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SANSKRITI SCHOOL, PUNE**

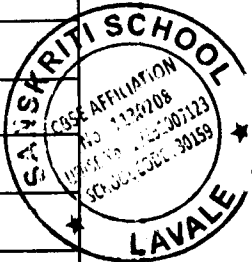
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING: EXECUTIVE PTA COMMITTEE - 03 (2024-25)

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024	Venue: Sanskriti Kids, Bavdhan
Start Time: 03:30 pm	End Time: 06:00 pm

LIST OF ATTENDEES

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1	Ms. Damini Joshi	Chairperson
2	Ms. Dhanashree Nikalje	Vice-Chairperson (Parent)
3	Ms. Sampada Ketkar	Secretary (Teacher)
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23	Ms. Manisha Nehete	Teacher Member - Class X
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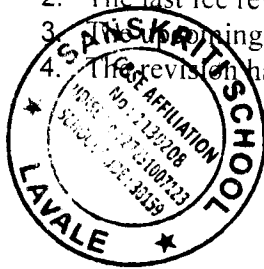
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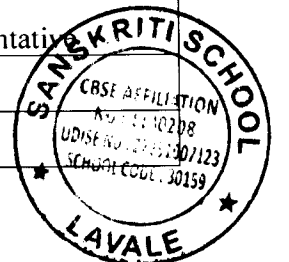
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- a. Sanika Tamhankar (Class VI) won Bronze in 100m.
 - b. Parul Deshpande (Class VIII) won Bronze in 400m.
 - c. Sai Fartade (Class VII) won Gold in 200m.
 - d. Anaya Mukherji (Class IX) won Gold in 100m and 200m.
 - e. Anushka Menon (Class X) won Gold in Shotput.
 - f. Girls U-14 relay 4x100m team won Gold.
21. 2nd place in U-17 Girls Handball District Competition:
- a. We played against the Vidya Pratishthan Indapur team.
 - b. In the opponent team, out of the playing 7, 5 are national players.
 - c. The goal keeper of that team plays for Maharashtra.
22. ZP Swimming Competition (Zone 2):
- a. Dakshita Dubey (Class VII) won 3 Gold medals in 50m Freestyle (clocking a best time of 30.30 secs), 100m Freestyle, and 50m Butterfly (Girls U-14).
 - b. Shreelekha Pareek (Class X) won 3 Gold medals in 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle & 50m Backstroke (Girls U-17).
 - c. Vihaan Dalbhide (Class IX) won 2 Gold medals in 50m, 100m & 1 Silver medal in 200m Backstroke (Boys U-14).
 - d. Sparsh Bhagat (Class VII) won 3 Gold medals in 100m, 200m and 400m Freestyle (Boys U-14).
 - e. Prajwal Sable (Class X) won 3 Gold medals in 200m, 400m & 800m Freestyle (Boys U-17).
 - f. Udit Kalita (Class VII) won 3 Silver medals in 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle & 100m Breaststroke Boys U-14).
 - g. Anoushka Chhauha (Class X) won 3 Gold medals in 100m Butterfly, 200m Butterfly, 200m Freestyle (Girls U-17).
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 - i. Malishka Deokule (Class VIII) won 2 Gold (50m and 100m Breaststroke), 1 Bronze (50m Backstroke) (Girls U-17).
 - j. Chinmay Maslekar (Class VIII) won 2 Silver (50m Breaststroke and 200m Breaststroke), 1 Bronze (100m Breaststroke) (Boys U-14).
 - k. Vihaan Dalbhide, Udit Kalita, Sparsh Bhagat, Chinmay Maslekar Relay team won 2 Gold medals in 4× 100 m Freestyle Relay and 4×100m Medley Relay (Boys U-14).
 - l. All qualified for their respective events in the upcoming Zonals.

Performing Fine Arts:

1. 1st Runner up in the Swar Shakti' 2024 inter-school singing festival theme - Harit Utsav(students of class IV and V).
2. 2nd Position in the Indian Language School, Nigeria - Melody Mania contest on the theme of Mental Health (lyrics written and composed by the students of class IX and X).
3. Naksh Patwardhan (UKG F) secured 1st position in the Divakar Smruti Natyachata Spardha by Natya Sanskar Kala Academy

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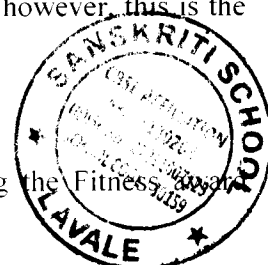
1. Ivy Chatterjee (Class VII) secured 2nd position in the painting competition organized by Agharkar Research Institute
2. Viraj Kalode (Class V) secured 1st position in the inter-school poster making competition.

All the EPTA members had accolades and laurels for all the students who performed exceptionally well and represented the school.

Ms. Geetanjali Kamath noted that Sanskriti has always been best in academics: however, this is the first time the school has received so many achievements in sports too.

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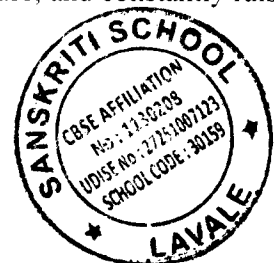
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Ms. Sampada Ketkar gave a brief about the upcoming activities in school. These were as below:

- a) Sports Day
- b) Kaleidoscope (Classes I to V)
- c) Epicurious - 'Literature Fest'
- d) Annual Day (LKG and Classes VI to XII)
- e) Alumni Meet
- f) Farewell for classes X and XII
- g) Grandparents Day for Nursery
- h) Graduation Day for UKG

STUDENTS' POLL:

The overview of the student poll which was conducted for the students was given by Ms. Sampada Ketkar. She noted that the purpose of this poll was to empower our students and to value their opinion by giving them a chance to identify the additions to the school's infrastructure. She listed the choices of the poll:

- a) Rock Climbing Wall
- b) DARE Lab (Drone, aeronautics, robotics and electronics laboratory)
- c) Digital Art Studio
- d) Career Counselling Desk

She noted that the choices were explained to the students by the Student Council of the school. Four members of the council took each of the above listed options and explained its details to all the students before they vote. She pointed out that our Jr. Head Boy and Jr. Head Girl briefed the younger students about these choices.

Ms. Sampada Ketkar noted that voting was conducted in respective classes and after thorough counting the final result was declared to the students. A video depicting the students' reactions when the result was revealed was shown by her to our EPTA members. She revealed the votes received for each of the choices:

- a) Rock Climbing Wall – 924
- b) DARE Lab – 713
- c) Digital Art Studio – 504
- d) Career Counselling Desk – 314

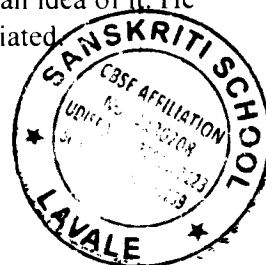
Rock Climbing Wall was the final choice made by our students and Ms. Sampada Ketkar confirmed that the school will now start processing for this choice.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Mr. Gaurav Belwal, Class VI EPTA representative, suggested that the school should conduct peer interactions with the students who have participated in various events and activities so that the other students also feel motivated to participate and indulge in different activities.

Ms. Sampada Ketkar noted that we do have such interactions in the class assemblies.

2. Mr. Nitin Deshpande, Class XII EPTA member, mentioned that the workshops conducted by the school should also be included in the EPTA presentation so that everyone gets an idea of it. He highlighted certain workshops like the ones in IISER which the school had initiated.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Ms. Damini Joshi then took over to discuss various queries/concerns shared by the EPTA committee members. They are as follows:

CLASS II EPTA REPRESENTATIVE (Mr. Prasad Jahagirdar):

1. Self defence training for class II students.

Mr. Yogesh Sadhwani mentioned that we do welcome this decision but none of the self defence techniques and courses that we have come across are relevant for Class II students. He invited suggestions from the members.

2. Precautionary measures the school is taking to safeguard students against chikungunya.

Ms. Damini Joshi confirmed that fumigation and spray of disinfectants does take place in the campus regularly.

3. Summer break: Can we have a short summer break (for 1 week) and let new sessions continue till 15th April instead of full April which is really hot for kids to commute? Many schools in Pune, despite being CBSE, follow the Maharashtra govt pattern for summer holidays.

It was clarified by Ms. Damini Joshi that as we are a CBSE affiliated school, we follow all the norms laid by them. She further shared that there could be other schools who have different sets of summer holidays but in Sanskriti we will continue to abide by the rules set by CBSE board.

Ms. Geetanjali Kamat, the convenor, suggested that we can write to CBSE so that they consider our request and give us certain permission to change the summer break.

Ms. Joshi hoped that with the changing weather if CBSE considers this then we would certainly take this up and inform the parents. She noted that we will send a request from our end. She reinstated that we always keep the wellness of our children on priority hence this summer, the school had proactively decided to have half days in the month of April.

She concluded that we do prioritise our childrens' safety but also follow the norms laid down by CBSE.

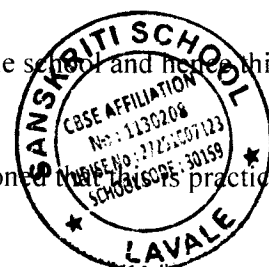
4. Annual Function: Annual day should be conducted every year. The school should follow a similar pattern for the annual day celebration as other schools do.

Ms. Damini Joshi explained to the EPTA members that the school conducts Kaleidoscope and annual function alternate years for the students. One section of students has Kaleidoscope for one year while the other section has the annual function, which then alters the next year. She further summarised that while an annual function is a display of dance, music and other such performing arts; Kaleidoscope is an exhibition wherein the students have to do extensive research on the given topic. She mentioned that the school has taken this decision so that our students get exposure to different activities and the overall development of the child is taken care.

5. Concerns of sports and other PE activities; individual PE reports for students and selection process of students.

Mr. Jahagirdar noted that the PPT gave a glimpse of the PE activities in the school and hence this query does not need further discussion.

As for the individual PE reports for the students, Ms. Damini Joshi mentioned that it is practically not possible for the school and hence we will not be able to take this up.



Regarding the selection process for sports, Mr. Vinod Ganjare mentioned that the selection takes place in school which is conducted in the sports selection week and not on the basis of how much the student already knows or what he or she is good at.

6. Mr. Jahagirdar enquired about the library period not conducted during the half days.

It was clarified by Ms. Damini Joshi that this is not during the half days but during term end as the school verifies the stock of books at each term end.

Ms. Anuradha Mohan, Teacher Member - Class V, went on to confirm that the primary students still continue to get the library books to read in the library period. It's just that the book is not sent home.

CLASS IV EPTA REPRESENTATIVE (Mr. Tejas Nadkar):

1. Why half days for Classes I to IV?

Ms. Damini Joshi mentioned that this decision is taken into account by the school administration to manage the logistics.

CLASS V EPTA REPRESENTATIVE (Mr. Sachin Thakare):

1. Concerns of Hindi subject and current publication being more complex.

Ms. Damini Joshi mentioned that the publication for the Hindi book has been changed as the earlier publication did not match the adequate level of Hindi set by CBSE. She added that in Class VI we have CBSE books for Hindi and thus the children were finding it difficult to adjust and hence the change. She clarified that eventually by the end of this year the children will settle for this level of Hindi and the problem will settle down.

For the mention of different methodology of teaching being followed for Hindi in different sections, she clarified that being a language the teaching methodology may differ.

Ms. Dhanashree Nikalje, Vice-Chairperson (Parent), informed that a few parents did raise the concern; however, it would depend on the level of understanding of each child. She added that the teachers of some sections teach in depth giving complete answers and dictating everything while others do not do this and hence the difference.

Mr. Sachin Thakare informed that certain parents had a query that if a child does not wish to pursue a career in Hindi literature then why do they have to learn Hindi of this difficulty level.

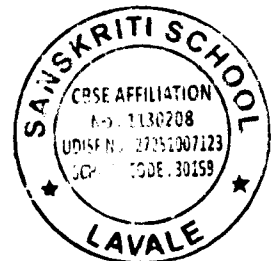
Ms. Sampada Ketkar noted that by learning a language, the children learn a way to express themselves which will be useful for students in the future.

Ms. Damini Joshi added that if we think it from this point of view then this is applicable to all the subjects that are learnt till class X.

Class 5 is too soon for a child to decide as to what he would like to pursue ahead.

2. Water quality concern.

Ms. Joshi assured that this concern has been taken care of and if still some parent has any complaint they can write directly to the school.



3. Timely communication is missing:

- a) CT change information was not provided on time.

It was clarified by Ms. Damini Joshi that the school deliberately had sent the communication late so that the students are not disturbed during the exams.

- b) UT schedule & WA - 4 cancellation not yet shared.

With respect to the UT schedule and WA - 4 cancellation, Ms. Sampada Ketkar stated that the communication was already shared during the orientation and the details are available on Connecting Matters.

4. Plantation with 10th and 12th pass out students.

The Chairperson informed that the point has been noted and the school shall consider this with the current batch of X and XII.

5. CCTV installation in class room.

Mr. Yogesh Sadhwani informed studies reveal that cameras in classrooms are not conducive for a healthy teaching and learning atmosphere. Hence, the suggestion is not tenable.

6. Query about admission to parents outside the radius of school transport. Also with increase in travel time, can the radius be reduced.

Mr. Yogesh Sadhwani informed that we do not accept admissions beyond the predefined radius. This is to ensure that students do not spend a lot of time travelling. As for reducing the radius, Ms. Damini Joshi also mentioned that we cannot change the policy as of now as we have students already enrolled from these areas in our school.

CLASS VI EPTA REPRESENTATIVE (Mr. Gaurav Belwal):

1. Mr. Belwal informed the school about the complaint regarding rash driving.

Mr. Yogesh Sadhwani urged Mr. Belwal to provide further details so that the school can initiate action.

2. 30-min prior exam food break for the students.

The Chairperson mentioned that we cannot delay the exams as the departure from school will be delayed and students will not get enough time to prepare for the next examination. She requested the parents to cooperate and support the school during exams as the school has taken certain decisions keeping in mind the benefit of the students.

CLASS VIII EPTA REPRESENTATIVE (Ms. Peetu Mattoo):

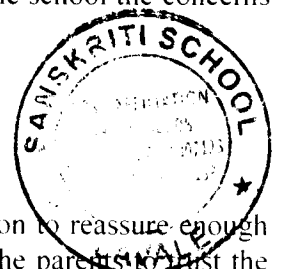
1. Ms. Mattoo, Class VIII representative, urged the school to maintain the standards of the education.

Mr. Yogesh Sadhwani assured her about this and requested her to share with the school the concerns she has encountered so that the school can take remedial action.

CLASS IX EPTA REPRESENTATIVE (Ms. Richie Agarwal):

1. Spare worksheets for Mathematics and Science.

Ms. Damini Joshi said that it will increase the burden on students. She went on to reassure enough revisions and practice sheets are already shared with the students. She urged the parents to trust the



school and just ensure that the child studies regularly and has enough practice, which would be sufficient for the child to perform at par in the exams. She highlighted that in case of Mathematics, practice of about 5-10 sums daily will help the child a lot.

Mr. Sukhdev Singh, Class XI EPTA representative, suggested that the parents should encourage their children to follow what is taught in school.

Mr. Nitin Deshpande, Class XII EPTA representative, mentioned that the school includes competency and case based questions in the exams to encourage the students to have their basics clear and not refer to the internet.

Ms. Damini Joshi informed the parents that for Classes X and XII the school regularly shares various tips and tricks with the children.

CLASS XII EPTA REPRESENTATIVE (Mr. Nitin Deshpande):

1. Mr. Deshpande enquired about the process of library periods.

It was confirmed by Ms. Damini Joshi that the school has one library period a week for all its students. She announced that we already have 2 libraries in place; however, the 3rd library is planned in the new building too to maximize its utilization. She further informed that as per CBSE norms, a school library should have 5 books per child (story and fictional books); our school has much more than this.

The point of donation of books to the school library was also suggested by a few of the EPTA members. Ms. Damini Joshi informed that the school in fact encourages donation of books on birthdays, which would be beneficial to all the students in the school.

Vote of thanks:

The meeting was ended by Ms. Damini Joshi who expressed her gratitude to all the present EPTA members.

Warm regards,

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