

AGENDA & MINUTES OF THE NPSC GENERAL BODY MEETING

The meeting of the members of the General Body of NPSC will be held on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m**

Venue : Springdales School, Benito Jaurez Marg,
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AGENDA:

1. Talk by Cyber Security and Cyber Safety Expert Mr. Rakshit Tandon
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting at New Era Public School on Apr 26, 2017.
3. Release of the NPSC Conference Brochure.
4. Issues related to CBSE and DOE.
5. Any Other matter with the Permission of the Chair.

**Minutes Of The Meeting held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 AT 1500 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. Dr. Priyanka Mehta, Principal, **Amity International School**, MayurVihar Phase-1 Delhi-110091
5. Ms. MaliniNarayanan, Principal, **Army Public School**, Shankar Vihar, (Near Mahipalpur, Delhi Cantt– 110010
6. Ms. Mridula Pant, Principal, **Army Public School**, DhaulaKuan, Ridge Road, New Delhi-110010
7. Ms. GeetaGangwani, Principal, **Bal Bharti Public School**, Sector-14, rohini, New Delhi - 110085
8. Dr. Anju Tandon, Member-Executive Council, **BharatiyaVidyaBhawan Mehta Vidyalaya**, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001
9. Ms. MinakshiKushwaha, Principal, **Birla VidyaNiketan**, Sector-4, Push Vihar, New Delhi-110017
10. Ms. Suman Kumar, Principal, **Blue Bells International School**, Opposite LSR College, Kailash Colony, New Delhi - 110048
11. Sr. Janet, Principal, **Convent of Jesus & Mary**, Bangla Sahib Lane, New Delhi – 110001
12. Mrs. Nidhi Chaudhary, Principal, **CRPF Public School**, Prashant Vihar, Sector XIV, Rohini, New Delhi-110085
13. Ms. Rashmi Raj Biswal, Principal, **DAV Public School**, Outer Ring Road , Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034
14. Ms. Aparna Erry, Principal, **DAV Public School**, Sector-14, Gurgaon 122001
15. Ms. SunitaNagpal, Principal, **Delhi Public School**, Sushant Lok, Gurgaon – 122002
16. Mr. Manohar Lal, Principal, **Delhi Public School**, Mathura Road, PB No. 3042, New Delhi-110003
17. Ms. Aditi Misra, Principal, **Delhi Public School**, Sec-45 Gurgaon
18. Fr. Babu Varghese, Principal, **Don Bosco School**, Alaknanda, New Delhi - 110005
19. Ms. ReemaPunj, Principal, **Guru Nanak Public School**, West Avenue Road, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026
20. Ms. HeemalHandoo Bhat, Principal, **Hansraj Model School**, Road No.73, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026
21. Sr. Shesine, Principal, **Holy Child School**, Tagore Garden, New Delhi – 110027
22. Ms. Sudha Acharya, **ITL Public School**, Sector-9, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075
23. Dr. (Ms.) Bhawna Malik, Principal, **Lovely Public Sr. Secondary School**, PriyadarshiniVihar, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi – 110088
24. Dr. (Ms.) Ruchi Seth, Principal, **Lotus Valley International School**, Sector-126, Taj Expressway, Noida

25. Ms. PratibhaKohli, Principal, **Maharaja Agrasen Model School**, CD Block, Pitampura, New Delhi -110034
26. Mr. Vivek, Principal, **Mahavir Senior Model School**,Sangam Park Extension, Rana PratapBagh, GTK Road, Opp Nanak PioGurudwara, New Delhi- 110033
27. Ms. Renu Suri, Principal, **ManavSthali School**, R-Block, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi – 110052
28. Dr D. K. Pandey, Principal, **N C Jindal Public School**, Road No. 73, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026
29. Mr. Prashant Parashar, Principal, **N.K. Bagrodia Public School**, Ahinsa Marg, Sector-9, Rohini, New Delhi - 110085
30. Ms. RumaPurkayastha, Principal, **Navy Children School**, Satya Marg, ChanakyaPuri, New Delhi-, 110021
31. Ms. Vandana Chawla, Principal, **New Era Public School**, H-17,Main Mayapuri Road, New Delhi – 110064
32. Ms. MohiniBindra, Principal, **Ramjas School**, Pusa Road, New Delhi – 110005
33. Ms. Rachna Pant, Principal, **Ramjas School**, Sector-4, R.K.Puram, New Delhi - 110022
34. Dr. (Ms.) InduKhetarpal, Principal, **Salwan Public School**, GirdharilalSalwan Marg, Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi – 110060
35. Ms. Anuradha Joshi, Principal, **Sardal Patel Vidyalaya**, Lodi Estate, Maharishi Raman Marg, New Delhi - 110003
36. Ms. AmeetaMullaWattal, Principal, **Springdales School**, Upper Ridge Road Junction,Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005
37. Dr. (Ms.) Annie Koshi, Principal, **St. Mary's School**, Madam Sara Mathew Lane, B-2, Block, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi – 110029
38. Ms. Madhulika Sen, Principal, **Tagore International School**, Paschimi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi – 110057
39. Ms. Sanghamitra Ghosh,Principal, **The Mother International School**, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016
40. Ms. ShaliniMehrotra, Principal, **Vidya Devi Jindal School**, Delhi Road, Hisar – 125005
41. Ms. Vimmi Jolly, Principal, **Chinar Public School**, Alwar
42. Sr. (Ms.) Meenakshi Gupta, **S.D. Public School**
43. Cdr V.K. Banga, Principal,**The Mann School**
44. Ms. Neeta Jethy, Principal, **Mother's Global School**, C-Block, PreetVihar
45. 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
46. Mr. Suraj Prakash, Honorary Member
47. Ms. LataVaidhyanathan, Special Invitee
48. Ms. Rita Sen, Special Invitee

The General Body Meeting began with an enchanting and well-orchestrated presentation by the school band. Ms. Vandana Chawla, Principal, **New Era Public School**, New Delhi shared the schools 44 years of association with the NPSC and its new relevance in today's changing times.

At the onset of the meeting, silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul of Late Sh. G.S. Negi who succumbed to his illness. He was a Former Principal of Bhartiya VidyaBhawan Mehta Vidyalaya School, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi. He was a former chairperson of NPSC, a National awardee and was a great educationist. He was actively associated with National University of Educational Planning and Administration [NUEPA]. Next, NPSC Chairman Mr. Ashok Pandey took the proceedings further by welcoming all members and briefed everyone on the agenda of the meeting.

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), 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.

The vote of thanks was extended by **Ms. Madhulika Sen**, Principal, Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi. She thanked the life members, other members and particularly the host school and its Principal for their warm hospitality, meticulous planning and organization of the meeting.

SEEMA JERATH
Secretary (Officiating)
and Joint Secretary