

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON

A General Body Meeting of the GPSC was held on 19th July 2019 at Suncity School, Gurugram.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Ms. Aparna Erry, DAV, Sector-14, Gurugram
2. Ms. Arti Chopra, Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram
3. Ms. Anita Nandal, Rotary Public School, Sector-22, Gurugram
4. Ms. Meenu Singh, CCA School, Gurugram
5. Ms. Anita Gupta, Raman Munjal Vidya Mandir, Gurugram
6. Ms. Sheena Yadav, Gyan Devi Senior Secondary School, Sector-10, Gurugram
7. Ms. Sangita Sabarwal, S N Sidheshwar School, Gurugram
8. Ms. Anita Sareen, DPS, Sushant Lok, Gurugram
9. Dr Indu Khetarpal, Salwan Public School
10. Ms. Nirmal Yadav, CCA School, Sector-4, Gurugram
11. Ms. Anita Makkar, The HDFC School, Gurugram
12. Ms. Asha Sharma, SDAV, Sector-47, Gurugram
13. Ms. Vineeta Yadav, Gyan Devi Public School Senior Secondary, Sector-17, Gurugram
14. Mr. Harsh Kumar, Bal Bharati Public School, Manesar, Gurugram
15. Ms. Alka Singh, Blue Bells Public School, Sector-4, Gurugram
16. Mr. Akhilesh Chaturvedi, DPS Maruti Kunj, Gurugram
17. Mr. Shailendra Mishra, The Sagar School
18. Mr. Vaibhav Kapoor, Ajanta Public School, Gurugram
19. Dr. Neelima Prakash, Lions Public School, Sector-10A, Gurugram
20. Ms. Charu Maini, DAV, Sector-49, Gurugram
21. Ms. Aditi Misra, DPS, Sector 45, Gurugram
22. Ms. Anuradha Handa, G D Goenka Public School, Gurugram
23. Ms. Rashmi Malik, Salwan Public School, Sector-15, Gurugram
24. Ms. C Dhawan, Blue Bells Public School, Sector-10, Gurugram
25. Ms. Dhriti Malhotra, Manav Rachna International School, Sector-46, Gurugram
26. Ms. Dipinder Kaur, DPS, Pataudi
27. Ms. Rupa Chakravarty, Suncity School, Gurugram
28. Ms. Shalini Bajaj, The Maurya School, Palam Vihar, Gurugram
29. Ms. Sudha Vineeth, SDAV, Sector-47, Gurugram

Proceedings

1. The members were welcomed by the Chairperson Ms. Aparna Erry and the meeting commenced at 3 pm after ascertaining the forum.
2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th July 2019 at DAV School, Sector -14, Gurugram were ratified and approved.
3. The Chairperson welcomed the guest speaker Dr. Roma Kumar, Senior Consultant, Clinical Psychologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi, Max Hospital, Gurugram, Saksham Child & Adolescent Guidance Clinic, Mom's Belief; with a green sapling and requested her to begin her session on 'Inclusivity- A domain Untouched'.

Some key points from her session are enclosed here:

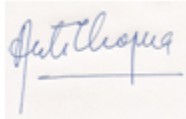
- Schools of today need to respect Inclusivity so that such children develop a sense of belonging and become better prepared for life in the community as children and adults
- Inclusivity in the classroom implies that the classroom environment is one in which all students feel that their contributions and perspectives are equally valued and respected
- Some common beliefs are that we all can learn, though some of us are different. Societies are involved in creating differences. Therefore, differences can and should be valued and addressed too.
- Successful inclusive education happens primarily through accepting, understanding, and attending to student differences and diversity, which can be from any one or more domains namely: physical, cognitive, academic, social, and emotional.
- Many schools have inclusive classrooms. In part, that's because the 'Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) says that kids who receive special education services, should learn in what is known as the "least restrictive environment" (LRE).
- The special educators dealing with Inclusivity in schools must have the knowledge of informal screening procedures, procedures to facilitate peer-acceptance, knowledge about resource requirements and behavior management through effective communication
- Some of the steps to reduce the stereotype threats are: to provide role models, encourage self-affirmation, reframe the task assigned and provide external attributions for difficulty
- Some strategies that can help:
 - ✓ Establish ground rules for discussions with your students
 - ✓ Provide opportunities for students to share their own experiences and perspectives.
 - ✓ Provide content from diverse perspectives
 - ✓ Invest time to focus on getting to know your students
 - ✓ Create positivity in classrooms

After the presentation, Dr. Roma Kumar, answered all the queries put forth by the Education Leaders. The members were highly appreciative of the thoughts and ideas shared by Dr. Roma Kumar and thanked her for her powerful insights.

4. The Chairperson also welcomed Ms. Sudha Vineeth, Principal, SDAV, Sector 47, Gurugram, Ms. Anita Nandal, officiating Principal, Rotary Public School, Sector 22, Gurugram and Ms. Anita Sareen, DPS Sushant Lok, Gurugram and requested Dr. Indu Khetarpal to hand-over the green saplings to them.
5. The Chairperson informed the members that she and the Secretary, GPSC, Ms. Arti Chopra, had paid a visit to the Acting DEO & BEEO, Ms. Premlata and presented the petition signed by all the members of GPSC, regarding the age of admission in Nursery to be 3+ years. Ms. Premlata had promised to take it up with the higher authorities. The members agreed to begin admissions in the Pre- primary segment of their respective schools in the month of August with the same age criteria that was being followed in the previous session.
6. The Chairperson thanked all the members for their valuable contribution in making the annual GPSC calendar. She circulated a copy to the members present along with a sheet of personal details for updating. She also informed them that the calendar would soon be uploaded on the GPSC site.

7. Taking the agenda forward, the Chairperson announced that the XVII Annual GPSC Conference shall be held at a suitable date in November. The members were requested to collate fresh ideas for the theme of the conference in the next proposed meeting of the GPSC.
8. Some members announced the forthcoming GPSC events to be held in their schools. The participatory mood was appreciated by the Chairperson.
9. There being no other point in the agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks extended by Vice Chairperson Ms. Dhriti Malhotra, Principal, Manav Rachna International School, Gurugram for the excellent hospitality offered by the host Principal.
10. The next GPSC meeting will be hosted by DAV, Sector 49, Gurugram on, 23rd August 2019. A detailed agenda shall follow in due course.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arti Chopra', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Arti Chopra
Secretary, GPSC