

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON

A General Body Meeting of the GPSC was held on 30th November'18 at Rabindranath World School, Gurugram

The following attended the meeting:

1. Ms. Aditi Misra, DPS, Sector 45, Gurugram
2. Ms. Arti Chopra, Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram
3. Ms. Charu Maini, DAV, Sector-49, Gurugram
4. Ms. Veena Dhawan, Sherwood Convent School, Gurugram
5. Ms. Sunita Budhwar, Gyandevi Public School, Sector-17, Gurugram
6. Ms. Sandeepa Rai, Rotary Public School, Sector-22, Gurugram
7. Ms. Rashmi Malik, Salwan Public School, Gurugram
8. Ms. Anita Gupta, Raman Munjal Vidya Mandir, Gurugram
9. Ms. Shriti Malhotra, Manav Rachna International School, Sector-46, Gurugram
10. Ms. Chandan Dhawan, Blue Bells Model School, Sector-4, Gurugram
11. Dr. Anshu Arora, Amity International School, Sector-43, Gurugram
12. Ms. Arpita Acharya, Blue Bells Public School, Sector-10, Gurugram
13. Ms. Anita makkar, The HDFC School, Gurugram
14. Ms. Manisha Singh, Rabindranath World School, Gurugram
15. Ms. Meena Singh, CCA School, Gurugram
16. Ms. Nirmal Yadav, CCA School, Sector-4, Gurugram

Proceedings

1. The members were welcomed by the Chairperson and the meeting commenced at 3 pm after ascertaining the forum.
2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th October'18 at Bluebells Public School, Sector-10, Gurugram were ratified and approved.
3. Recognizing the members, Dr. Indu Khetarpal, Ms. Saumya, Ms. Arti Chopra and herself who attended the 24th National Annual Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes held in Lucknow, the Chairperson requested Ms. Arti Chopra, Principal, Amity International School, Sector 46, Gurugram to share her experiences of her visit. The Secretary Ms. Arti Chopra shared the following excerpts:
 - The Sahodaya Conference was held at Bharat Ratan Shree Atal Bihari Bajpai Auditorium, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow from 22-24 November'18. Its theme was 'Transforming Education through technology & skill development with special focus on Gandhian philosophy of education.
 - The first day of the conference was illuminated with the addresses of Chairperson CBSE, Director Academics, CBSE and Director, Skill Development, Mr. Biswajeet Saha, along with the keynote address by Mr. Vipul Reddy from Khan Academy. Some other sessions in the conference were-Technology- A Catalyst for Enhanced Learning, Alignment of Skill Education with School Curriculum, Paradigm Shift in Education and Carrying Forward Gandhian Legacy and E learning
 - On the second day the sessions were on Sustainable Technology based Quality Education, Innovation and Technology and Technology in Leadership. Ms. Arti Chopra took part in the panel discussion named Preparation of students for unexplained world, along with Dr. Balasubramanian, Former Director, Academics, CBSE. According to her, some of the skills required by a student of today's Interdependent world are:
 - Problem solving-identifying, interpreting, analyzing, finding efficient solutions
 - Getting the right balance between people skills and technology skills.
 - Role of the teacher as a facilitator rather than an imparter of knowledge.
 - The melting of boundaries between subjects- teachers of different subjects to work in Inter-disciplinary mode

- In order to prepare students for unexplained world, students need to be taught Global Competence – to be more globally connected and interdependent, more linguistically and culturally diverse. Some of the actions required to attain Global Citizenship are
 - Problem solving-identifying, interpreting, analyzing, finding efficient solutions
 - Getting the right balance between people skills and technology skills.
 - Role of the teacher as a facilitator rather than an impartor of knowledge.
 - The melting of boundaries between subjects- teachers of different subjects to work in Inter-disciplinary mode
 - The conference ended with a discussion on Interventions to overcome barriers to equitable and quality education and skill development followed by the Valedictory. Overall it was a great tribute to understanding changes in the meaning and outcomes of Education.
4. The members thanked Ms. Arti Chopra for her insightful sojourn over the Sahodaya Conference.
 5. The Chairperson requested Ms. Charu Maini, Principal, Sector 49, to present her report of her visit to St Michael School, Gurugram. As the report presented was very comprehensive and satisfactory, the Chairperson announced that the applicant school, could be inducted into the GPSC.
 6. The Chairperson requested Dr. Anshu Arora, Principal, Amity International School, Sector-43, Gurugram to draft a representation letter on behalf of entire GPSC, over the latest directives of CBSE expecting schools to have provision of lockers/storage spaces for keeping students' personal belongings and implementation of no homework policy in Grade 1&2, as most of the members had reservations over its implementation.
 7. The Chairperson reminded all members about the following for the upcoming conference on 9th February 2018

The theme of the Conference-

- **TOWARDS SAFER SCHOOLS- Leading Schools to safer learning environments**
 - A. Physical Infrastructure-Safe School Facilities, School Disaster Management, Risk Reduction and Resilience
 - B. School Policies and Legal Issues Supporting Safe Schools, POCSO, Cyber Laws, Child Protection, Sex Education
 - C. Creating Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Food & Nutrition, Obesity prevention
 - D. Security in Classroom- Behavior Management by teacher, Prevention of bullying by peers, violence, Develop Strategies and Implement Violence Prevention Programs
 - All members must forward the contact details with a brief profile of eminent resource persons who could be the prospective speakers in our Conference, to the Secretary, GPSC, before the next meeting.
 - The members were reminded to submit Case Studies or articles along with a brief introduction about their school in 150 words, for the Conference Souvenir latest by 15 December'18 to Ms. Rashmi Mallik, Principal, Salwan School, Gurugram along with Ms. Arti Chopra, Principal, Amity International School, Sector 46, Gurugram
8. The Chairperson thanked the members who had submitted details about the GPSC events conducted in their schools, with photographs. Other members, who could not bring them, were asked to send it over the mail.
 9. The next GPSC meeting shall be hosted by Gyan Devi School, Sector 17, Gurugram on 20th December 2018 at 3 pm. Detailed agenda shall follow in due course.

There being no other point in the agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks for the Chairperson.



Arti Chopra
Vice Chairperson & Secretary, GPSC