

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON**

A General Body Meeting of the GPSC was held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 at 3 pm at Lions Public School, Sector-10, Gurugram

#### **The following attended the meeting:**

1. Ms Aditi Misra, DPS Sector-45, Gurugram
2. Mr Arti Chopra, Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram
3. Ms. Vineeta Yadav, Gyan Devi Public School, Sector-17, Gurugram
4. Ms. Anshu Mital, Salwan Public School, Gurugram
5. Ms. Rounaque Saba, Aravali Public School, Gurugram
6. Ms. Manisha Singh, Rabindranath World School
7. Ms Monica Sagar, Shiv Nadar School, Pahari Road, DLF-1 Gurugram
8. Ms. Vidya Sridhar, Raman Munjal Vidya Mandir, Gurugram
9. Ms. Asha Saxena, Rao Lal Singh Public School, Gurugram
10. Ms. Aparna Erry, DAV Public School, Sec-14 Gurgaon
11. Dr Deepak Raj Singh Bisht, The Sagar School, Alwar
12. Ms Asha Sharma, S D Adarsh Vidyalaya, Sector-47, Gurugram
13. Ms. Nirmal Yadav, CCA School, Sector-4, Gurugram
14. Ms. Ujwal Malhotra, Bal Bharati Public School, Manesar
15. Ms. Charu Maini, DAV Public School, Sector-49, Gurugram
16. Ms Madhu Juneja, S D Adarsh Vidyalaya Sector-47, Gurugram
17. Ms. Renu Verma, Lions Public School, Gurugram
18. Dr. Neelima Prakash, Lions Public School, Gurugram
19. Ms. Anuradha Handa, G D Goenka Public School, Sector-48, Gurugram
20. Dr. Indu Khetarpal, Salwan Public School, Gurugram
21. Ms. Anjali Nagpal, Blue Bells Public School, Sector-10, Gurugram
22. Ms Chandan Dhawan, Blue Bells Model School, Sector-4, Gurugram
23. Ms. Sandeepa Rai, Rotary Public School, Gurugram
24. Ms. Sunita Nagpal, DPS, Sushant Lok, Gurugram
25. Ms. Rani Rai, St P B N Public School, Gurugram
26. Ms. Shalini Bajaj, The Maurya School, Gurugram
27. Ms. Indu Kaushik, Lions Public School, Gurugram

#### **Proceedings**

1. The Chairperson Ms. Aditi Misra, Principal, DPS Sector-45, Gurugram after ascertaining the quorum commenced the meeting by welcoming all the esteemed members.

A Special welcome was accorded to Dr. Ashok Diwakar, Ex-Principal, Govt College, Sector- 14 Gurugram and & Vice Chancellor, Starex University, Gurugram, Col Kr Pratap Singh, Chairman, CCA School & President HPSC Gurgaon and Mr. Rajeev Kumar, School Manager, Lions Public School, Gurugram

2. Dr. Ashok Diwakar spoke about Harit Gurugram Yojana, as part of Swatch Bharat Mission of the Government and their drive to plant ten lakh saplings this year. All the members expressed their willingness to join hands to enhance the greenery in Gurugram region by participating in this noble mission

3. As per circulated agenda, Col Kr Pratap Singh, Chairman, CCA School & President HPSC Gurgaon shared some of his valuable insights about understanding the directives of Department of Education, Haryana and also touched upon the recent regulations of CBSE.

Some of the important highlights of his address were as follows:

- ❖ Referring to media reports of Fund and Fee Regulatory Committee (FFRC), he said that Form 6 (a form to be filed by a school with the education department) must be filled in by all schools within the stipulated time frame provided by the Directorate. The only thing to be kept in mind is not to charge more than what they mention in Form 6 and not to charge capitation fee too.
- ❖ Regarding Rule 134 A, he reiterated that RTE is applicable for admission in Grade I fully and selectively in Grade 2-8,ie, EWS students could be considered for admission only if they satisfied the criteria of merit, means and vacancies. The EWS applicants should have been tested and approved by the Directorate and their parents should hold BPL card. The school should have enough vacancies too in their classrooms to be able to admit EWS students. A reference can be made to Punjab & Haryana High Court Judgement 1:4:15 and Haryana Govt. Gazette Notification RTE Rules-3.6.2011.
- ❖ Private Schools that are built on areas owned by HUDA, do not come under the preview of RTI Act.
- ❖ Given to understand that Management Information System (MIS) was conceptualized in 2014, with the objective of becoming the single source for all information for the data required by the department to function efficiently and effectively; MIS uploading is essentially to be followed by all schools.
- ❖ He mentioned that CBSE had now held in abeyance its circular mandating the selection panels for choosing heads of its affiliated schools to include a person nominated by the CBSE chairperson and a nominee of the state government. He appreciated CBSE's Counselling outreach program.
- ❖ Some of the other issues that he touched upon through the PowerPoint slides were: Autonomy of private educational Institutions, Surakshit School Vahan Policy of Haryana Govt for safe transportation of school students, Project MUSKAAN for giving formal education to children otherwise deprived, Property Tax and Empathy towards parents and students.

Towards the end he thanked the members who had already paid the yearly subscription fee for HPSC and reminded the other about their commitment. Dr. Neelima Prakash, Principal, Lions Public School, Gurugram expressed her gratitude on behalf of the other members to Col Kr Pratap Singh.

4. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram were ratified and approved.
5. The Chairperson released the Activity Calendar of GPSC for the session 2017-18 and requested Ms. Sunita Nagpal, Principal, DPS Sushant Lok, Gurugram and Ms. Rani Rao, Principal, St PBN Public School, Gurugram to address queries of members at the end of the meeting, if any, so that it could finally be uploaded on GPSC site.

6. On a query raised by some of the members regarding whether to adhere to the CBSE'S directives of closing down commercial activity in the form of sale of books, stationary and uniform from the school premise, the Chairperson made it clear about the stand of GPSC as a body to comply with the notice itself. It was however left to the individual school's discretion as to how they wanted to interpret the notice.
7. Mrs. Asha Sharma, President, S. D. Adarsh Vidyalaya, Gurugram expressed concern over the fact that some schools are calling teachers and students directly and offering higher salaries and freeships. She said that this trend must be discouraged. The chairperson and secretary whole heartedly agreed. The GPSC is a body of empowered and enlightened educators. We need to stand together, not try and weaken each other.
8. The Chairperson suggested to member schools to address the issue of drawing of lots for Nursery admission in the month of September, whereas advertisements could be given in the month of July or August itself. She also advised the schools not to reach a situation that could cause a storm in terms of parental protest for taking accumulated fees quite ahead of the actual joining of Nursery children. On a query raised by one of the founder members that admissions could be taken in December too, it was recalled that this practice of taking admission in the month of September was going on for the past 10-12 years and was convenient to schools.
9. The Chairperson constituted a committee comprising of Ms. Aparna Erry, Principal, DAV Public School, Sector-14, Gurugram and Ms. Sunita Nagpal, DPS Sushant Lok, Gurugram for visiting Kunskapsskolan School as they had applied for membership of GPSC. They were advised to submit the report in the next meeting.
10. The Secretary Ms. Arti Chopra, Principal, AIS46 asked the members to fill in the details for updating the Sahodaya website by visiting the link <http://bit.ly/2tMFr1q> The form needs to be filled online by 20<sup>th</sup> August'2017 after which it shall not accept any entries.
11. Dr. Indu Khetrapal, Treasurer GPSC and Principal, Salwan Public School read out the names of school whose yearly subscriptions were due and reminded them about the same. She also shared some of her valuable experiences on visiting UN headquarters at Geneva during summer break. She got a few good books displayed for the member Principals to browse through and enrich themselves.
12. The Chairperson announced that The HDFC School & Ridge Valley School have been formally inducted into GPSC.
13. There being no other matter, the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Nirmal Yadav, Principal, CCA School, Gurugram to Dr Neelima Prakash, Principal of the host school for the excellent hospitality extended by her.

The next GPSC meeting shall be hosted by Bal Bharti Public School, Manesar on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at 3 pm. Detailed agenda shall follow in due course.



Arti Chopra  
Secretary, GPSC