

Minutes of the Meeting

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Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTM – Only with HRTs and not Subject teachers • MAI – Parent Volunteers are very few • No Extension of deadline for trips, picnic • Forcing KAC to give specific CCA activity, even if there is no seat availability • Form Mornings – Forcing us to give drama to their children, fighting back with KAC and team for giving fewer lines to the child. In dance, complaining that the child was not in the centre • Not to force the school to allow students to carry mobile phones • Pants for girls along with belts will be compulsory for Grades X, XI, and XII from March '24 • Belts will be compulsory from Grade I upwards - March '24 onwards • Fee Hike 2024-25 and 2025-26 • Transport fees will increase alternate years
Date: Time: Venue:	11th August, 2023 8.30 am Conference Room (Offline)

Sr. No	Points discussed and decisions taken
1.	The Exec PTA Members for AY 2023-24 were welcomed by The Principal and Director and the above-mentioned agenda was discussed in detail:
2.	<p>PTM – Only with HRTs and not Subject teachers.</p> <p>Due to our past experience of many years, the following pointers will be implemented from the next PTMs:</p> <p>a) PTMs will only be conducted with the Home Room Teachers.</p> <p>b) Subject teachers will not be available during the PTMs. Parents can meet them on stay-back days after taking appointments.</p> <p>c) If the parent is unable to be on time, then they will have to wait till the end of the PTM for their turn.</p> <p>d) Co-curricular teachers will be available during the PTMs.</p> <p>f) The PTM sequence order will be reversed for the next term.</p>
3.	MAI – Parent Volunteers are very few – We urge the parents to be actively involved in the MAI preparations, as it is a parent driven event.
4.	No Extension of deadline for trips, picnic – We shall not give any special provisions to parents or extend any deadlines, due to logistical reasons.
5.	Forcing KAC to give specific CCA activity even if there is no seat availability – Seats in CCA are allotted on a first come first serve basis, the parents are supposed to adhere to the deadline.
6.	Mobile phones will not be allowed for trips – This will be implemented as there have been cases wherein the students are using social media excessively and posting inappropriate stuff, which can tarnish the image of other students and the school's reputation. The teachers in charge will have phones and the students can use their phones to make phone calls once a day, to their parents.
7.	Pants for girls along with belts compulsory for Grades X, XI, and XII from March '24 – This will be implemented from next year.
8.	Belts will be compulsory from Grade I upwards - March '24 onwards – This will be implemented strictly from next year.

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9.	School Fee Hike 2024-25 and 2025-26 by 15% - The new fee structure was shown to the Exec PTA and approved.
10.	Transport fees will increase in the – AY 2025-26, as we don't want to burden the Parents in the coming year.
11.	The following are the points discussed by the Parents across Grades.
a)	Parent Member of Grade I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tuck-shop should have healthy meal options and school should have control over student's expenditure – We can look into the healthy meal options but student's expenditure requires parental control. We cannot deny a student buying a snack for his / her peer without knowing the reason behind it. Recess and breaks are rush hours and these things can't be monitored. ii. GPS facility – mapping after school buses is not possible. We have explained this point time and again to all the parents. After-school buses are plying as and when they reach the school, irrespective of the designated allotted/assigned regular route, to save on time. iii. Homework – The School uploads the homework on the portal and it is also written in the almanac daily. If the Shricconnect Mobile App is installed on the phone, for every upload there is a notification the parent receives, which can act as a reminder. iv. Hindi – not every student is given a chance to read in class – The student may or may not get a chance to read in every period, due to time constraints. However, we make sure that everybody gets a chance, as the teacher's go through the list alphabetically. v. Students are supposed to get Art materials for projects in spite of paying for stationery – The payment towards Art supplies is towards the materials the students use during the Art period. For all the month-end activities, the students are supposed to get the art materials for their use.
b)	Parent Member of Grade II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lunch breaks to be longer – Not possible, our time-tables are aligned to the break timings, we can't disturb the running of the school. ii. Washrooms are far – The school building is designed in this way, so that the Boys and Girls washrooms are not close to each other, and some untoward incident shouldn't occur.
c)	Parent Member of Grade III: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Too many month-end activities are planned for the same day – We shall look into it and ensure that the activities finish on time. ii. Breakfast should be healthier – Our breakfast and lunch menus have been approved by a nutritionist, who is a parent of the school. The choice of milk or cornflakes is always there. We are open to suggestions; the parents are requested to let us know better options. If we can, we shall cater it. iii. Form Mornings to be changed to Saturdays – Not possible. After a lot of thought, logistics and keeping the staff in mind, it is now shifted to a Friday, and it will remain so. The Planner is given to the parent a year in advance, they should block their time for the benefit of their ward. iv. More Hindi and Math revision should be done – Shall look into it. v. Kindness circle activity, instead of an email, students should be encouraged to speak about it – Yes, that's possible and can be done once a quarter.

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d)	<p>Parent Member of Grade IV:</p> <p>Syllabus for exams to be covered in advance – Yes, we are trying to achieve that and we will try to give 10 days of revision for Math and Geometry.</p> <p>School Uniform problems – We are planning to change the vendor by the next AY. He will have a small store in school and will be available twice a week to take orders. Delivery options will also be available.</p>
e)	<p>Parent Member of Grade V:</p> <p>Reminder email to be sent for Olympiads and other exams – We request the Exec PTA members to share the emails of their respective groups once they receive it from school. We are trying to digitalise the SOF payments by getting in touch with the vendor.</p>
f)	<p>Parent Member of Grade VI:</p> <p>Sanskrit, more referral questions are needed – We shall look into it.</p>
g)	<p>Parent Member of Grade VII:</p> <p>Periodic test concerns – We are planning to shift the periodic test to Monday from next term. Roti's are not cooked properly – We shall look into it.</p>
h)	<p>Parent Member of Grade VIII: ABSENT</p>
i)	<p>Parent Member of Grade IX:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Sports uniforms on all days – Not possible. The days are divided, so that the students are used to wearing both uniforms. Both the uniforms serve a purpose. ii. Answer sheets to be sent home – Not possible, we shall keep the answer sheets outside the class during the PTM days, the parents can come early and go through the file or take photocopies if needed. The answer sheets have to remain in school for evidence to the board. iii. IAYP to be optional – IAYP teaches students life skills that are essential for their survival and gives the students an all-rounded outlook. We shall not make it optional, as there are different levels as per the classes and the award is based on that. This award also adds to the child's resume in a positive way. iv. Replacement of damaged books – We can exchange the books, if it's a genuine concern. Parents are requested to contact the school librarian.
j)	<p>Parent Member of Grade X: NO CONCERNS</p>
k)	<p>Parent Member of Grade XI: ABSENT</p>

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I)	<p>Parent Member of Grade XII:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Math syllabus for HYE is too vast and the school papers are very tough – The syllabus is decided by the CBSE board. We can't help it but will give whatever support is required by the students. The school's Math paper is tough so that the students are able to score better in Board Exams.ii. Independence Day shouldn't be mandatory - Independence Day is mandatory for Grades IX–XII and Republic Day is mandatory for Grades VI – VIII. For Grade XII this will be the last year and the students look forward to such events.iii. Note-book completion shouldn't be mandatory – The reason Note book completion is mandatory, is that students are able to register better if they write things down. <p style="text-align: center;">As there were no more points, the meeting was adjourned with thanks to the chair.</p>
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