

AGENDA & MINUTES OF THE NPSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the members of the Executive Committee of NPSC will be held on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m**

Venue : Springdales School, Benito Jaurez Marg,
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AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting at New Era Public School on Apr 26, 2017.
2. Release of the NPSC Conference Brochure.
3. Issues related to CBSE and DOE.
4. Any Other matter with the Permission of the Chair.

**Minutes Of The Meeting held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 AT 1400 HRS AT
New Era Public School, H-17, Main Mayapuri Road, New Delhi - 110064.**

Members Present :

1. Mr. Ashok Pandey, **Chairman**, Principal, **Ahlcon International School**, MayurVihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091
2. Ms. Seema Jerath, **Secretary (Officiating)** and **Joint Secretary**, Principal, **DLF Public School**, Sector-II, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad 201 005
3. Dr. M. Kannan, **Treasurer**, Principal, **Faith Academy Sr. Sec School**, John L Dorsey Road, Prasad Nagar, New Delhi-110005
4. Ms. AmeetaMullaWattal, Member-Executive Council, **Springdales School**, Upper Ridge Road Junction, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005
5. Mr. L.V. Sehgal
6. Mrs. ChitraNakra, Principal, **Veda Vyasa DAV Public School**, D-Block, Vikaspuri, New Delhi - 110018
7. Ms. Malini Narayanan, Member-Executive Council, Principal , **Army Public School**, Shankar Vihar, (Near Mahipalpur), Delhi Cantt-110010
8. Dr. (Ms.) Ruchi Seth, Principal, **Lotus Valley International School**, Sector-126, Taj Expressway, Noida
9. Sr. Janet, Principal, **Convent of Jesus & Mary**, Bangla Sahib Lane, New Delhi – 110001
10. Ms. Anita Wadhwa, Principal, **Darbari Lal D.A.V Model School**, ND-Block, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110088
11. Ms. Rachna Pant, Member - Executive Council, Principal, **Ramjas School**, Sector-4, R.K Puram, New Delhi-110022
12. Ms. Sudha Acharya , Member-Executive Council, **ITL Public School**, Sector-9, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
13. Mrs. LataVaidyanathan, Special Invitee, Director, **TERI Prakriti School**, TERI Gram, Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana-12200
14. Ms. Rita Sen, Special Invitee
15. Dr. D.K. Pandey, Special Invitee, **N C Jindal Public School**, Road No. 73, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026
16. Mr. S.L. Jain, Honorary Member, Special Invitee, Director, **Mahavir Senior Model School**, Sangam Park Extension, Rana PratapBagh, G.T.K. Road, Opp Nanak PioGurudwara, New Delhi-110033
17. Mr. Suraj Prakash, Special Invitee, Honorary Member
18. Dr. Jyoti Bose, Principal, **Springdales School**, Benito Jaurez Marg, DhaulaKuan, New Delhi – 110021

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

1. Ms. SadhanaBhalla, Vice Chairperson, Principal, **Mira Model School**, B-Block , JanakPuri, New Delhi-110058

The Chairman NPSC, Mr. Ashok Pandey welcomed the members and thanked them for their presence.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Chairman informed the house that the minutes of the 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 minutes.

Agenda Item No.2 :Presentation of Budget for the Session 2016-17

The Chairman also shared the interim budget for the session 2016-17. He congratulated the treasurer Dr. Kannan for his meticulous preparation of Budget statement and shared the following key points:-

1. **Total expenditure** of Rs. 20,08,870/- (Twenty Lakh Eight Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy Rupees) under various heads including conferences etc. against **total receipt** of Rs.26,91,687/- (Twenty Six Lakh Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred & Eighty Seven Rupees)
2. A cushion of **Rs. 6,82,816/-**(Six Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen Rupees)
3. Fund Position as of today:-
 - a. **Fixed deposit** - Rs. 5,65,000/- (Five Lakh and Sixty Five thousand)
 - b. **Cash-in-hand** –Rs. 3,740/-(Three thousand seven hundred and forty rupees)
 - c. **Cash-in-bank**- 12,00,648/- (Twelve lakh six hundred and forty eight rupees)
 - d. **Total Saving** – 17,69,388/- (Seventeen lakh sixty nine thousand three hundred and eighty eight rupees)

Further, he invited proposals from member schools for workshops and Inter-school tournaments for students and teachers.

Agenda Item No. 3: Issues Related to the Autonomy of the Schools

The chairman discussed 4-5 burning concerns which are of key importance today which are as follows:-

I. Compulsory NCERT Books:-

Pertaining to CBSE Circulars related to compulsory NCERT books, all members can go ahead with the prescribed books in their respective schools as CBSE has not put that compulsion on schools categorically. However, prescribed books must be in accordance with the requirement of National Curriculum Framework (NCF). No other reason beyond the interest of the learner should influence the selection of books. Also, under the statute the school is solely responsible for the content of the books it prescribes and cannot be exonerated if the content of the book is objectionable incorrect. For classes IX to XII since the question papers are heavily dependent on NCERT books, the schools must prescribe NCERT books in their own interest. In

addition to this, if students are appearing for some additional exams and need deeper knowledge the schools can prescribe additional reference books.

II. Uniform System of Assessment, Examination and Report Card for classes VI-IX from Academic Year 2017-18 onwards (reference- CBSE Circular : Acad-14/2017 dated 21.03.2017 and Acad-05/2017 dated 31.01.2017):-

According to DSEAR (Delhi School Act and Rules), education up to Class VIII is under the purview of the state and not CBSE. DSEAR has stipulated that only state decides the curriculum for classes I-VIII. With regard to this, lot of ground work has been done and some insight into implementation of uniform assessment for classes VI-VIII was shared. The move also goes against the Right to Education (RTE) act *chapter 5 Section 29 & 13*. There are various **Issues of concern** as that were raised by the members:-

- a. Circular says from class VI we start preparing students for board exams.
- b. With cumulative scheme and immense focus on marks – 90% of formal assessment and 10% of informal assessment, students get less opportunities of learning through other informal mediums.
- c. Class VI-VIII are an important learning curve and hence this system of marks will add to the anxieties, probability of increasing number of children who cannot cope and more number of failures who cannot be detained.

III. Uniform, Books Sales Counter in School (Reference: NO. CBSE/AFF/CIRCULAR/10/2017):-

As per the circular, CBSE has issued only an advisory to all its affiliated schools not to indulge in commercial activities by way of selling of text books, note books, stationary items, uniforms etc. and to adhere to the provisions of Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board. Schools were from their side providing a facility for the convenience of parents but have been accused of profiteering. The chairman advised the members not to have the facility in their respective schools if they can avoid it. However, if they still continue with these counters, the schools need to ensure that these counters are there to facilitate parents who need them without making them mandatory. In case, the schools are convinced that they must have such counters in their premises they should ensure that the vendor is complying with all regulations of buying and selling things including payment of Sales Tax, VAT etc. as applicable in the state concerned. In addition the schools also must get a resolution signed by the parents during the PTA if the parents are willing to have such facilities in the school campus so that schools are not accused of having any ulterior motives. However, the final outcome will depend on further guidelines issued by the courts/CBSE/DOE.

IV. Distribution of Free Books and Uniform to students belonging to EWS (Economic Weaker Sections):-

Earlier government used to give Rs. 500/- presumably for books & uniform to be distributed among students of weaker sections. But, Government stopped giving this compensation. Delhi govt. did an amendment to the original RTE and added free education would also include distribution of free books and stationery without govt. compensating for that. After a case filed with the honorable court, the following has transpired;

- First is that it is the absolute, unambiguous responsibility of the govt. to provide free books and stationery to the EWS students studying in private schools.
- Second, is in case the govt. cannot provide this, the court would revisit the amendment which is *clause 8* of RTE that states that the school will provide free books and stationery. Till then, schools do not need to give anything unless govt. provides it to the schools.

V. Fee Hike :-

With regards to approval for fee hike by DDA land allottees the date is 11 May, 2017. With regard to fee hike in 2017, High court ruled that the schools must hold meetings within the Managing Committees to decide on how much fee hike is required and must submit their replies and inform Govt. of Delhi or Department of Education (DOE) by May 30, 2017 about the hike. There were some deliberations about approvals from PTA for hiking fees. However, the conclusion was that the PTA has no role to play in the same.

VI. 7th Pay Commission

Within 15 days of announcement of the 7th pay commission the schools must send their fee for approval to Department of Education (DOE).

VII. Schools who have Received Show Cause Notice related to Superannuation:-

Schools who have received show cause notice must respond in calm, well thought out manner. They are welcome to seek support from NPSC.

CBSE has issued show cause notice to some schools on the basis of superannuation of Principal stating that how can a Principal continue beyond their superannuation period. However, DSEAR clearly suggests that school management can grant two years of reemployment to its teachers. There is a high court judgement that a **Principal is also a teacher**. So, this applies to a Principal also. Management can reemploy a Principal for 3 years if the Principal is a **State Awardee**, for 5 years if s/he is **National Awardee** and for 7 years if s/he is **Padmashree Awardee**. However, the extension cannot be taken for granted. The management is expected to follow a protocol. The Management committee decision should first go to (DDE), and then to

Directorate of Education (DOE) who in turn will pass this to Education Ministry and finally it goes to Lieutenant Governor (LG).

VIII. CBSE Notice for Reconstitution of School Management Committee :-

CBSE has sent notice to certain schools saying that the school must add two CBSE nominees to the School Managing Committee. Delhi schools have replied to the same stating that DSEAR clearly stipulates that 'No CBSE member to be the part of the committee'. The reply to the same is still awaited.

Agenda Item No. 4: Any Other Point with the Permission of the Chair:

I. Learning Outcomes upto Class VIII:-

NCERT has come out with a document on learning outcomes upto class VIII. Member Principals were requested to visit <http://epathshala.nic.in/> for more information and implementation.

II. Hony. Membership:-

Mrs. Usha Ram, Former Chairperson and Former Principal, Laxman Public School, HauzKhas becomes Honorary member of the Executive Committee as per the extant provisions (Memorandum of Association and Amended Rules & Regulations 2014, 8(a), page 2/9).

The Executive Council Meeting culminated at this point and all the members proceeded for the General Body Meeting.

SEEMA JERATH

Secretary (Officiating)
and Joint Secretary