

## The Minutes of the Second PTA Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July,2024

Second Parents teachers' association meeting for the academic year 2024-25 was conducted on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024.

- Ms. Rama Priya Sinha welcomed all the PTA members and read the Agenda of the Meeting.
- Heeding the norm, Ms. Rama read out the minutes of the first PTA meeting of academic year 2023-24 held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.
- The minutes of the meeting were seconded by Mrs. Kruttika Lad (Kiaan) and Mrs. Nazneen Kutar(Farzad).
- 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: 'Terminal Examination'.
- Dr. Roy stated that examination is a process in which whatever the child has grasped in the class, he or she tries to replicate the same.
- Dr. Roy asked the parents to understand that marks are given in order to tell the weak and the strong areas of the child. In case of weak areas, tell the child to work more and in case of strong areas, it is equally important to appreciate the child.
- Dr. Roy insisted that the school does not intend to compare the child with anyone or put the child under any pressure. He added that "Examination is a festival", as quoted by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Dr. Roy emphasized on letting the child understand and apply the knowledge given to him or her in the class, rather than simply mugging it up.
- Dr. Roy also added that getting a 90 or a 95 is not important (although it is when the child is appearing for Std X Boards Exam). Even if the child scores a 80 or a 85, it is important that as a parent, we pat his or her back and say that he or she has done well.
- Dr. Roy was very clear in stating that the child should not be compared with any other child or sibling. If needed, he or she can be compared with his or her previous performance.
- Dr. Roy requested the parents to be there for their children, irrespective of what their marks are. He added that if the child has scored less, tell him or her that more work needs to be done in those areas/subjects.
- Dr. Roy shared a few pointers with the parents so that the child does well in the examination:
  - a. Plan out a proper schedule for the child. There is still one and a half months for the exams to begin as Practical examinations begins on 18<sup>th</sup> September followed by the main papers.
  - b. Decide child's sleeping time, eating time, tuition time (if any). If the child is at home on a Saturday or a Sunday, see to it that the child studies for 2 hours or 2 and a half hours at a stretch and then gets a break of half an hour. This break will help the child to reconnect with the studies, during which he or she can relax or take a short power nap. After the break, he or she needs to come back for study.

- c. Regarding the study table, Sir Roy asked parents to keep a check on any distractions, whatsoever. He insisted the study area to be free of mobile phones and TVs.
  - d. Sir Roy made it clear that the study environment should be such that the child is able to grasp more and do well in his or her examination and that it is pointless to wake up after the results are declared.
  - e. Check the child's sleeping time. Sir Roy remembered his father used to wake him up at 4:30 in the morning and tell him to study as studying during the 'Brahma Muhurta' stays for a longer duration of time. In that case the child needs to sleep by 10-10:30 in the night. Also, he stated not every child to do that as some prefer to study late in the night.
  - f. Sir Roy was particular in advising parents to keep a check on gadgets especially if they are studying late in the night.
  - g. Sir Roy once again insisted on being there for the children, come what may.
  - h. Sir Roy requested parents not to send their child running from one corner of the city to another for tuitions. He stated that the teachers of his schools are more than efficient and they are doing a fantastic job. It would be enough if the child pays attention to what is being taught in the class.
  - i. Sir Roy asked parents to come and meet the teachers on every Friday, if they want to in order to discuss the child's progress.
  - j. Dr. Roy said that the parent's role is very important in the child's upbringing. A child is like a wet clay and we are like potters. With parents on one side and teachers on the other, we can help the child grow by applying the right amount of pressure and the right amount of love.
  - k. Dr. Roy was of the view that teachers are no longer 'Sages on stages' but are more like 'Guides by the child's side'.
- Dr. Roy announced that the children have made him proud in the recent inter school competitions. He said that each and every child is unique and talented.
  - Dr. Roy requested parents to take good care of children, give them proper environment to study and above all, monitor them well.
  - Dr. Roy stated that the trip to Jallianwalla Bagh and Atari Border stands cancelled. A new itinerary for the same is being planned and will be sent soon.
  - In the end, Dr. Roy thanked Ms. Caroline and all the parents for taking their valuable time out for the meeting. He asked the members to raise their question, if any, regarding the Agenda.
  - Queries related to the exam portion and the paper pattern were raised. To this, Dr. Roy mentioned that the exam portion will be given by the teachers in a week's time. He said that the paper is set such that the first 10-15 mark questions are objective-type questions followed by the regular questions and the last 10-15 mark questions are application-based questions. Students should carry a writing board, 2-3 pens and other stationary items, a transparent pouch and a transparent water bottle to school during the exam days. He also made it clear that students from Std 5 onwards appear for these examinations only and not the primary and pre-primary ones appear for the same.

- A parent informed Sir Roy that Std 9 is having two papers on the same day, the papers being that of Biology and English. To this Sir Roy answered that let it be a challenge for our children and see how they go about it. Dr. Caroline was also prompt in answering the same by stating to take care of the three quotients of the children, the H.Q which is their 'Happiness Quotient'; the S.Q which is their 'Social Quotient' and the E.Q which is their 'Emotional Quotient'. She asked parents to teach children to be resilient.
- Regarding the educational trip, it was asked whether taking one side flight and one side train would be feasible or not. Dr. Roy replied that although he would love to do that, but by doing so the cost of the trip goes high and not every parent would be comfortable in paying the trip cost. Sir Roy said that when he plans a school trip, he takes the financial aspect of ALL the parents into consideration.
- Dr. Roy ended the meeting by thanking everyone.
- Ms Rama thanked Dr. Caroline, Dr. Roy, parents and the class teachers for their valuable time.