MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 17th DECEMBER, 2014 AT DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SUSHANT LOK, GURGAON

Members present –

- 1. Mrs. Ameeta Mulla Wattal, Chairperson, Principal, Springdales School, Upper Ridge Road Junction, Pusa Road
- 2. Mrs. Chitra Nakra, Vice Chairperson, Principal, Ved Vyasa DAV Public School, Vikaspuri
- 3. Ms. Rekha Sharma, Secretary, Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Sector-14, Rohini
- 4. Mr. Neeraj K. Bedhotiya, Joint Secretary, Mayoor School, Ajmer
- 5. Mrs. Deepika T. Singh, Treasurer, Principal, The Air Force School.
- **6. Dr. D. K. Pandey, Member,** N.C. Jindal Public School., New Delhi
- 7. Mrs. Suman Nath, Member, Principal, Tagore International School, East of Kailash, New Delhi
- **8** Mr. L. V. Sehgal, Member, Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Ganga Ram Hospital Marg, New Delhi.
- 9. **Mrs. Abha Sehgal, Member**, Principal, Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
- 10 Mr. A. K. Pandey, Member, Principal, Ahlcon International School
- 11. **Mrs. Neeta Rastogi,** Member, Principal, Sadhu Vaswani International School for girls, Shanti NIketan, New Delhi.
- 12. **Mrs. Rita Sen**, Member, Principal, Delhi Public School, Rohini, Delhi.
- 13. Mrs. Anita Wadehra, Member, Principal, Darbari Lal DAV Model School, Pitampura.
- 14. Mr. S. K. Bhattacharya, Life Member
- 15. **Mr. Suraj Prakash**, Life Member
- 16. **Mr. S. L. Jain,** Life Member
- 17. Mrs. Lata Vaidyanathan, Special Invitee
- **18. Mrs. Shipra Sarcar**, **Member**, Principal, Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute, Subroto Park, New Delhi
- 19. **Vice Principal,** Amity International School, Road No. 44, Saket, New Delhi.
- 20. Mrs. Malini Narayanan, Member, Principal, Army Public School, Shankar Vihar. New Delhi
- **21. Ms. Sonia Luthra, Member, Principal,** ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar, Phase I, Delhi
- **22. Dr.** (**Mrs.**) **Anju Tandon, Member, Principal,** Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Mehta Vidyalaya, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
- 23. Mr. H. R. Sharma, Member, Principal, CRPF Public School, Prashant Vihar, Rohini, New Delhi.
- 24. **Ms. Rachna Pandit**, Member, Principal, Delhi Public School, Gurgaon.
- 25. **Dr. (Mrs.) Ruchi Seth, Member, Principal, Delhi Public School**, Sushant Lok, Gurgaon
- **26.** Mrs. Aparna Erry, Member, Principal, DAV Public School, Sector 14, Gurgaon.
- 27. Mrs. Rashmi Raj Biswal, Member, Principal DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura
- 28. **Ms. Aditi Misra**, Member, Principal, Delhi Public School, Gurgaon.
- 29. **Ms. Prem Lata Garg**, Member, Principal, DAV Public School, Srestha Vihar, New Delhi.
- 30. Mrs. Rachna Pandit, Member, Principal, Delhi Public School, Faridabad a
- 32. Mrs. Sudha Acharya, Member, Principal, ITL Public School, Sector 9, Rohini, Delhi
- 33. Mrs. Sneh Verma, Member, Principal, Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi.
- 34 Mrs. Sangeeta Bhatia, Member, Principal, KIIT World School, Pitampura, Delhi

- 35. **Dr.** (Mrs.) Bhawna, Member, Principal, Lovely Public School, Priyadarshini Vihar, Delhi
- 36. Mrs. Pratibha Kohli, Member, Principal, Maharaja Agrasen Model School, Pitampura
- 37. **Mr. B. C Pandey**, Member, Principal, Mahavir Sr. Model School, Sangam Park
- 38. Col. Ashok Kaul, Member, Principal, Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Ashok Vihar
- 39. **Mr. Vijay Datta**, Member, Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi.
- 40. **Mrs. Sanghamitra Ghosh, Member,** Principal, The Mother's International School, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi
- 41. **Mrs. Jyoti Arora,** Member, Principal, Mount Abu Public School, Sector 5, Rohini,
- 42. Mrs. Alka Kapur, Member, Principal, Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
- 43. Mrs. Rachna Pant, Member, Principal, Ramjas School, R. K. Puram, New Delhi
- 46. **Ms. Rashmi Mehta**, Member, Principal, Salwan Public School, Sector 14, Gurgaon.
- 47. **Ms. Preeti Chadha, T**agore International School, Paschimi Marg, New Delhi. (Ms. Preeti Chadha)

Leave of absence:-

- **1. Mrs. Krishna Bhati, Member,** Principal, Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Vidhayalaya, Swai Man Singh Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 2. Mr. S. C. Tiwari, Member, Principal, Apeejay School, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida
- 3. Mrs. Mrinalini Kaur, Member, Principal, Venkateswar International School, Dwarka
- 4. Ms. Neera Sharma, Member, Principal, DAV Lawrence Road, Amritsar
- 5. Ms. Anjana Gupta, Member, Principal, DAV Public School, Amritsar
- **6. Ms. Surjeet Kohli, Member,** Director, Guru Tegh Bahadur School, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi.
- 7. Ms. Mohini Bindra, Member, Principal Ramjas School, Pusa Road.

The Principal Dr. Ruchi Seth welcomed the members which was followed by a floral welcome of the office bearers and former Chairpersons.

Mr. B. C. Pandey, new Principal of Mahavir Model School was also welcomed.

This was followed by a beautiful fusion dance by the students eulogizing this beautiful world after which the business of the day was taken up.

The Chairperson welcomed the members and said that we were meeting in the shadow of the tragedy at Peshawar, perhaps the worst in recent history. Mr. Suraj Prakash suggested that a condolence message be sent to the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

The members then observed two minutes silence in memory of the departed souls.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30^{TH} OCTOBER, 2014 -

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th October, 2014 and circulated on 5th December, 2014 were read and confirmed.

TO NOTE AND DISCUSS THE POINTS ARISING OUT OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30TH OCTOBER, 2014 –

The Chairperson informed members about the UN/NPSC Calendar was released by Dr. Kiran Bedi. It had the names and the address of all NPSC schools. She also informed members of the proposed UN collaboration – 'Sports for life'. Mr. L. V. Sehgal was made Convener of the Committee to invite teams. The Committee would also decide the games and UNIC would give trophies. Mr. L. V. Sehgal complemented the Chairperson for organizing an interaction with His Holiness Dalia Lama. He said the whole programme was well planned and executed and the arrangements were excellent. The Chairperson thanked all NPSC members because of whose efforts there were over 4500 students and teachers.

She also informed that in the next meeting at Tagore International School on Wednesday 28th January 2015. Dr. Kiran Bedi would release her animated comic book 'Top Cop'.

<u>DISCUSSIONS ON THE SPEAKER FOR THE VALEDICTORY SESSION FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY, 2015</u> –

The Chairperson informed the members that efforts were being made to get Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Laureate as speaker for the Valedictory session.

In fact she said that as a result of our collaboration with UNIC, we should attempt to bring an international personality i.e. the Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai / *Aung San Suu Kyi* or any other such renowned people before the conclusion of the year end celebrations of 20 years of United Nations by October 2015.

REPORTS FROM THE INSPECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW MEMBRSHIPS -

The Secretary Mrs. Rekha Sharma informed the members of the reports of the Inspection Committees for the following Schools –

- 1) Shree Vashishtha Vidhyalaya
- 2) O. P. Jindal School
- 3) Lotus Valley International School

The reports were positive and the committee members were of the opinion that these schools fulfill all the requisite criteria and hence should be inducted as members. This was approved.

<u>DISCUSSION ON DUTY LIST OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE -</u>

The Chairperson said that the duty list for the Annual Conference was being finalized. She also showed samples of bags for the Conference and one of them was selected. She thanked Mrs. Rachna Pandit, Principal, DPS Maruti Kunj for the effort.

FEEDBACK ON ESSAYS BY PRINCIPALS FOF PUBRLICATION -

The Chairperson said that she had received some essays which were being scrutinized but requested members to send more. The last date was extended upto 15th January.

DISCUSSIONS ON NURSERY ADMISSIONS --

The Chairperson informed members that after the Court's decision Nursery admissions were set to commence.

She said that we should formulate the nursery parameters in a way that it should not be seen that different organizations were speaking in different voices which will lead to confusion.

Mr. S. K. Bhattacharya said that an appeal had been filed in the Supreme Court and matter was listed for 8th/9th January where the order of the division bench was being challenged. However, school should proceed with admissions but there should be some uniformity in the system to maintain harmony.

Mr. Bhattacharya apprised members of the current situation and cautioned that any deviation on the part of a single school would bring a bad name to all. There was urgent need to be transparent and also show solidarity.

As regards the free distribution of books and stationery, he informed members that the Hon'ble High Court had said that the Government had to bear the cost based on actuals

He told the members that he had met the Home Minister, who had assured that the Court's verdict would be respected.

The Chairperson informed members that a meeting has also been organized with Mr. Arun Jaitley, which she had attended had mentioned that he would discuss the matter with the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

MR. N. K. SINGH IAS (RETD.) AND POLITICIAN WOULD BE ADDRESSING THE GATHERING ON 'CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION" (3.30p.m.)

The meeting was followed by a talk by Mr. N. K. Singh, member of Rajya Sabha, renowned Statesman and author and also Chairperson of DPS, Sushant Lok. He was welcomed by the Chairperson along with Mrs. Meenakshi Pathania, Pro Vice Chairperson of the School.

Mr. Singh spoke at length about the genesis of the RTE Act but expressed serious concerns about the outcome of the Act. In the interaction that was followed with member principals, it was clear that there seemed a bias against private institutions and some of the decisions were premature and hasty. Hence there was an urgent need to address some endemic needs.

Mr. Ashok Pandey thanked Mr. N. K. Singh for his illuminating discourse. He also thanked the school Principal, Teachers and students for the excellent programme and the wonderful and warm hospitality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(REKHA SHARMA)

Secretary, NPSC