

MINUTES OF THE NPSC GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY, 2016

Venue : ASN Senior Secondary School
Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091

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AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday, 27th April 2016.
2. Release of NPSC Conference Brochure 2016.
3. Appointment of Inspection Committees for New Applicants.
4. Action taken on NPSC Academic Programme.
5. UNIC Collaboration.
6. Any other point with the permission of the chair.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON Wednesday, July 27, 2016 AT 1500 HRS AT ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091

Members Present :

1. Mr.M.L.Babbar, Life Member, F-127, Sector-41, Noida(NCR), U.P.- 201303
2. Mr.Suraj Prakash , Life Member, QU-290B, Chitrakoot Apptt., Pitampura, Delhi-34
3. Mr. S.L.Jain, Honorary Member, Director, Mahavir Senior Model School, Sangam Park Extension, Rana Pratap Bagh, G.T.K. Road, Opp Nanak Pio Gurudwara, New Delhi-110033
4. Mr. Ashok Pandey, Chairman, Principal, Ahlcon International School, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091
5. Ms. Seema Jerath, Joint Secretary, Secretary (Officiating), Principal, DLF Public School, Sector-II, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad 201 005

6. Mr. A. P. Sharma, Member-Executive Council, Apeejay School, Sheikh Sarai - I, Phase-1, New Delhi-110017
7. Mr. Laksh Vir Sehgal, Member-Executive Council, Bal Bharti School, Ganga Ram Hospital Marg, New Delhi -110060
8. Ms. Rekha Sharma, Member-Executive Council, Bal Bharati Public School, Sector-14, Rohini, New Delhi-110085
9. Ms. Dharmandra Goyal, Member-Executive Council, Delhi Public School, Sector-9, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad-201012
10. Ms. Sudha Acharya , Member-Executive Council, ITL Public School, Sector-9, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
11. Sr.Janet, Member- Executive Council, Convent of Jesus & Mary, Bangla Sahib Lane, New Delhi-110001
12. Ms.Rachna Pant, Member - Executive Council, Ramjas School, Sector-4, R.K Puram, New Delhi-110022
13. Dr (Ms.) Ruchi Seth, Member - Executive Council, Lotus Valley International School Sector-126, Taj Expressway, Noida
14. Ms. Sonia Luthra, ASN. Sr. Secondary School, Mayur Vihar, Ph-1, New Delhi-110091
15. Ms.Minakshi Kushwaha, Birla Vidaya Niketan, Sector-4, Push Vihar, New Delhi-110017
16. Sr. Joviana Fernandes A.C, Carmel Convent School, Malcha Marg, Chanakya puri, New Delhi-110021
17. Mr. Sunil Maini, Crescent Public School, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura,New Delhi-110034
18. Ms. Rashmi Raj Biswal, DAV Public School, Outer Ring Road , Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034
19. Dr. V K Chopra, DAV Public School, Sector-2, T.H.A, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad-201005
20. Fr. Babu Varghese, Don Bosco School, Alaknanda, New Delhi-110019
21. Dr. S.K Sharma, Greenfield Public school, GTB Enclave, Dilshad Garden, New Delhi-110091
22. J.S.Ghuman, Guru Harkrishan Public School Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057
23. Ms. Nishi Manglik, Gyan Bharti School, Saket, New Delhi-110017
24. Ms. Sumati Anand, Gyan Mandir, E-Block, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028
25. Ms. Heemal Handoo Bhat, Hansraj Model School, Road No.73, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026
26. Mr. Zubair A. Khan, Humdard Public School, Talimabad, Sangam vihar, New Delhi-110062
27. Dr.Rajesh Hassija, Indraprastha International School Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
28. Ms. Divya Bhatia, Amity International School, Road No.44, M-Block, Saket, New Delhi-110017
29. Dr. Priyanka Mehta, Amity International School , Near Samachar Apartments, Mayur Vihar, Phase I, Delhi-110091

30. Mrs. Ameeta Mohan, Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, Sector 7, Delhi-110091
31. Dr.(Ms.) Bhawna Malik, Lovely Public Sr. Secondary School Priyadarshini Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi-110088
32. Mr.B C Pandey, Mahavir Senior Model School Sangam Park Extension, Rana Pratap Bagh, GTK Road, Opp Nanak Pio Gurudward, New Delhi-110033
33. Ms.Renu Suri, Manav Sthali School, R-Block, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060
34. Sr. Stella Joseph, Mater Dei School, Tilak Lane, New Delhi-110001
35. Mr.Neeraj K.Bedhotiya, Mayoor School, Ranade Marg, Alwar Gate, Ajmer-305008
36. Ms.Jyoti Arora, Mount Abu Public School, Sector-5, Rohini, New Delhi-110085
37. Dr D K Pandey, N C Jindal Public School, Road No. 73, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026
38. Mr.Prashant Parashar, N.K. Bagrodia Public School, Ahinsa Marg, Sector-9, Rohini, New Delhi-110085
39. Ms. Ruma Purkayastha, Navy Children School, Satya Marg, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi-110021
40. Mrs. Mohini Bindra, Ramjas School, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005
41. Dr (Ms.) Indu Khetarpal, Salwan Public School, Girdharilal Salwan Marg, Rajinder Nagar , New Delhi-110060
42. Br. E L Miranda, St. Columba's School, Ashok Place, New Delhi-110001
43. Ms. Tania Joshi, The Indian School, Josip Broz Tito Marg, Sadiq Nagar (Near Moolchand Flyover), New Delhi-110049
44. Ms.Sharmila Raheja, Uttam School for Girls, B-Block, Shastri Nagar, Ghaziabad

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

1. Ms. Chitra Nakra, Principal, Vedvyasa DAV Public School, D- Block, Vikaspuri, New Delhi
2. Ms. Malini Narayanan, Principal, Army Public School, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt.
3. Ms. Sadhana Bhalla, Principal, Mira Model School, B-Block , Janak Puri, New Delhi
4. Ms. Krishna Bhati, Principal, Maharaja Sawai Mansingh Vidyalaya, Sawai Ram Singh Road, Jaipur
5. Ms. Meenu Goswami, Principal, Bal Bharti School, H-4-5, Parwana Road, Behind Police Lines, Pitampura, New Delhi

The meeting commenced with an innovative and interesting Multifaith Mime Act on World Unity by students of ASN Senior Secondary School.

Principal, Ms. Sonia Luthra extended a warm welcome to all members.

The day also marked the death anniversary of the People's President, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam. The second last book written by him – **Transcendence**, My Spiritual Experiences with Pramukh Swamiji was circulated to commemorate the death

anniversary of the 'Missile Man of India' along with a video provided by Akshardham Temple.

Chairman, Mr. Ashok Pandey began the meeting by congratulating everyone for their excellent board results and academic accomplishments in the session 2015-16.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday, 27th April 2016:

- Mr. Ashok Pandey informed the house that the minutes of last General Body Meeting of NPSC were sent to all members by e-mail and also updated on the NPSC website. No observations were received. The members confirmed the same.
- Mr. Pandey informed the house about the appointment of Ms. Seema Jerath as the Officiating Secretary. Since, Ms. Deepika T. Singh resigned due to an assignment she had taken up in Dubai, it was proposed that Ms. Seema Jerath, Joint Secretary NPSC, currently officiating as the Secretary to continue in the same capacity for the remaining term. The same was accepted by Ms. Seema Jerath as well.
- The Chairman congratulated the distinguished member principals of the NPSC who have contributed in a book released by the CBSE, titled 'Alternatives to Homework'. Mrs. Anuradha Joshi, Mrs. Sumati Anand, Mrs. Sharmila Raheja and many more were an integral part of the Editorial Board. A copy of the book is available online apart from the hard copy.

Agenda Item No. 2: Release of NPSC Conference Brochure 2016:

- The NPSC Conference Brochure 2016 was unveiled by Mr. Suraj Prakash, Mr. S.L. Jain, and Mr. M. L. Babbar.
- Instead of the CD, as always, the brochure is now accompanied by a DVD which contains the complete NPSC Conference 2016 Photo Album, soft

version of the NPSC Brochure and the PowerPoint Presentations of all speakers.

Agenda Item No. 3: Appointment of Inspection Committees for New Membership:

- The house was informed that 9 new schools have applied for membership of the NPSC. Applications have been scrutinized and the inspection committee is being constituted for these new schools.

Agenda Item No. 4: Action taken on NPSC Academic Programme:

- Mr. Ashok Pandey conveyed to the house that the **European Union** has written to NPSC that they would like to send their ambassadors to various schools. Coincidentally there are 28 countries in the European Union and 28 schools have confirmed hosting them. Names of schools have been forwarded to them. They will write to individual schools and seek the date and convenience to take their project ahead. Some schools requested Mr. Pandey to resend the invitation because they could not apply earlier. Mr. Pandey promised to do so.
- Mr. Pandey referred to his earlier mail regarding **edX Online Courses** sent during vacations containing suggested courses for teachers and principals or anyone who aspires to be a school leader. He encouraged schools to explore the learning opportunities offered.
- It was shared that the **Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER)**, publisher of the magazine '**Teacher**' is very keen to take out a special issue in collaboration with NPSC. They will be writing to all schools on the contours of the issue and all members can contribute for this special issue. This issue will be created entirely by the collaboration of NPSC and Teacher Magazine under the ACER terms and conditions.
- Highlights of the actions taken on the Academic Work that were planned during the last meeting were shared. The calendar of NPSC activities 2016-

17 was tabled for a final approval. Upcoming projects and workshops to be conducted in the schools were announced and all schools were encouraged to get involved in at least one project. The proposed calendar of the projects in the pipeline are as follows:

S.No	Name of the Activity	Date	Organising School
1	Science Workshop	6 th Aug, 2016	Ahlcon International School Mayur Vihar, Ph-1, Delhi-110091, in collaboration with Deptt. Of Edu & Training, Australian High Commission
2	EU Comes to School	Names sent to EU office	
3	Edx Courses	Mail sent to all schools	
4	Ideas to Innovation	19 th Aug, 2016	DLF Public School Sector -2 Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad-201005
5	Workshop on Pedagogy	20 th Aug, 2016	Ramjas School Sector-4, R.K Puram, New Delhi-110022
6	a) Workshop on Art b) Slam Poetry Edu Tech	23 rd Aug, 2016 9 th Aug, 2016	Springdales School Upper Ridge Road Junction, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005
7	Sports tournament	6 th Sep – 9 th Sep, 2016	Bal Bharti School Ganga Ram Hospital Marg, New Delhi -110060
8	Teacher Magazine- NPSC	Sept 2016	Publication of articles by NPSC Principals in the Teacher magazine (ACER). Details will follow.
9	a) Science for STG b) Online Course for History Teachers	Sep – Dec, 2016 Starts 8 Aug, 2016	UNIC-NPSC Collaboration
10	Action Research	Dates to be announced	Mira Model School B-Block , Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058
11	Best Practices	Dates to be announced	Ahlcon International School

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Agenda Item No. 5: UNIC Collaboration:

- UNIC and NPSC jointly will be conducting a competition for students titled “Change Climate Change”, *a creative competition for NPSC schools to build on the 43rd Annual NPSC Conference with the focus on Sustainable Development Goals*. Students will come up with ideas for climate change mitigation through slogan and poster making, art (paintings, origami etc.) and creating working science models. The preparation time for these activities will be two months followed by the SDG MELA. Representatives from the UN along with experts will review and judge the competition. The closing date for registering with UNIC for the competition is September 1, 2016. The last date of submission of entries in all three categories is December 1, 2016.
- An online course for History teachers, “The Holocaust: An Introduction” which delves into the Nazi Germany Ideology and studies about the Jews and the World has been recommended by the UNIC. Mr. Pandey requested all schools to encourage their social science or history teachers to register for the course at the earliest. It is a 3 to 4-week online course and involves recognition and certification as well.

Agenda Item No. 6: Any other point with the permission of the chair:

Mr. S. L. Jain Briefing on Pending Court Cases - Mr. Jain briefly reiterated the standard practice of accepting fees in NPSC schools, most of whom didn’t get any grant from the government. He discussed the usual school fee structure:

- **Tuition Fee** has been defined to be catered to Academic expenditures, mainly the money spent on salaries and establishment and certain other academic nature expenditure

- **Annual Charges** is to meet the overheads like maintenance of playfield, electricity, property tax, repairs and maintenance, appreciation, taxes etc.
 - **Development Fee** (was earlier 10% of the tuition fee) is to improve your infrastructure.
 - Now, the Supreme Court has allowed to charge up to 15% of the tuition fee to meet the developmental expenditure or the capital expenditure.
 - **Other** specific expenditure that can be charged, if there are specific activities such as outdoor tours or additional activities.
- Earlier, as per the Act, a notification about the fee structure for the ensuing academic session was only to be shared with the Directorate of Education before April 1 i.e. before the start of every session.
 - Now, the Delhi Govt. has issued an order, in February 2016 that the fee we are going to levy or increase for the new academic session will have to be approved from the Directorate of Education.
 - Our review petition on the subject has been rejected. Our stand on the subject is that obtaining prior approval only applies in the case of mid-session increase.
 - He addressed the issue of schools being inspected by the Directorate of Education:
 - He informed that a letter has been sent to the Directorate of Education and is available on social media and copies can be made available to all members. The letter can be handed over to the Inspection Team visiting schools to state the rules and limits of the inspection.
 - In some schools the Inspection Teams insisted on meeting the parents. Mr. Jain clarified that schools can deny on the grounds that

parent data is private and exclusive and cannot be shared as per privacy policy of the school.

- In case they **do** talk to any parent, we write to them that it is under protest.
- Any old records they ask for may be denied as well.
- Once a show-cause notice is issued it can be challenged in the court. It was put forth that there are two available options:
 - Appeal to the Supreme Court against the order that our review petitions have not been entertained, or
 - Challenge the order in the High Court on various grounds.
- To the question on how much fee should be charged there was an agreement on the following:
 - Continue to charge the earlier fee of the previous year, session 2015-16.
 - In case the fee has been already hiked, either roll back or adjust for future dues.
- He also explained that this order is applicable only to those schools which have DDA land or in the schools where the allotment letter has this clause. In case of a discrepancy it is the allotment letter that will prevail.
- There were some more questions from members regarding the fee issue and the court orders regarding the EWS. Mr. Jain clarified that the issue is pending in the court and as far as the department order is concerned, we have to give admission. However, schools may deal with the issue for the time being depending on their specific constraints and limitations.
- Mr. Ashok Pandey summarized the discussion by stating the points that mainly emerged from the situation presented by Mr. Jain:
 - The fee hike approval has not gone in the favor of schools as of now.

- All must follow the Delhi Education Act.
- It is not decided yet that we approach the Supreme Court or not. We must have detailed information and will need to wait for the time being. The possibility is open though in case we fail.
- The last date of the submission of the report the government has asked for was July 31, 2016. We have to file our returns under Rule 180.

The meeting culminated with the vote of thanks by Ms. Sudha Acharya, Principal, ITL Public School. She thanked to the life member, other members, particularly the host school and its Principal for warm hospitality, meticulous planning and organization of the meeting.

SEEMA JERATH

**Joint Secretary
Secretary (Officiating)**