

The Minutes of the First PTA Meeting held on 18th April,2024

First Parents teachers' association meeting for the academic year 2024-25 was conducted on Thursday 18th April, 2024.

- Ms. Rama Priya Sinha welcomed all the PTA members and read the Agenda of the Meeting. She then introduced the newly elected PTA members.
- Heeding the norm, Ms. Rama read out the minutes of the Fourth AGM of academic year 2023-24 held on 20th December 2023.
- The minutes of the meeting were seconded by Mrs. Punalekar (Parth) and Mrs. Ranka (Sheehan).
- Then Ms. Rama invited the Principal Dr. Sanjay Roy to take over the meeting.
- In his speech Dr. Roy announced the Agenda of the meeting as:
 - i. Academics and Co-curricular activities for the new academic year 2024-25.
 - ii. Introduction of the new PTA.
- Dr. Sanjay Roy said to the parents to check messages from school on a regular basis so that neither they nor the child miss out on anything. He felt that parents are the pillars between the school and the children. Also, he mentioned that he was proud of the new PTA members.
- Dr. Roy announced that last year was a fantastic year for children and the credit for this goes to the Trustees, the Management and the wonderful teachers. He mentioned that the teachers are truly indispensable for the school as well as for the children and they play a very important role in everybody's life. He finished thanking the teachers with a round of applause.
- Dr. Roy advised the parents to check the weight of the school bags of the children and not to send extra books to school. This would result in affecting the posture of the children and their shoulders would droop down.
- Dr. Roy advised the parents to monitor the child's time table instead. He was particular in stating that the prescribed norm for the weight of the school bag will be followed and regular checking will be done by the teachers regarding the same.
- Dr. Roy insisted on good quality Tiffin and water bottles to be used by the children and not the missile shaped steel water bottles as these steel water bottles filled with water make them tremendously heavy. He suggested Tupperware as an alternative.
- Dr. Roy suggested the parents to send good amount of tiffin, especially for the first break. He did not want children to come empty stomach. Also, not having enough breakfast in the morning and not carrying tiffin for the first break is going to deprive

the children of the adequate nutritional value. Instead carry healthy snacks in sufficient amount. Dr. Roy suggested few options for the same as well.

- Dr. Roy said the parents to encourage children to take part in inter-curricular and inter-school activities. The child may win or lose, but it is his or her participation that matters the most.
- Dr. Roy mentioned that the parents are apprehensive of sending their children for competitions because the child has to go for tuitions. He requested the parents not to send their children for tuitions, at least till Std. 8 because of two reasons:
 - i. It adds pressure to the child.
 - ii. There is unnecessary complication. The child gets confused regarding the method to be used as the method taught to them in school and in the tuition differs at times.
- Dr. Roy mentioned very clearly NOT TO approach school teachers for any tuition.
- Dr. Roy stated that the teachers are very efficient, the methods that they use in the classroom are one of the best methods and practices. He requested parents to see that the children stick to those methods only.
- Dr. Roy further added that in case the child is not doing well, there are Open Houses on the last Friday of every month. Parents should come and discuss with the teacher so that a common method of improvement is sorted.
- Dr. Roy clearly mentioned to refrain the children from taking tuitions and do not approach any of the school teachers for tuitions. This is simply because of the values that the teachers enrich themselves with cannot be at a toss.
- Dr. Roy requested the parents to monitor the child's curricular activities on a daily basis. This would eliminate unnecessary pressure or panic during the exam days. He wanted to make things simple for the child by not considering examination as a devil or a ghost sitting on the child's head. He repeated that examination is just a process of testing how much the child has understood when taught in the class.
- Dr. Roy announced that the Annual Concert this year would be in the month of November. So, the children could be asked to stay back in the school for practice or any other activity. Hence do not engage the child till 3:00 pm during that period.
- Dr. Roy stated that he will not accept any application/letter in the form of a paper. If the child is unwell, parents to make a note in the child's calendar, get it signed by the class teacher and then will be signed by him. If required, send along a medical certificate.
- During a test day, the child should not take a paracetamol /crocin and come. No half day will be considered and if the child falls sick and goes home, he will be marked zero for the test.
- Dr. Roy said that children should not wear fancy watches, fancy bands in school. They are allowed to wear black floaters (Bata) during monsoons.

- Dr. Roy instructed that the children should not have fancy haircuts. If found so, parents will be called and the child will be sent back home.
- Dr. Roy said that he leaves it on the parents to decide whether they want to use school buses, do a car pool with parents, pick or drop their child themselves or allow their child to be at HIGH RISK while travelling via school vans. He asked the parents to give it a thought whether taking buses at a trivially higher value or the safety of their children is important. He quoted various incidences where taking school vans were highly risky. He also mentioned that the school buses would be plying from this coming June.
- Dr. Roy quoted that “Tragedies never come after informing us”. It is when they happen, we wish we had not sent our child through the school van that day. Also, he mentioned that the Mumbai High Court has started considering Yellow colour Maruti vans as illegal. The Traffic Police Department has already indicated that they will take action if these vans are not stopped from functioning to which Dr. Roy has given consent. He again requested parents not to compromise the safety of their child for trivial amounts.
- Dr. Roy announced that there will be free Health and Dental check-ups and the children will be informed about the same in advance.
- Dr. Roy mentioned that if any child of std 9 does not do well, he or she shall be detained in the same class. He said so because it is important to grasp every standard’s curriculum before being passed to another standard.
- Dr. Roy announced that this year ONE educational trip will be organized, which will be compulsory in order to have 10 bagless days other than the regular workshops and Project days being conducted in the school.
- This year Dr. Roy would be taking the children to Jallianwala Bagh and Atari border, immediately after the Terminal Exams. Apart from this, Sir Roy added that there will be some picnics, excursions as well and they will be kept optional.
- Dr. Roy said that the I- cards of students will be given very soon.
- Dr. Roy requested the PTA members to come up with good ideas of activities that children would enjoy like Dandiya Night and Fun Fair. Sir would be pleased to allow them.
- Dr. Roy said that Marathi would be made compulsory till std 10. The criteria for correction would be slightly different than the other subjects and the question paper for the same will be set in the school.
- Dr. Roy said that children would be displaying Science models/Projects this year during the Open Houses, this year. He therefore requested parents to come to school in large numbers during that time.
- Dr. Roy mentioned that children often come to him to discuss issues related to parents where they are comparing their children to their neighbour’s children and/or

their sibling. He insisted the parents on not letting the morale down of their child under any circumstance. If possible, he told to boost them for any other achievements that the child has flourished in or have enjoyed doing it.

- Dr. Roy wants the parents to speak to their child, give ample time to them listening to what they speak to them. This is because the child may be wanting to share something that he or she might not be able to share with anyone else.
- Dr. Roy ended his speech by asking parents to give unconditional love to their children. If the child gets moody or throws tantrums, DO NOT get upset or scold the child. Instead, these might be symptoms indicating that he or she wants attention or sympathy from the parent's side.
- In the end, Dr. Sanjay Roy thanked all the PTA members for their valuable time.
- After Dr. Roy's speech, Ms. Rama thanked all the PTA members and class teachers and asked the members to raise their question, if any, regarding the Agenda.
- Queries related to NEP guidelines for Std 10 Board Exam, whether French, Taekwondo, Capoeira, Swimming can be taken up by the school . To this, Dr. Roy replied that a National level Athletics coach has already been hired who is also taking care students during the monsoons in school premises. The school has already started swimming classes since the previous years, this year timing could not be fitted during the school hours. He would appreciate if any parent could sort out or step in to use any contacts regarding the same.
- Dr. Roy made it clear that any child getting 15 remarks in the calendar would be given a Pink card and that if 2 Pink cards given, the child is entitled to be suspended.
- Dr. Roy said that no child should be using any foul language under any circumstances. If caught, the class teacher and later Dr. Roy can pin him or her down for the same.
- Dr. Roy ended on the note that whatever decision the school takes is purely in the interest of the child and parents should come forward and support the same.