

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON

A General Body Meeting of the GPSC was held on 15th September 2017 at DAV Public School, Sector 14, Gurugram

The following attended the meeting:

Ms Aditi Misra, DPS, Sector 45, Gurugram
Ms Arti Chopra, Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram
Ms Vineeta Yadav, Gyan Devi Public School, Sector 17, Gurugram
Ms. Anuradha Rawat, Sh. S N Sidheswar School, Gurugram
Ms. Dhriti Malhotra, Manav Rachna International School, Gurugram
Dr D R S Bisht, The Sagar School,
Ms Aparna Erry, DAV, Sector 14, Gurugram
Ms Nirmal Yadav, CCA School, Gurugram
Ms. Gulrup Kaur Salwan Public School, Gurugram
Ms Ujwal Malhotra, Bal Bharati Public School, Manesar
Ms Asha Sharma, S D A V Sector-47, Gurugram
Ms. Asha Saxena, Raolal Singh School, Gurugram
Ms. Vidhya Sridhar, Raman Munjal Vidya Mandir, Gurugram
Ms. Anjali Nagpal, Blue Bells Public School, Gurugram
Dr Neelima Prakash, Lions Public School, Gurugram
Ms. Vandana Dhawan, Blue Bells School, Gurugram
Ms. Anuradha Handa, G D Goenka, Sector-48, Gurugram
Ms Guneet Ohri, Ridge Valley School, Gurugram
Ms. Sandeepa Rai, Rotary Public School, Gurugram
Mr. Vaibhav Kapoor, Ajanta Public School, Gurugram
Ms. Sunita Nagpal, DPS, Sushant Lok, Gurugram
Dr InduKhetarpal, SalwanSchool, Gurugram

Proceedings

1. The members were welcomed by the Chairperson and the meeting commenced at 3 pm after ascertaining the forum.
2. The members paid a tribute to Praduman Thakur who was murdered on 8th September, 2017 inside Ryan International School, Sohna Road, Gurugram by maintaining 2 minutes silence.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th August'17 at Bal Bharati Public School, Gurugram were ratified and approved.

As per circulated agenda, Ms Nirmal Yadav, founder member of GPSC, and Principal, CCA School, shared some of her valuable insights and spoke on the topic English as a tool for teacher empowerment. Some of the important highlights were:

- English language proficiency is the ability to speak, read, write, and comprehend the English language in general. It is important for teachers of all subjects to relate to the academic English proficiency that refers specifically to the ability to speak, read, write, and comprehend academic English that is needed for success in the classroom

- Developing a great vocabulary is one of the most overlooked ways to improve our lives. Our teachers must emphasize that the point of having a good vocabulary is being able to choose words with greater precision. Students need to be told that a person's vocabulary level is the best single predictor of occupational success.
- The spellings in English can never go wrong if the mnemonic rules of thumb like "I before E, except after C" are made clear to students. If one is unsure whether a word is spelled with the sequence ei or ie, the rhyme suggests that the correct order is ie unless the preceding letter is c, in which case it is ei For example
ie in believe, fierce, friend
ei after c in receive, ceiling,
- Those who speak English fluently earn up to 34% more than those who don't speak the language, a recent report has found, confirming the link between an education in English and the scope of employment opportunities.
- Words have tremendous power. Words give out energy and a message which creates a reaction in others. Everything you say produces an effect in the world. Consider using specific words that trigger emotional responses in your content. Using specific words consciously and correctly can dramatically improve your persuasive power and your ability to engage your audience, for example usage of the following words can lead us to a state of perfect 'BLISS':

ऊर्जा उत्सुकता उत्साह उल्लास

Energy, Curiosity, Enthusiasm, Bliss

Ms Nirmal Yadav's address was highly motivational and self-empowering and she was thanked by the member schools for sharing her wisdom.

4. Dr Indu Khetarpal, Founder member and Treasurer, GPSC, thanked the members for submitting the yearly subscription. She read out the names of following schools who have yet to make payments: Ryan School, S N Sidheshwar School. The schools were requested to make the payments.
5. The Chairperson requested Ms Chandan Dhawan, Principal, Blue Bells Public School, Sector 4, Gurugram and Dr Neelima Prakash, Principal, Lions Public School to share their report with the member schools about their visit to Gyan Devi Middle School, Sector 10, Gurugram. Acknowledging the positive report, the Chairperson proposed a formal induction of the school into GPSC. It was seconded by all the members.
6. The Chairperson discussed the following points about the forthcoming GPSC conference, to be held on 9th December'17:
 - The theme for the conference finalized after a brief discussion is –
The future lies in Holistic wellbeing- Spiritual, Physical, Mental & Emotional
 - The charges for the conference shall remain the same as before, ie @ Rs 14000 for 9 representatives, from a member school, including the school Principal
 - The venue for the conference came up for discussion. Some of the proposed names were- The Leela Ambience Gurugram, Epicenter, Vivanta by Taj. Members were asked to find out the availability with quoted rates and share it over the mail with the Chairperson.
 - Some of the suggested names of speakers were: Dr Ravindran, Dr Jitendra Nagpal, Joseph Emanuel, Shyam Menon, Sapna Sodhi, Dr Shikha Sharma.

The Chairperson thanked all the members for sharing their ideas and said that the final plan shall be shared in due course of time.

7. With Chairperson's consent, Dr Indu Khetarpal, urged the representative of Chartered Accountant to read out the Balance Sheet of GPSC for the year 2016-17. All the members appreciated this gesture of transparency in accounts keeping.
8. There being no other matter, the meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks, proposed by Ms Dhriti Malhotra, Principal, Manav Rachna Public School, Sector 46, Gurugram to the host school for its warm hospitality and sumptuous repast.

The next GPSC meeting shall be hosted by HDFC School, Gurugram, on Friday, 27th October 2017 at 3 p.m. Detailed agenda shall follow in due course.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arti Chopra', is written over a horizontal line.

Arti Chopra
Secretary, GPSC