



NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE

Quality, Commitment and Excellence in Education

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NPSC HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY, 2025 AT 02.30 P.M.

The Executive Committee Meeting of NPSC, was held at ASN Secondary School Mayur Vihar on Tuesday, 21 January 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	Mr Sanjay Yadav	Treasurer	Principal, Ahlcon International School, New Delhi
5	Ms Swarnima Luthra	Member	Principal, ASN School, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
6	Ms Geeta Gangwani	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini, Delhi
7	Ms Rashmi Raj	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Delhi
8	Ms. Heemal Handoo Bhat	Member	Principal, Hansraj Model School, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi
9	Mr Vijay Dutta	Member	Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Delhi
10	Dr Sudha Acharya	Member	Principal, ITL Public School, Dwarka, Delhi
11	Mr S L Jain	Life Member	--
12	Dr Ameeta Mulla Wattal	Life Member	--
13	Ms Sadhana Bhalla	Honorary Member	--
14	Ms Malini Narayanan	Honorary Member	--
15	Dr Lata Vaidyanathan	Special Invitee	--

Leave of Absence was granted to:

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1	Ms Meera Balachandran	Life Member	--
2	Dr Usha Ram	Life Member	--
3	Dr Ashok Pandey	Life Member	--
4	Dr Jyoti Bose	Honorary Member	--
5	Mr L V Sehgal	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram, Delhi
6	Mr Rajeev Chauhan	Jt Secretary, Pan India	Principal, Birla Vidya Niketan, Pune
7	Ms Rashmi Malik	Jt Secretary	Principal, Salwan Public School, Gurugram
8	Ms Santosh Vyas	Member	Principal, Sadhu Vaswani School for Girls, Delhi
9	Dr Jyoti Gupta	Member	Principal, K R Mangalam School, GK-II, Delhi

10	Ms Charu Maini	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Gurgaon
11	Ms Rachna Pant	Special Invitee	--
12	Ms Aditi Misra	Special Invitee	--

PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson initiated the meeting by offering season's greetings and extending a cordial welcome to all the attending members. Thereafter, she requested the Secretary, NPSC to start with the proceedings.

Agenda-1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the NPSC Executive Body Meeting held on 31 October, 2023 at Bal Bharti Public School Noida.

The Secretary, NPSC informed that the minutes from the last Executive Committee Meeting, held on 10 December 2024, had been emailed to all members on 31 December 2024. No comments or observations were submitted, and the minutes were read and approved by the members.

Agenda-2 : Report on the recently concluded NPSC – Inter School Chess Tournament

Dr. Vijay Datta, Member of the Executive Body, provided a comprehensive briefing on the recently concluded NPSC Chess Tournament. He highlighted the remarkable participation of schools in the event and expressed gratitude to all institutions that hosted the zonal-level competitions.

In the final results, Modern School, Barakhamba, emerged as the overall winner in the girls' category, while Lotus Valley, Noida, secured the title in the boys' category.

Dr. Datta also extended his appreciation to the Chairperson and Senior members for gracing the occasion and presenting the awards at the closing ceremony.

Also, the Secretary informed members that all tournament photographs along with the results have been uploaded to the NPSC website. During the meeting, members also proposed the revival of the UNIC-NPSC Football Tournament.

Agenda 3 : Report on Winter warmth initiative by Secretary, NPSC

In the spirit of giving, caring, and sharing, the NPSC community launched a Warm Clothes Donation Drive to bring warmth to those in need. The Secretary informed that an overwhelming response from schools across Delhi NCR was received reflecting the community's commitment to social responsibility. The Secretary extended heartfelt gratitude to all participating schools for their invaluable support in facilitating the collection and distribution of donations to various NGOs. Among the beneficiaries of this initiative were Shubhakshika Educational Society, Paalna Navuday Kiran NGO, Children of the World (Dwarka), Cheshire Home, Earth Saviours (Sarita Vihar), Goonj, and East Son (Sector-21).

The members present applauded the efforts of NPSC team and reaffirmed that the collective effort stands as a testament to the power of kindness and unity in making a meaningful difference.

Agenda 4 : Discussion on the Adobe India Education and NPSC Leadership Summit on 29 Jan, 2025.

The Chairperson, NPSC apprised the members present about the upcoming NPSC Leadership Conclave, organized in collaboration with Adobe India Education. She provided insights into the collaboration and the event format, extending an invitation to all members to actively participate and leverage the resources offered by Adobe.

Recognizing that AI is the need of the hour, she emphasized the importance of staying updated on the subject. The summit will offer valuable insights directly from experts, helping educators understand how to effectively integrate AI into the classroom.

The members present welcomed the initiative and expressed their gratitude to the Chairperson for organizing such programs under the NPSC banner.

Agenda 5 : Presentation of draft – 52st Annual Conference of NPSC scheduled for 25 & 26 April 2025

The Chairperson opened the discussion on the Annual Conference slated for April 25 & 26, 2025. She updated the members on booking the Air Force Auditorium as the venue for the conference and suggested the primary theme as **CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.**

Also, she conveyed the sub-themes for the conference, which were discussed, finalized and approved by the members.

The details of the session presented by the Chair are outlined below:

DAY-1 : Friday, 25 April, 2025

Building Peaceful Pathways: Effective Conflict Management Strategies for Schools

- Welcome, Lighting of Lamp
- School Choir : Bal Bharti Public School, Noida
- Welcome Address by Chairperson, NPSC
- Annual Report by Secretary, NPSC

INAUGURAL SESSION

- Inaugural Address : Dr Edward Vicker, UNESCO Chair, Kyushu University
- Address by the Chief Guest : To be identified
- Keynote Address : To be identified
- Release of NPSC Publications
- Vote of Thanks by Vice Chairperson, NPSC

Session-1

- **Panel Discussion : Conflict in Schools : Understanding Causes, Culture and Leadership Roles**

Panelists : To be identified

- **Workshop on Effective Communication for Conflict Resolution: Mastering Active Listening and Communication Tools**

It was proposed to introduce a workshop session wherein our goal will be to provide participants with practical tools and skills to effectively manage conflicts in schools with focus on equipping educators with the necessary skills to navigate challenging situations and promote harmonious learning environment. Members consented for the same.

Session-2

- **Moving beyond discord : A cultural celebration of Unity and Cooperation**

The names of various artists were recommended by the members.

DAY-2 : Saturday, 26 April, 2025

- Induction of new members
- Felicitation of State Awardee and National Awardee
- Presentation by School Choir : Modern School Barakhamba Road, Delhi

Session-3

- **Panel Discussion : Peaceful Schools, Prosperous Nation : Aligning CO-Curricular activities and teacher training in Peace Education under NEP 2020**

Panelist : To be identified

Session-4

- **Expert Dialogue : Conflict In the Cybersphere : Exploring the inter section of Technology and Peacebuilding**

Speakers : To be identified

Session – 5

- **Student Teacher Perspectives : Collaboration for Classroom Conflicts:** This session will bring together 03 teachers, 03 students to discuss the challenges and opportunities for building harmony in classrooms. Also, the Chairperson mentioned that certain role-play exercises would be developed as a tool to enhance understanding of conflict resolution.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

Address by the Chief Guest : To be identified

Keynote Address : To be identified

Overview of the Conference & Vote of Thanks

The members were invited to provide suggestions for potential panelists for the sessions. It was proposed that a Google form would be circulated for members to propose speakers for various sessions.

The Vice Chair, NPSC informed members present about the allocation of conference responsibilities to the Executive Committee Members and requested for wholehearted participation by all.

All suggestions were appreciated, and the Chairperson expressed her readiness to organize the sessions with the assistance of the esteemed members.

Agenda 6: Any other point with the permission of the Chair

The Chairperson informed the members that she had received a document from Mr. S. L. Jain via WhatsApp, endorsed by the former Chairpersons of NPSC, regarding the revitalization of NPSC.

She then provided a point-by-point response to all attending members, addressing various procedural and administrative recommendations during the discussion.

1. Induction of New Schools: The suggestion for a screening committee for the induction of new schools was well accepted and has been forwarded to the office of the Secretary, NPSC, for implementation purposes.
2. Leadership Transition Protocol: While the current practice of symbolic leadership handover is commendable, she reiterated that we can develop more formal Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for transitions, covering key positions such as Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Joint Secretary, and Treasurer. Input from members could help refine this SOP, which can then be included as an annexure to NPSC's rules and regulations. She also stated that the current team followed the same protocols for the outgoing Chairperson as those observed in previous years.
3. Monthly Meetings and Expenses: It was informed to the members that the regularity of meetings and associated expenses require further deliberation to ensure efficiency and sustainability.
4. Efficient and Smaller Administrative Team Structure: The members were informed that the relevant documents confirming the registration of the posts—two Vice Chairs, two Secretaries, and two Joint Secretaries—under the Societies Registration Act could not be located. The Chairperson stated that, since no legal constraints exist, it would be feasible to revert to a smaller and more efficient administrative team.

With no further points to discuss, the Chairperson expressed gratitude to all members for bringing their expertise and experience to the table, engaging in meaningful discussions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Principal, host school, Ms Swarnima Luthra, ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar for her warm hospitality and excellent arrangements.

Attached as Annexure-1 are the key discussion points with Ms Veditha Reddy, Director of Education, Delhi Govt. discussed during the General Body Meeting.

Date : 05 Feb, 2025

Mallika Preman
Secretary, NPSC

Asha Prabhakar
Chairperson, NPSC

NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE (NPSC)

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DELHI GOVERNMENT

DATE : TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY, 2025

The National Progressive Schools' Conference (NPSC) held its General Body Meeting on Tuesday, 21 January 2025. The keynote speaker, Ms. Veditha Reddy, Director of Education, Delhi Government, addressed the members and commended NPSC for its commitment to fostering collaboration and excellence in education. She emphasized that NPSC continues to uphold its core values of quality, commitment, and excellence in education.

The discussion focused on key areas concerning education policies, best practices, and inclusivity. The following points were deliberated:

1. NPSC has been effectively fostering the exchange of best practices among its member schools.
2. A collective effort is needed to build a stronger partnership with government schools to enhance educational opportunities for all students.
3. Teachers play a crucial role in the educational ecosystem. There is a need to equip them with the latest developments in education and technology.
4. Initiatives should be taken to create structured platforms that facilitate cooperation between private and government schools.
5. Given Delhi's influence in shaping national education trends, NPSC must strive to be a role model for the country.
6. Members were invited to provide insights on the National Education Policy (NEP) and age criteria for admissions, emphasizing the need for standardized practices across NCR and India.
7. Ms. Reddy invited NPSC Principals to establish a cohort to discuss and streamline the implementation of the NEP in Delhi.
8. Members suggested that the age criteria for admission under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category should be aligned with general admissions.

It was recommended that CWSN students be given an age relaxation of 1–2 years for admissions.

9. NPSC members were invited to visit the special needs center established by the Delhi Government and integrate its resources into their schools for CWSN students.
10. The Director of Education encouraged NPSC members to collaborate in creating more inclusive schools to support students with special needs.
11. A proposal was made to introduce special recognition for schools demonstrating exemplary efforts in the field of inclusive education.
12. Members recommended establishing skill-based schools for students with disabilities to enable them to reach their full potential through specialized learning opportunities.

The Director of Education encouraged all members to actively participate in these initiatives to drive meaningful progress in the education sector.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Chairperson to the Director Education for sharing her valuable insights.