

PICT MODEL SCHOOL

Survey no. 6, Mahalunge - Balewadi, Pune – 411045

Minutes of the Third Executive Committee of Parent Teacher Association (EPTA) Meeting 2021-2022

Date: Wednesday, 23rd March 2021, Time: 10:30 am to 11:20 am Venue: Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Mrs. Manju Surendran (Principal)	Chairperson
Mr. Abhishek Mishra	Parent Representative -Grade 1
Ms. Anindita Kharoo	Parent Representative -Grade 2
Ms. Zankhana Zalavadiya	Parent Representative -Grade 3
Mr. Aniket Palkar	Parent Representative-Grade 4
Ms. Supriya Nagrani	Parent Representative-Grade 5
Mr. Varun Kumar Arya	Parent Representative-Grade 7
Ms. Hansa Sinha	Parent Representative- Grade 10
Mrs. Srijana Rai	Teacher Representative- Grade 1
Ms. Sneha Patil	Teacher Representative- Grade 2
Mrs. Rajni Desai	Teacher Representative- Grade 3
Mrs. Mamta Sharma	Teacher Representative- Grade 5
Mr. Rajesh Deshmukh	Teacher Representative- Grade 6
Mrs. Preety Sharma	Teacher Representative- Grade 7
Mrs. Tamali Ghosh	Teacher Representative- Grade 8
Mr. Pramod Bichkule	Teacher Representative- Grade 9

Members Absent:

Mr. Sanjib Kumar Mondal	Parent Representative- Grade 6
Ms. Ruchi Gupta	Parent Representative- Grade 8
Ms. Poonam Kale	Parent Representative- Grade 9
Mrs. Swati Zape	Teacher Representative- Grade 4
Mrs. Pratima Hawaldar	Teacher Representative- Grade 10

Welcoming Members:

Mrs. Manju Surendran, Principal and Chairperson, extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Executive Committee of the PTA of PICT Model School for the academic year 2021-2022. The Chairperson noted that the requisite quorum for the meeting was present and called the meeting to order. She tabled the agenda as circulated along with the Notice of the Meeting to all the members. The meeting unanimously adopted the Agenda for the Second Executive Committee Meeting of the PTA.

Agenda:

- Welcome address
- Attendance
- Sharing the Minutes of the Meeting (MOM) of the 2nd EPTA 2021-22
- Acknowledgement of the Support of the EPTA members
- Vote of thanks

Attendance:

The meeting commenced with the attendance of all Parent Representatives and teacher representatives. Mrs. Manju Surendran noted the attendance and leave of absence was granted to members who were not present with prior intimation.

Sharing the Minutes of the Meeting (MOM) of the 2nd EPTA 2021-22.

The Minutes of the Meeting (MOM) of the second EPTA 2021-22 held on 16th December 2021 was projected at the meeting by the Chairperson. The meeting unanimously adopted the same without any modifications.

Acknowledgement of the Support of the EPTA members:

The Chairperson, Mrs. Manju Surendran commenced the meeting by stating that the hopes and aspirations by all the stakeholders for regular physical school sessions have been fortified by the tremendous coverage of fully vaccinated staff, support staff and general dip in the positivity rate and bonus of vaccination drive for children in the age group of 15-18 years. The Chairperson also added that as we learn to live with the post pandemic precautions, and work towards a new normal the support of the parent partners in the journey is highly solicited.

The Chairperson accepted and acknowledged the heightened sense of anxiety that every parent would face as they let go their children off their safe home environment. She further added that however, unless we take that decisive step, the world would shrink for our children and we would rob them of the millions of experiences they have missed in the absence of peer learning, mentoring under the guidance of educators, social emotional skills required to operate in a socially active setting.

The Chairperson mentioned that a series of communication pertaining to transport, cafeteria, pick up and drop, uniform and the general logistics of the physical reopening have already been shared. She assured 200% effort in ensuring a safe and secure learning space for our children as they come back to school. She insisted that if there be any concern regarding the same, it must be mailed to the PRE for prompt response.

The Chairperson concluded by stating that 'Trust' is the big responsibility that we carry on our shoulders as we reopen physical school. As trusted partners; patience of the parents, their understanding and faith that PICT will always stand for the welfare and well-being of learners, helps us surge ahead.

Interaction with EPTA members:

The Chairperson informed that new EPTA for the academic year of 2022-23 would be set up after reopening of the school in the month of April. As all the agenda points were covered, she welcomed questions, observations, concerns, and queries from the Parent and Teacher Representatives and opened the meeting for discussion.

Mrs. Anindita Kharoo, Parent Representative of Grade 2, acknowledged the continuous support in the academic year and appreciated the implementation of different suggestions that were given in the previous two EPTA meetings. The topics being taken up by the children and showcasing their talents brought joy not only to them but also to the parent. In line with that Mrs. Kharoo in collaboration with other parents of the grade suggested if celebration of important dates and sports activities could be incorporated in the upcoming academic year schedule. She added further to stress on performing arts, dramatics and plays. She suggested better utilization of the Cambridge books in the upcoming year which would be beneficial to the learners. The parent enquired if they required to buy the house T-shirts for the month of April or it would be from June, to which the Chairperson responded that they would need to have the house T-shirts given that a lot of activities would start from April itself. The Chairperson thanked the parent representative for acknowledging the efforts taken by the school.

The Chairperson read out the feedback that Ms. Ruchi Gupta, Parent Representative of Grade 8, had shared with her via email. Ms. Ruchi Gupta appreciated the effort taken by the management to successfully conduct the offline examination for grade 8 learners. Though the learners had met each other after a long time, the COVID protocols were strictly maintained by the school. She also raised her concern for the hike in transport fee. Ms. Gupta like previous meeting also opined that evaluated answer scripts should be shown to the parents for them to analyse the areas of strengths and weaknesses. The Chairperson replying to the concern, informed that the quarterly structure of the transport fee was shared which has been calculated based on the increase fuel cost and all necessary safety and security precautions for the learners. The Chairperson

reiterated the assessment protocol of PICT Model School where after every assessment, educators conduct test wrapping sessions giving specific feedback to the learners to assess and reflect how their preparation had been and what went wrong in attempting the answers with regards to each and every question. She added that the learners should be encouraged by parents to reach out to the educators whenever they have any difficulty and clarify their doubts for better conceptual understanding.

Mr. Aniket Palkar, Parent Representative of Grade 4, thanked the school and appreciated the efforts taken over the past two years with online school, where all gaps in the learning process was minimal given the technical adaptation and difficult circumstances. Parents are looking forward to the physically reopening of the school. However, he suggested that the transport fee, which is structured for quarterly, if it could be lowered till June, as it may be revised in July as communicated earlier. Mr. Palkar also suggested if more co-curricular sessions could be planned for the learners in the beginning of the new academic session where the learners would be coming after a long time for regular physical school, which may be helpful for the learners to adjust. The Chairperson replied that the concern was well noted and assured that a lot of changes and activities are incorporated with the physical reopening of school.

Ms. Tamali Ghosh, Teacher Representative of Grade 8, shared that all the educators of PICT are looking forward to having the learners back on campus for which a lot of planning has been done by the PICT family.

Mr. Abhishek Mishra, Parent Representative -Grade 1, acknowledged the effort that the school is taking to physically reopen the school and thanked all the educators, learners and the members of the EPTA for all the consistent hard work and effort. He agreed to the concern regarding the transport fees as spoken earlier by Mr. Palkar. He also enquired about the CELA exam results to which the Chairperson replied that the School result analysis was shared in one of the cover letters. The certificates for the same would be given to the learners in the school assembly once they start physically coming to the school.

Vote of Thanks:

The meeting ended with the Chairperson thanking the members warmly for their participation and presence in the meeting. She acknowledged the effort, support, and cooperation from EPTA members and with this, she ended the 3rd meeting of EPTA for the academic year 2021-22.

Date: 23rd March 2022

Place: Pune
