Grades 7 to 9 & 11 will soar high with Udaan — a celebration of dreams, courage, and limitless possibilities.

EPTA Members were shown a glimpse of the theme through a short video.

School invited EPTA members as the Guests of Honour for the Annual Day and were presented a special VIP pass by the Principal.

Ms. Jullie invited Principal sir to address the gathering and present the administrative agenda points.

In his speech, Principal Sir expressed appreciation to the EPTA members for their thoughtful gesture in recognizing the efforts and contributions of the teachers by distributing cakes on the eve of Teachers' Day. He highlighted that this was the first time the EPTA had taken such a unique initiative to celebrate Teachers' Day, making the occasion truly special for all involved.

He quoted Dr A P J Kalam's thought that Teachers are irreplaceable as they motivate, can empathize, understand emotions, feelings and can inspire students to achieve their dreams.

Principal Sir stressed upon expressing gratitude, understanding and valuing human relationship which needs to be rejuvenated. Every stakeholder has equal responsibility and must realise that each one plays a vital role in preparing, nurturing and preparing, shaping the future generations as we must not forget what we sow so shall we reap. In India we follow our culture mostly imbibed by our elders whether parents or teachers any missing link will create a gap which will require a generation to fulfil or accomplish. It is not too late to go back our roots and follow the path of karma and righteousness.

Sir highlighted on the 18 glorious years of the school completing 13 years and 9 years for the first batch of Grade X and XII. Emphasising on the fact that first batch of ICSE was 13 yrs back

Sir, shared details of collaboration and linkages with the foreign and Indian Universities and mentioned that the passed-out students are well supported with the requirement of Letter of Recognitions & Recommendations.

An announcement was made by Sir to inform all the EPTA Members and the staff that from AY 2026 – 27 Mathematics Subject will be optional and Environmental Science will be added to the list of optional subjects for the students of Grade IX.

Administrative Agenda



A. School Outstanding Fees Since 2020.

- Outstanding Fees - Rs. 1,26,96,173.
- In time reminders and support is provided to the parents.
- We appeal the parents to complete the pending dues at the earliest.

B. Financial assistance and Payments.

- More than **350 parents** have requested for scholarship with supporting documents and have received additional concession in the school fees.
- EMI facility initiated through Grayquest with 0% interest more than **362 parents** availed the facility.
- 5% instant discount was provided till 15th April 2025 for full payment of fees.

C. School Fees AY 2026 – 27.

- For the next Academic Year, the current school fees will not change.
- 0% hike in the school fees.
- The fees of the current session is applicable for the next Academic Year.

D. School Fees for Academic Year 2027 – 28.

- The school fees hike for the Academic Year 2027 – 28 will be 15%.

The 15% hike in the school fees from AY 2027 – 28 was unanimously approved by the EPTA Members.

EPTA Members were invited to share their thoughts –

1. Mrs. Purvi Bhatt – Appreciated the entire team of PIS ICSE – ISC for their support extended to the students and parents.
2. Mr. Prajakta Sawant – Proudly shared that her ward is studying in the school from Nursery Podar Prep and the Students Welfare Sessions conducted at PIS ICSE Nerul are unique and not being conducted in any other schools.
3. Mrs. Vidya Shinde – Expressed her gratitude in appreciating teachers to value every small effort and achievement of the students, for example a small star, stickers given by the teachers works like miracle and motivates the students.
4. Mr. Rahul Singh – Mentioned how his daughter and all other students are encouraged to be a confident speaker and she is learning a lot in the school achieving holistic development.

Overall, all EPTA Members were appreciative and congratulated the Team PIS ICSE – ISC Nerul for Quadruple Results, conduct of Students Welfare Sessions, Co – Scholastic activities and academic initiatives.

Vice Principal Ms. Baljeet Kaur proposed vote of thanks and thanked the EPTA Members for their valuable time. Mam requested all the teachers to give a huge round of applause for all the parents and students who are the real stars of Podar.



The meeting ended with a quote mentioning that "Let us together, support our children with love, values, and confidence."



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