



NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE

Quality, Commitment and Excellence in Education

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NPSC HELD ON MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025 AT 02.00 P.M.

The Executive Committee Meeting of NPSC was held at Sadhu Vaswani International School for Girls on Monday, 19 May, 2025.

The following members attended the meeting:

S NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	NAME OF THE SCHOOL
1	Ms. Asha Prabhakar	Chairperson	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Noida
2	Ms Richa Sharma Agnihotri	Vice-Chairperson	Principal, Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
3	Ms. Mallika Preman	Secretary	Principal, Tagore International School, East of Kailash
4	Ms. Rashmi Malik	Jt Secretary	Principal, Salwan Public School, Gurugram
5	Ms. Rashmi Raj	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Delhi
6	Ms. Heemal Handoo Bhat	Member	Principal, Hansraj Model School, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi
7	Ms. Santosh Vyas	Member	Principal, Sadhu Vaswani School for Girls, Delhi
8	Ms. Geeta Gangwani	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini, Delhi
9	Ms Swarnima Luthra	Member	Principal, ASN School, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
10	Dr Jyoti Gupta	Member	Principal, K R Mangalam School, GK-II, Delhi
11	Ms Charu Maini	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Gurgaon
12	Dr Vijay Datta	Member	Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Delhi
13	Dr Sudha Acharya	Member	Principal, ITL Public School, Dwarka, Delhi
14	Ms Malini Narayanan	Honorary Member	--
15	Ms Sadhana Bhalla	Honorary Member	--
16	Mr S L Jain	Life Member	--
17	Ms Meera Balachandran	Life Member	--
18	Dr Ashok Pandey	Life Member	--
19	Dr Lata Vaidyanathan	Special Invitee	--
20	Ms Rachna Pant	Special Invitee	--
21	Ms Aditi Misra	Special Invitee	Principal, DPS, Sector – 45, Gurugram

Leave of Absence was granted to:

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1	Mr Rajeev Chauhan	Jt Secretary, Pan India	Principal, Birla Vidya Niketan, Pune
2	Mr Sanjay Yadav	Treasurer	Principal, Alhcon International School, New Delhi
3	Mr L V Sehgal	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram, Delhi
4	Dr Usha Ram	Life Member	--
5	Dr Ameeta Mulla Wattal	Life Member	--

PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson initiated the meeting by extending a cordial welcome to all the attending members.

Agenda-1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the NPSC Executive Body Meeting held on 27 February, 2025 at Ramjas International School, R K Puram, Delhi.

The members were informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, held on 27 February 2025, had been emailed to all members on 13 March 2025. Since no comments or observations were received, the minutes were deemed reviewed and approved by the members.

Agenda-2 : De-brief on the recently concluded 52nd NPSC Conference

The Secretary, NPSC, presented a comprehensive report on the 52nd NPSC Conference held on 25th and 26th April 2025. The Conference was highly successful, comprising seven engaging sessions and featuring 21 panelists. Each session offered valuable insights and inspiration, aligned with the central theme of empowering schools to foster a peaceful society. A key takeaway was the emphasis on equipping students with the skills to become changemakers who work collaboratively towards building a better future.

The following suggestions were put forth by the members:

1. The number of panelists per panel should be limited to 3 to ensure focused discussions.
2. Moderators should connect with panelists in advance to brief them on the session structure and time constraints.
3. Rapporteurs should additionally function as timekeepers to maintain the schedule.
4. Moderators should be selected from among the member schools to encourage wider participation.
5. Participating schools should be requested to attend the entire duration of the conference and refrain from leaving during the lunch break.
6. It was suggested by the members that the conference schedule be revisited to include a post-lunch session, as per the earlier format.
7. To facilitate a smoother compilation process, publication entries should be limited to two per school.

In light of the overwhelming response received for the calendar artwork, the Chairperson informed the members that, in addition to being used for the Calendar, the submitted artwork was also incorporated into the publication.

The members expressed their sincere appreciation to the Chairperson and the Executive Committee for their invaluable contributions towards the successful organization of the Conference.

Agenda 3 : Deliberation on the Current NPSC Constitution

As discussed and resolved during the meeting held in January 2025 at ASN Senior Secondary School, and in reference to a communication received from Mr. S.L. Jain regarding the revitalization of the National Progressive Schools' Conference (NPSC), it was unanimously agreed that a review and revision of the existing NPSC Constitution would be undertaken. This review shall be carried out by a duly constituted sub-committee in June 2025, following the conclusion of the 52nd Annual Conference.

The Chairperson proposed the formation of a sub-committee entrusted with the responsibility of conducting a thorough and critical review of the Constitution. She also presented to the members the key areas identified for potential amendment.

Key proposed amendments include:

- Amendment of clauses concerning the appointment of observers during elections, particularly where existing practices do not conform with documented procedures;
- Revision of the provisions relating to the number and designation of Vice-Chairpersons, Secretaries, and other office bearers, to better reflect the current functional requirements of the NPSC;
- Introduction of provisions allowing office bearers and members to demit office due to medical emergencies or other exceptional circumstances;
- Review and revision of the existing election process for office bearers.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE SHALL COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

1. Ms Asha Prabhakar, Chairperson, NPSC
2. Mr L.V. Sehgal, Executive Member, NPSC
3. Mr S.L. Jain, Life Member, NPSC
4. Dr Usha Ram, Life Member, NPSC
5. Dr Ameeta Mulla Wattal, Life Member, NPSC
6. Dr Ashok Pandey, Life Member, NPSC

The Chairperson clarified that once the draft amendments have been prepared by the sub-committee, the same shall be circulated among Executive Members for their review and input, prior to being formally presented for approval at the scheduled monthly meeting in July 2025.

During the meeting, certain senior members raised concerns regarding the criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award, citing that seniority had traditionally been the basis for selection. The Chairperson clarified that no such criterion is mentioned in the current constitution. She further explained that, as per constitutional provisions, a sub-committee had been duly formed at the Executive Committee meeting held in February 2025 at Ramjas International School, and it had independently deliberated and finalized the selection of the awardee. The Chairperson emphasized the need to respect and uphold the decisions of such constitutionally formed sub-committees. Also, she assured the members that while reviewing the constitution, clear criteria and rubrics for future consideration of the Lifetime Achievement Award will be developed and documented.

Also, the Chairperson proposed that the term of office for the NPSC be revised to commence from July 2025 and conclude in July 2027. She highlighted that taking charge in October and organizing a conference by February poses significant challenges for a newly appointed team. This proposal was accepted and approved by the members.

The Chairperson informed the members that all the aforementioned proposals shall be formally documented and submitted to the Executive Body in a written report. A special meeting shall be convened to consider and deliberate upon the same, in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the NPSC.

Agenda 4 : Presentation of Annual Audited Accounts and Appointment of Statutory Auditor

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairperson informed the members that the Annual Audited Accounts of NPSC, along with the proposal for the appointment of the Statutory Auditor for the next financial year, will be presented for review and approval at the meeting scheduled for July 2025.

Agenda 5: Announcement of Elections (2025-2027)

The Chairperson informed the members that, in view of the proposed commencement of the new Executive Body's term from July 2025, the formal announcement of elections shall be made in the month of July 2025. The process for the election of office bearers will be duly conducted and completed on or before 15th August 2025.

Further, the Chairperson stated that during the month of July, the Executive Committee shall be requested to propose a three-member Returning Committee, consisting of a Life Member as Convenor, along with the current Chairperson and the immediate past Chairperson as members. This proposed committee will be placed before the General Body for its consideration and approval, in accordance with the rules and procedures governing the NPSC.

Agenda 6: Upcoming Workshop for Teachers – RiseUp4Peace

The Secretary informed the members that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has proposed a workshop on peace education, titled RiseUp4Peace, to be held in July 2025 as a continuation of the 52nd Annual Conference. The workshop will be open to one teacher and two students from each member school. Additional details regarding the programme will be shared in due course.

Agenda 7: Any other point with the permission of the Chair

The Chairperson informed the members that the NPSC documents have been digitized and securely stored on a hard disk for future reference. As per the constitution the Secretary's Office should serve as the official repository for these records. The members acknowledged and appreciated the Chairperson's initiative in ensuring the systematic preservation of important documentation.

With no further points on the agenda, the Chairperson thanked all members for their valuable contributions, thoughtful insights, and active participation in the discussions.

The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks to Dr. Santosh Vyas, Principal, Sadhu Vaswani International School for Girls, for the gracious hospitality and excellent arrangements made for hosting the meeting. The core team also extended heartfelt appreciation to the Director, Sadhu Vaswani International School for the exemplary coordination and support in ensuring the smooth conduct of the meeting.

Date : 22 May, 2025

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Secretary, NPSC
&
Principal, Tagore International School, East of Kailash

Asha Prabhakar
Chairperson, NPSC
&
Principal, BBPS, Noida