

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON

A General Body Meeting of the GPSC was held on 25th April 2019, at Delhi Public School, Sector- 45, 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. Dr Indu Khetarpal, Salwan Public School
4. Ms. Suman Gulati, Blue Bells School, Sector-4, Gurugram
5. Ms. Asha Sharma, SDAV, Sector-47, Gurugram
6. Ms. Nirmal Yadav, CCA School, Sector-4, Gurugram
7. Dr. Neelima Prakash, Lions Public School, Sector-10A, Gurugram
8. Ms. Dhriti Malhotra, Manav Rachna International School, Sector-46, Gurugram
9. Ms. Irina Mukherjee, Summer Fields School, Gurugram
10. Ms. Vineeta Yadav, Gyan Devi Public School Senior Secondary, Sector-17, Gurugram
11. Ms. Rashmi Mehta, Salwan Public School, Sector-15, Gurugram
12. Ms. Arpita Acharya, Blue Bells Public School, Sector-10, Gurugram
13. Mr. Akhilesh Chaturvedi, DPS Maruti Kunj, Gurugram
14. Ms. Sheena Yadav, Gyan Devi Senior Secondary School, Sector-10, Gurugram
15. Ms. Meenu Singh, CCA School, Gurugram
16. Ms. Archana Sagar, Ridge Valley School, Gurugram
17. Mr. Vaibhav Kapoor, Ajanta Public School, Gurugram
18. Ms. Shalini Bajaj, The Maurya School, Palam Vihar, Gurugram
19. Ms. Anuradha Handa, G D Goenka Public School, Gurugram
20. Dr. Anshu Arora, Amity International School, Sector-43, Gurugram
21. Ms. Aparna Erry, DAV, Sector-14, Gurugram
22. Ms. Sandeepa Rai, Rotary Public School, Sector-22, Gurugram
23. Ms. Veena Ranjan, DPS, Sushant Lok, Gurugram
24. Ms. Alka Singh, Blue Bells Public School, Sector-4, Gurugram
25. Ms. Charu Maini, DAV, Sector-49, 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 15th March'19 at Manav Rachna International School, Sector 46, Gurugram were ratified and approved.
3. The Chairperson Ms. Aditi Misra, welcomed the newly appointed Principals to the meeting;
 - Ms. Irina Mukherjee, Principal, Summerfields School, Gurugram
 - Ms. Alka Singh, Principal, Bluebells Model School, Sector 4, Gurugram
 - She thanked Ms. Sangita Sabarwal, Principal, Sidheshwar Senior Secondary School, Gurugram and Mr. Akhilesh Chaturvedi, Principal DPS Maruti Kunj for visiting and submitting the report for formal induction of Delhi Public School, Pataudi into GPSC. She also thanked Ms. Anita Makkar for drafting the collaborative request on behalf of the general body of GPSC to mandate the minimum age of 5½ years for Grade 1 admission in school (letter attached).
4. The Chairperson addressed the gathered members and thanked them for the wonderful support she received from everyone. She formally announced that she would relinquish charge, that day itself, after successfully completing two beautiful years of comradeship and trust. She made special mention of the founding members and the Executive Board of the GPSC for the relentless support she received and promised to reach out to everyone in times of need, as a member of the Executive Board too. On behalf of the GPSC board, she announced the new Managing body for the next two academic sessions, namely 2019-21:

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| CHAIRPERSON | Ms. Aparna Erry, Principal, DAV, Sector -14, Gurugram |
| VICE-CHAIRPERSON | Ms. Dhriti Malhotra, Principal, Manav Rachna International School, Sector- 46, Gurugram |
| SECRETARY | Ms. Arti Chopra, Principal, Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram |
| JOINT SECRETARY | Ms. Arpita Acharya, Principal, Blue Bells Public School, Sector - 10, Gurugram |
| TREASURER | Dr. Indu Khetarpal, Principal, Salwan Public School |

The members applauded for the new team and wished them success in the enormous responsibility given to them.

5. As per the circulated agenda, the members who had unique opportunities in the recent past, of attending seminars/workshops in the recent past, were asked to share their experiences.
6. Ms. Aditi Misra shared her experiences of visiting Serbia (Ex-Yugoslavia), as part of a delegation appointed by the Sports Ministry of the Govt of India to study the unique features of Serbia in making Sports popular amongst the masses. Some of her insights included:
 - A. The massive interest of people in Sports has made it an important part of Serbian culture.
 - B. Sports in Serbia has given talented people an opportunity to make a living.
 - C. Every available space in the country is utilized for playing games and it is considered as a much sought-after entertainment too.
 - D. Every child from the age of 6-16 years is actively engaged in playing a variety of sports and places like Football fields can be easily located at every kilometer or so in Serbian cities.
 - E. Serbia though a poor country, is a very competitive sporting nation. They don't have money like the US or China to invest heavily in sport. They hardly have many facilities, but they have the knowledge, willingness and the attitude of fierce competitiveness, and they pool in everything they can to do well at Sports.
 - F. There is a lot of positivity and innate passion for sports as observed by the Indian delegation too. Ms. Aditi Misra, concluded that it was a very inspirational trip for every Indian. The members were really enthused with her observations.
7. Dr Indu Khetarpal shared her experiences of conducting a School Academic Audit for Sustainable Excellence for a few Global India International Schools located in Malaysia, Singapore under the aegis of ETMA. She said that after going there she realized that Branding and Marketing were as important for a school's health as was curriculum development or a sound pedagogy. Hands on approach is the most crucial of all the practices that leaves an impact on the child's mind and this was being implemented in the schools of Malaysia and a positive impact could easily be felt. She also shared her experience of visiting Kumbha Mela in Prayagraj, wherein she found the levels of cleanliness, organization, planning & execution, par excellence. According to her, the Indian festivals and events organization benchmarks were certainly bettering themselves every year as a result of Government support. The members thanked her for her perspicacious sharing.
8. Ms. Arti Chopra shared the experiences of her visit to E2- Education Exchange Conference, organized by Microsoft at Paris. Being a part of a 17-member delegation, from India wherein, educators & policy makers from over 90 other countries participated, a visible insight was provided in the perspectives on Artificial Intelligence, IOT, Cloud computing, data security etc. It also aimed to serve as an opportunity to explore global education trends, including emerging technologies that support teaching, skills development, modern pedagogies, safe school environments, and predictive analytics that identify at-risk students for future ready schools. Overall, it was accepted that growth in Education sector could be faster if teachers were allowed to use tools of technology so that they may connect better with their students who are digital natives and forming linkages/ networks of learners. Teachers can spearhead digital revolution and be the changemakers. After actually witnessing the use of Artificial Intelligence in French Schools, the delegation concluded that technology may be used for enhancing social and emotional intelligence without compromising with relationships.

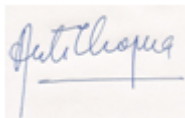
The members were enthused with the insights provided.

9. Ms. Aparna Erry, after taking over as Chairperson made her opening speech, wherein she shared her recent sojourn with the CBSE officials. Some of her insights included:
- As per the new directives of CBSE, Principals are expected to be pedagogical leaders, with well defined objectives and learning outcomes.
 - The Controller of Examination Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj recently shared that from the Year 2019 both the Principals and the Parents shall sign the Pass certificates of grade X & XII students, in a bid to authenticate the data.
 - The LOC link on the CBSE site shall open soon for this academic session and shall remain open for a period of 3-4 months, for the convenience of stakeholders.
 - Experiential learning and Art Integrated Learning should be practiced by schools seriously.
 - The leading schools of Hubs of learning must utilize their time and energy towards collaborative growth.

The Chairperson Ms. Aparna Erry was once again congratulated for being appointed to lead the new team and the members thanked her for her insightful guidance.

10. Mr. Vaibhav Kapoor, Principal, Ajanta Public School, Gurugram enquired if the GPSC hosting schools could have a display of their best practices for 5-7 minutes before the meeting, as it shall enlighten the other members too. The Chairperson and some other members liked the suggestion and decided to go ahead with it.
11. The meeting was concluded with the visit of honorable District Education Officer, Mr. Dinesh Shastri, who came to express his gratitude for the extended cooperation he received from all the member schools of GPSC. He expressed his desire to seek blessings from all the member Principals and invited everyone to Casa Bella Gardens Sohna Road, Gurugram for a get together on 1st May 2019. The members further thanked him saying that he was one of those few DEO's who understood the problems of private schools and was willing to give them a patient hearing at all hours.
12. Ms. Sandeepa Rai, Principal, Rotary Public School, Gurugram thanked the host school for their warm hospitality and sumptuous meals.
13. The next GPSC meeting shall be hosted by DAV School, Sector 14, Gurugram on Thursday, 9th May 2019. 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
Secretary, GPSC