

MEETING NO. 03 / 2025-26

DATE AND DAY : SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY 2026

TIME OF MEETING : 9:00 am

VENUE : SCHOOL CAMPUS.

AGENDA

1. Academics Initiatives
2. Examination Schedule
3. Achievements
4. Co-curricular activities
5. forthcoming events.
6. Election duties assigned to all teachers.
7. Upcoming Schedules for January, February and March
8. Sports Day schedule
9. Innovation lab - New attraction
10. School - Parent Partnership
11. Any other matter with the permission of the chairperson.

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Dr. BHUSHAN B. BONDE

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Day and Date: Saturday, 10th January, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: Room No. 203

Quorum: EPTA Members

Dr. Bhushan Bonde Chairperson and Principal

Ms. Baljeet Kaur - Vice Principal (Morning Shift)

Ms. Jullie Shah - Vice Principal (Afternoon Shift)

Academic Co-ordinators and Year leaders.

* Ms. Baljeet Kaur - Vice Principal (Morning Shift) opened the meeting with an example of a kite reinstating the fact that the kite is able to fly high because of the string that holds it and the hand that guides it and for our students, school is the string and the parents - are the hands.

* Ms. Baljeet Kaur recited a Sanskrit prayer emphasizing the importance of being in harmony and welcome the EPTA Members.

* Ms. Baljeet Kaur extended a heartfelt thank you to every parent through the EPTA members for their generous contributions in the Joy of Giving initiative. Such initiatives help our students to see kindness in action - a life lesson that transcends the classroom. This initiatives will continue in Term-II as 'Bundles of Joy' - a newspaper collection drive.

* Ms. Baljeet proudly shared a new initiative - the INNOVATION LAB which can be said to be a launchpad for curiosity. Located on the ground floor,

this lab allows students to experience technology through hands-on experiments. It encourages them to move from 'What is this?' to 'How does this work?' A video was shared with parents to get a glimpse of the lab.

Vice Principal, Ms. Baljeet Kaur (Morning shift) further presented the following points:

INITIATIVES :-

- * In October, 'My Safety Network' workshop was conducted to prioritize students' well-being.
- * In November a Teacher Grooming session was conducted, as empowered teachers create empowered classrooms.
- * To tackle the challenge of the modern age, Time Management workshop was also conducted.
- * In December 'Mathematica' and 'Career Fair' were held.
- * Lakshya 2.0 session - a virtual platform wherein our previous year's Board Achievers to return and mentor the current Grade X students. Hearing firsthand about study tips, handling exam pressure, and mastering time management from their own seniors gave our students a unique sense of confidence.

Examination Schedule - Term 2 (AY- 2025-26)

- * Std X Pre-Boards 2: 5th January 2026 to 19th January 2026.
- * Std IX & V-VIII Term Exams: Ranging from February 12th 2026 to 18th March 2026.
- * The Big Milestone: Our ISC Boards begin on 13th February and ICSE on 17th February upto 27th March 2026

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS :

- * Dr. Homi Bhabha Balvaidyanik Competition :- Four students from grade VI and IX qualified for the Dr. Homi Bhabha Balvaidyanik Competition and will be participating the second round of the competition.
- * IIT Bombay Techfest Olympiad : Twenty-one students from Podar ICSE excelled at the IIT Bombay Techfest Olympiad - Asia's largest science festival and have been selected for round two of the Competition.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION CONDUCTED :

- * 'Symphony of Learning' Workshop : Our educators participated in the 'Symphony of Learning' workshop, finding new ways to create harmony in the classroom. They took a powerful pledge: 'I promise to be the teacher I once needed.'

* POSH Virtual Workshop: It was led by Podar Amritsar Principal Mr. Rajesh Bhurri to ensure that our campus remains a safe, professional, and respectful environment for all.

STUDENT WELFARE

A series of welfare sessions and workshops were conducted to address key aspects of students' safety, personality, physical, emotional, and social development.

A short video was shown to the parents to show a glimpse of the following Student Welfare Sessions (SWS) that were conducted by the school in Term-II.

SWS-1: Cyber Safety session with the NRI Police Station, Seawoods, Neral

SWS-2: Grooming Skills: as Grooming is not just about appearance - it's about how you think, act, and connect with others.

SWS-3: Time management: To support our learners, students were introduced to the Eisenhower Matrix, a powerful tool that helps them categorise their tasks.

SWS-4: 'Life is Precious' session by Counsellor Ms. Gayatri Nathani focusing on gratitude, empathy, and responsible decision-making through real-life examples.

SWS-5: Self Reflection Worksheets: for the students to reflect upon their feelings and share their thoughts.

Ms. Baljeet Kaur closed with a wonderful Hindi quote emphasising the importance of student's safety and wellbeing and then invited Ms. Jullie Shah to carry on with the further session.

Vice Principal, Ms. Jullie Shah (Afternoon shift) welcomed the EPTA members and presented the following points about the Co-curricular activities.

CO-SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IN TERM-II:

- * Annual Day: Our Annual Day Celebration was a grand success, showcasing the amazing talent of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the constant support of our parents.
- * One day educational trips: successfully conducted for grades I to XII, and it was a wonderful experience for all our students to learn new things, and created lasting memories.
- * Kieran Lai's Visit: Kieran Lai, the internationally renowned dancer who has performed at the London Olympics and on Britain's Got Talent energized the ground with his electrifying dance moves and enthusiastically taught a few of them to our students.

* Podar Model United Nations Conference:

Featuring committees such as UNICEF, UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), and UNHRC (United Nations Human Right Council), our student delegates participated with thorough preparation, confidence, and passion.

* Sport Fiesta: For over four energetic days, students of grade X participated in Kho-Kho, volleyball, Basketball and Chess, rediscovering joy, teamwork, and balance. The laughter shared between teachers and students during traditional games turned the ground into a space of relief and connection - where stress faded and smiles won.

* Mathematics: a fun and engaging event that helped students improve their logical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students from Grade V to X worked in teams, solved interesting math challenges, and learned that mathematics is not only about formulas but also about creativity and enjoyment.

* Gratituesday: observed every Tuesdays to recognize the good things in our life. Students express their gratitude towards parents, teachers, grand parents and friends. It encourages students to recognize and value the support they receive and makes them more grateful.

* Abhimaan Series: a weekly session under the 'Abhimaan Series' paid tribute to Indian defence heroes - brave men and women who make our nation proud. The initiative aimed to instill patriotism, courage, and national pride among students by highlighting stories of bravery and sacrifice.

* Children's Day Celebration: Children's Day was celebrated as a fun-filled carnival where our students enjoyed activities like tattoos, balloon sculpture, and a magical magic show, science game (for higher grades). Each child was also given a small stationery pouch as a token of love, which brought smiles to their faces.

* Global Career Fair - Renowned academic counsellor Mr. Ashish Khemka shared valuable guidance in the Global Career Fair - a platform for our students and parents to explore the vast opportunities that await beyond our borders (abroad).

* Career Guidance Seminar by PACE IIT & Medical: A career guidance seminar was conducted on 17 Dec, 2025 by PACE IIT & Medical. Mr. Praveen Tyagi (Founder PACE IIT & Medical) guided students on competitive exams & career pathways.

* Career Fair: A Career Fair was held on 6 December 2025 for students of Grade IX-XII, with 17 Indian Universities participating. The event helped students to directly interact with university representatives and gain valuable information.

about various courses, admission processes, and future career options.

* Write It Right Handwriting and Read-A-Thon Competition: Write It Right Handwriting Competition, shaping excellence one letter at a time, and Read-A-Thon, turning pages into possibilities as students brought stories to life, diving into books, exploring new worlds, and turning every page into a possibility.

* Special Assemblies: were conducted to promote values, celebrations, and student engagement.

A short video was shown to the parents to show a glimpse of the following Special assemblies conducted by the school in Term II

⊗ On 6th December, Grade IX-A presented an assembly on "Mahaparinirvaan Diwas", highlighting the contributions of the great leader Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

⊗ On 16th December, Grade I-B presented an assembly on "Little Hearts, Big Kindness", highlighting empathy and caring through simple messages.

⊗ On 24th December, Grade VIII-A conducted a Christmas Assembly, celebrating joy, peace, and the true meaning of Christmas through meaningful presentations.

④ On 24th December, Twins Day was celebrated to promote bonding, teamwork, and a sense of belonging among siblings.

④ On 3rd January 2026, Grade VIII presented a New Year Assembly, inspired by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's quote, encouraging students to begin the year with reflection, hope, and positive goals.

* Sakhi Savitri Committee: Formed as per the Maharashtra Government Education Department GR, is dedicated to student safety and well-being. Nine meetings have been concluded, carefully reviewing safety measures, and the minutes of meetings are regularly submitted to the Education Department.

* Forth Coming events:

- 1) Annual Sports Day on 13th January 2026.
- 2) Blessing Ceremony for grade X will be held on 19th January 2026.
- 3) Farewell for grade X will be held on 23rd January 2026.
- 4) Art Express on 23rd January 2026, an exhibition showcasing our students artwork created throughout the year.
- 5) Choral Elocution on 23rd January 2026, where

poetry comes alive as students speak in one voice, expressing emotions through coordinated speech and actions.

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

Ms. Jullie Shah then invited Principal Sir to address the gathering.

Dr. Bhushan Bonde, Principal Sir, extended New Year greetings to all EPTA members and expressed his appreciation for their time and presence at the meeting.

Principal Sir appreciated Ms. Baljeet Kaur for speaking in Hindi and emphasized on the importance of speaking in Hindi and mother-tongue to stay connected to our roots.

Sir spoke about Lakshya 2.0 and highlighted that positive collaboration between parents and teachers plays a vital role in a student's success, but guidance from seniors and peers also is extremely important.

Sir introduced the concept of "Too Much, Too Early" and explained to parents that it refers to the availability of excessive facilities to children at a very early stage in life. Citing an example from a newspaper article, he emphasised the importance

of not acceding to every demand made by children.

Principal Sir emphasised on the importance of open communication between parents and children, along with patience and spending quality time with them. Sir also highlighted the importance of our extended families because apart from educational institutes, families and community also play a vital role in a child's mental health.

Using the example of lighting a diya every evening, Sir mentioned that when we provide children with a rationale for every instruction we give, it helps them develop understanding and enables us to strike an appropriate balance between science and spirituality.

The EPTA member, Ms. Vidhya Shinde, shared her experience and association with the Art of Living Foundation, highlighting its role in fostering self-reflection and self-love. In response, Sir stated that our SWS sessions are designed to address similar themes aimed at promoting the overall well-being of students.

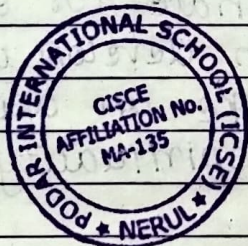
Ms. Shinde also requested if events like Lakshya that are conducted for grade X can be conducted for middle school too. In response, Sir stated that as suggested, applicable points from the Lakshya Session will be taken up for the session planned for middle school.

Sir stated that the EPTA members are the guests of honour on the Annual Sports Day, and those who wish to address the gathering during Sports Day are cordially invited to do so.

With these expressions of gratitude, the meeting was concluded by Ms. Bajjet Kaur with a Hindi poem, leaving a sense of unity among the attendees.

We are thankful for the trust and faith shown in us by all the parents.

The meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.



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