



The Orchid School

Minutes of PTA Executive Council Meeting

Date 12.10.2019

Venue: TOS Conference Room

Members Present:

School Representatives:

1. Ms. Lakshmi Kumar – Director, Board Representative
2. Ms. Namrata Majhail – Principal, Ex- Office Secretary
3. Ms. Sangeeta Kapoor – Vice Principal
4. Mr. Pravin Gaikwad- Admin Unit Head
5. Mr. Bhairav Godse – Head Accountant

Teacher Representatives:

1. Ms. Sonika Arora- Class I Representative
2. Ms. Shilpa Garge- Class III Representative
3. Ms. Sienna Fernandes- Class V Representative
4. Mr. Nikhil Pujari- Class VI Representative
5. Ms. Deeksha Jain - Class VII Representative
6. Ms. Monika Gupte- Class VIII Representative
7. Ms. Bhagyashree Kadam- Class IX Representative

Parent Representatives:

1. Suvarna Mahashabde Lead Parent
2. Mr. Kranthi Kola Class II Representative
3. Mrs. Mansi Pinge Class IV Representative
4. Mrs. Leena Somavanshi Class V Representative
5. Dr. Sandhya Deore Class VI Representative
6. Mr. Uday Dixit Class VIII Representative
7. Mr. V. Vijay Kumar Class X Representative

Agenda:

- **Fee proposal for Academic Year 2020-21 & 2021-22**
- Rationale and Ratification of Fee Structure Class wise for academic year 2020-21 & 2021-22
- Reduction in fee of Security Surveillance System
- STD 1 Admission Schedule
- Class XI Admission related and Introduction to Commerce Stream

Points of discussion:

- Director, Ms. Lakshmi Kumar started the meeting by welcoming the members.

- The agenda for the meeting was shared with the members.
- The members were oriented about the Fee Fixation Act by sharing the highlights of the Act. This is done to familiarize the PTA executive council on the process of fee fixation and announcement.
- She shared an overview of current year and AY20-21 expenditure projections and major heads of expenditures including the permissible surplus.
- Based on the expenditures, she showed how 8 % hike proposal will address partly the expenses and inflation even though there will be growing number of students as non-fee payment population, under RTE admission process. This also does not meet the required permissible surplus as per the act.
- Every year, RTE admission number will go up by 26 students and eventually NEP talks about this continuing till 12th grade.
- 8% hike for year 2020-2021 was also rationalized with this fact that there is no reimbursement money from the government so far and a gap in income up to 1.4 CR is seen in the budget.
- The new fee structure after including 8 % hike, along with list of payment heads that are included and not included for all class levels was presented to the members.

Since fee fixation act talks about schools need to indicate the fees for two consecutive years

- It is proposed for year 2021-2022, fee hike will be from 10% to 12%. This is mainly in the context of non-reimbursement of RTE and even if it is reimbursed, it will not cover the expenditure of per student cost. The reimbursement amount indicated from the government is around 17,000/ student but not paid for years these students have been in KG. This means around 26 student's KG cost will not be borne by any entity. However, the expenditure borne by the school for each student keeps going up year after year.
- It is increasingly clear that RTE will be extended to grade 12. Reimbursement seems like a long road.
- Lakshmi also addressed few questions raised by the parent representatives regarding the hike.
- After understanding all the details of the budget, all members present for the meeting **have ratified the hike of 8%** in the fee for the AY 2020-21.

Class I Admission related-

- The details of Class I admission details and the timeline was shared.
- Class I has the capacity of 105 students out of which 26 seats are reserved for RTE.
- The sibling and staff category of admission will take place on 9th November 2019.
- Rest of the seats (not too many in numbers) will be opened for general category through online registration on 9th November 2019.
- Rest of the communication related to class 1 admission will be on website soon.

Class XI New Structure and Admission Related(Science and Commerce stream) for AY 2020- 2021

- In the AY 2020-2021 TOS is bringing a shift in the way Higher Secondary education options will be offered.
- Class XI, TOS will offer two sections with Science subjects and one of Commerce subjects with additional subjects as options.
- The shift is to address the changing educational scenario and bring wider options for students. National Education Policy talks about blurring the streams and give more choices between subjects.
- Details related to Admission in Class XI will be released on website soon.
- TOS is thinking of offering some **enrichment programs** which are more relevant and meaningful for Class XI & XII.

Some other decisions for higher secondary:

- **Change in Fee installment percentage for higher secondary: -**
 - Based on requests from parents - The first installment of fee for Class XI & XII will be of 40% and second will be of 60%.
- **Amendment in Admission withdrawal / Cancellation Policy for higher secondary-**
 - First instalment will be non-refundable in case of withdrawal of admission after the academic session begins irrespective of child has attended the school or not. This is to curtail the tendency to hold seat and cancel it once CAP admissions get announced or due to any change of mind. This will not thus deprive the genuine candidates who want to join TOS.
- **The school timing** for Class XI will be from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. From AY 2021-2022 the same timing will be followed for Class XII too.
- **No school transport** facility will be provided.

Sports program-

- Parent representative has suggested to conduct the audit of sports program to check on the effectivity of it. School will review the program and if necessary, look for another service provider who will address the objectives.

Concern over School Uniform-

- One PTA Members stated that the quality of the school sports uniform is not good. The vendor says to the parents that school has approved this quality.
- It was clarified to members that school not insisted to Yogi suppliers on any compromise in quality. However, if parents wish to, they can form a committee and seek other vendors to open this for competitive pricing and quality.
- School takes the stand that there is no one vendor to whom parents need to go. It is open market and they can buy as long as the prescription of the uniform is adhered to.

Reduction in the monthly license fee for Intelligent Surveillance System-

- The annual license cost for IS2 will be reduced from April 2020 by 29%.
- Cost details as per class will be shared in fee circular.
- Ms. Lakshmi closed the meeting with sharing long list of the strength of school and areas of concerns so we can all work together to grow from strength to strength.