



Minutes Of the 2nd EPTA Meeting

Date & Day	: 16 th September, 2023, Saturday
Time	: 9:30 am.
Venue	: Chanakya Hall in School
Quorum	: Principal as Chairperson and members as per Annexure A

The meeting began with the Academic Coordinator, Afternoon Shift, Ms. Salomi Shirke welcoming esteemed members of EPTA for the Academic Year 2023 – 2024 followed by a mesmerizing musical rendition presented by a group of talented students of our school.

As a token of appreciation for their continuous support the Principal, Dr. Bhushan Bonde presented handmade paintings to the EPTA members

Ms. Salomi Shirke started the meeting and stated the Agenda of the meeting as listed below:

- ❖ Achievements of the school
- ❖ New Initiatives in Academics
- ❖ New Initiatives in Co-Curricular Activities
- ❖ Upcoming Events
- ❖ Administrative points- School Fees
- ❖ Any other matter with the permission of the Chairperson.

The Vice Principals Ms Meenu Malik and Ms Zarreen Poonawala presented the Agenda point by point and elaborated upon them in detail as given below:

Achievements of the School

- The innovative "Think Tank" initiated from last year has delivered results. The Young Entrepreneurs of Podar International School ICSE-ISC, Nerul bagged Second Position at the National level Competition "Future Unicorns Launch Pad" program which was organized by Mafatlal Group at Bangalore after successfully completing two grueling rounds in which almost 150 schools and 15000 students had participated from all over India. Our students have also received a Cash Prize of Rs. 25000/-
- Our young champions of Football Team Under 8 from the Primary Section have won the Final Football Match Organized By Nerul Gymkhana after defeating 16 school teams of Navi Mumbai
- Two students of PIS ICSE, ISC Nerul Master Krish Bhoir XII B and Master Shaurya Salunke VIII E have won Gold Medals in Taekwondo Competition and have now been selected for National level Competition as part of Maharashtra State Team.
- MUN - Model United Nations - "Ambassadors of Change" was an Inter School Competition in which students of PIS ICSE ISC Nerul won a number of prizes in various categories.
- Our school, PIS ICSE,ISC Nerul has been awarded a Trophy for Maximum number of achievers in Silver zone Olympiads in the State.



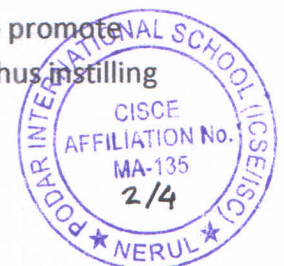
- Skill –Bharat Samman 2023 was awarded to our Principal Dr. Bhushan Bonde and was also given the Certificate of Excellence in the field of Skill Development in the Education System.

New Initiatives in Academics

- Under financial literacy program the students are made to understand the details of financial transactions from a very tender age.
- To build the Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills in Grades I to V various activities are conducted e.g. Read-a-thon, popcorn reading, discussion on author of the month, book review presentation, vocabulary building activities, handwriting competition etc.
- Students of Grades I to X have been given Academic Guide I to bridge the gaps in knowledge and reinforce certain important concepts in all the subjects and now that Term I exams are round the corner Academic Guide II has also been given for revision purposes comprising of worksheets based on Term I portion.
- Students have been made to realise that they are accountable for their academic performance and each one of them has set targets in the form of percentage for all the subjects for Term I Exam.
- Last Year's Term I Question Papers have been provided to the students to make them aware of the Question Paper pattern and marking scheme.
- SIP – Student Improvement Plan – During Open House after Unit Test I, Class teachers discussed the performance of each child individually with the parents and provided certain tips and pointers regarding specific subjects in which their child was not performing well, providing a comprehensive improvement plan to enhance the academic performance of the child.
- LAC –Library Advisory Committee consisting of teachers and students was set up and based on their recommendations new books worth Rs. 25,000/- were purchased for the library
- To inculcate reading habits in students and motivate them to read more BOOK WALL has been created on each floor in which students place the books they have read and similarly pick up a book from the shelf of the book wall which they have not read. So this initiative of the BOOK WALL is of the students, by the students and for the students.
- To enhance the IT skills and check how technologically sound our students are, the Computer Department conducted a competition "Mind Optimizer" for Grades III to XII in which students came up with new programs and online games.
- In order to help certain students tide over academic gaps and weaknesses, enrichment classes are conducted.
- Our teachers keep up skilling and keep abreast with the latest teaching learning methodologies.
- They also use anchor charts, mind maps, flow charts, flip classroom, demonstrations, role play & group discussions for better understanding of the concepts while teaching.

New Initiatives in Extracurricular Activities

- Mann ki Baat. – The rapport and bonding of the teachers with the students is commendable and is based on trust and mutual respect. Students are free to put their thoughts in the Mann ki Baat box which is opened after every 15 days by the Principal. Promptly all actions are taken based on the requests put up and the actions taken are displayed on the notice board for the students to read.
- Each Student Council member has been allotted a class for mentoring the students and they are the Student Representative of that class. This not only develops the leadership quality in them but also helps develop a special bonding with the younger ones.
- SUPW committee – Socially Useful Productive Work Committee has been set up to promote practical skills, community engagement and social responsibility among students thus instilling values of teamwork, responsibility and empathy in them.



- Thematic Assemblies are conducted and students are made to realize the importance of festivals, important Dates & Days etc.
- To boost up the morale and encourage our students to perform even better and become good human beings Pep Talks are given by the Principal, Vice Principals and Teachers.
- For enhancing the Drama and Musical Skills, Helen O Grady and Ajivasan Academy are conducting regular classes for interested students
- To ignite the spirit of patriotism among students, fortnight long Independence Day celebrations in the form of various activities were conducted e.g. Speeches, Special assemblies on freedom fighters, Interhouse Group Singing Competition, Poster making competition, Badge making competition, Tri colour streamers were also made and students participated in the Drawing Competition held by NMMC
- As part of Hindi BhashaDiwas –Chitti Aayi hai project was completed in which students wrote letters to parents on post cards in Hindi mentioning their gratitude and love for them. The postcards were posted by the school in the post office. A special assembly consisting of the contribution made by some renowned Hindi Poets and writers was also held. The students were told about the importance of Hindi language.
- To identify and further groom/ coach the students on their existing talents in the field of Dance, Music, playing musical instruments, Talent Hunt Competition was conducted.
- While celebrating each festival with equal gusto, it is our endeavor to connect the students to their roots and make them feel proud of our rich cultural heritage. Celebration of Shaleywari was one such step towards this.
- Investiture Ceremony was conducted to appoint the School Student Council members for the AY 2023-24.
- Mathematics quiz was held to inculcate interest and love for mathematics.
- Our students lovingly sent handmade Rakhis to the Soldiers posted in far flung regions of our country. We have received letters of appreciation along with the photographs of the soldiers tying the Rakhi to each other.
- Yoga day, Gurupurnima, World Earth day were celebrated in school.
- Declamation Competition was held for Primary and middle school students where the students expressed themselves with strong feelings and emotions.

Upcoming Events

- Choral elocution competition for grade 3 and 4.
- Spell Bee for grades III & IV.
- Budding Orators for grades I to IV
- Field Trips.
- Children's Day, Sports Day, Annual Day

Teacher Ms Reshma Waghode showcased a Demo of an innovative teaching aid designed to enhance the learning experience.

It was greatly appreciated by the parents.

Mrs Rashmi Meruge, EPTA Member, representative of Grade VII appreciated all the teachers and the school for the incessant guidance being provided to students and parents.



The Principal, Dr. Bhushan Bonde mentioned that the relationship with the student and parent continues even further till education at National and International Universities and placements. The school provides extended support to those students also, who have passed out from our school, for admissions to Indian and Foreign Universities including placements in the form of -

1. Character Certificate
2. Reference Letters.
3. Confirmation Reports as required by the Universities.
4. Confidential Report.
5. Transcripts

Administrative points

The following administrative points were systematically put forward by the Chair:

- Admissions are Open for Grade I for AY 2024 – 25 Preference will be given to the students of Podar Prep.
- For the next Academic Year 2024 – 25 the same school fee structure will be continued, there will be no increase in the fees.
- The fees of the current session AY 2023 - 24 will be applicable for the next Academic Year 2024 – 25 with no hike in fees.
- School fees for the AY 2025 – 26 will be hiked by 15 %.

Approvals –

- Same fee structure of AY 2023 – 24 will be applicable in next AY 2024 – 25. No increase/hike in the School fees for AY 2024 -25
- The 15% hike in school fees for the AY 2025-26 was unanimously approved by the EPTA members.

After the above discussion, Ms Salomi Shirke thanked the EPTA members for their seamless support and Principal Sir concluded the meeting.

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