

PICT MODEL SCHOOL
(CBSE Affiliation No: 1130835)
Mahalunge - Balewadi, Pune

Minutes of the Meeting: 3rd Executive Committee Meeting of Parent-Teachers Association
Friday, 21st March 2025

Welcoming Members:

Mrs. Abira Mishra, 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 2024-2025. The Chairperson noted the attendance and marked the requisite quorum. Leave of absence was granted to members who were not present with prior intimation.

Attendance

Members Present:

Mrs. Abira Mishra	Chairperson
Mr. Utkarsha Puranik	Parent Representative-Nursery
Ms. Varada Kedar Kulkarni	Parent Representative-Sr. Kg
Mr. Kunal Waghmare	Parent Representative-Grade 7
Ms. Nilambari Shirodkar	Parent Representative-Grade 9
Ms. Ann Claret	Teacher Representative-Nursery
Ms. Ophelia Colaco	Teacher Representative-Jr. Kg.
Ms. Prasanna Lakshmi	Teacher Representative-Sr. Kg.
Ms. Jasmine Thakkar	Teacher Representative-Grade 1
Ms. Megha Kalantri	Teacher Representative-Grade 2
Ms. Samiksha Shah	Teacher Representative-Grade 3
Ms. Anupa Biswas	Teacher Representative-Grade 4
Ms. Payal Ghosal	Teacher Representative-Grade 5
Mr. Vipul Goundaje	Teacher Representative-Grade 6
Ms. Jimmy George	Teacher Representative-Grade 7
Ms. Shamika Phadke	Teacher Representative-Grade 8
Ms. Bhawna Pal	Teacher Representative-Grade 9
Ms. Aditi Ghosh	Teacher Representative-Grade 10
Mr. Ranjan Kumar	Teacher Representative-Grade 11
Mr. Bharat Pawar	Teacher Representative-Grade 12

Members Absent:

Ms. Priyanka V. Godse	Parent Representative-Jr. Kg
Mr. Piyush Premkishor Gilda	Parent Representative-Grade 1
Ms. Priyanka V. Baviskar	Parent Representative- Grade 2
Ms. Sneha S. Kanase	Parent Representative- Grade 3
Mr. Saket P. Newaskar	Parent Representative-Grade 4
Ms. Vibhavari Pandya	Parent Representative-Grade 5
Mr. Nitin V. Paygude	Parent Representative-Grade 6
Ms. Varada Gupta	Parent Representative-Grade 8
Ms. Namita Malagi	Parent Representative-Grade 10
Ms. Aparajita Chowdhury	Parent Representative-Grade 11
Mr. S.T. Venkatesan	Parent Representative-Grade 12

The Principal then read out the agenda which was circulated along with the Notice of the Meeting to all the members.

Agenda:

1. Welcome Address.
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association of PICT Model School (2024-25)
3. Sharing some achievements and highlights of the Second Term
4. Presenting the policies in the School Almanac 2025-2026
5. Thanking the members of the EPTA AY-2024-2025

Reading the Minutes of the 2nd EPTA Meeting held on 5th July 2024, by the Secretary and adoption of the same.

Ms. Aditi Ghosh, Secretary, read the Minutes of the 2nd EPTA Meeting held on 5th July 2024. The same was adopted by the members.

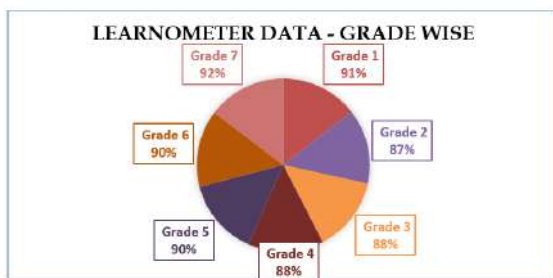
The Principal thereafter presented the Status Report of the academic and co-curricular activities:

Enrichment Programme for all grades:

The Principal mentioned about continuation of the enrichment sessions on campus and afterschool online sessions to provide extra learning support wherever required. Special classes were conducted on Saturdays and post-school hours for specific learners, to help bridge the learning gaps. Learners were also supported by the educators during School Hours, whenever feasible. She also mentioned providing this intensive support right from the beginning of the next academic year, seeking the support of the parent partners whenever the school reaches out to them for the same.

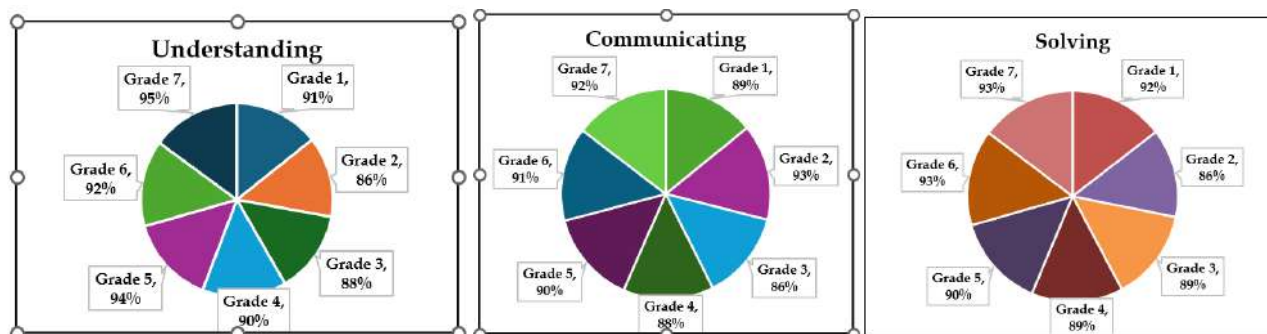
XSEED Learnometer:

Next, the Principal shared the results of the XSEED Learnometer, an **online benchmark assessment test for English, Science, and Math**. Three areas that were tested are **Conceptual Understanding, Applied Thinking, and English Comprehension** which lay the foundation of competency-based education. The Learnometer assessments for 2024-2025 were conducted between 4th December to 12th December 2024.

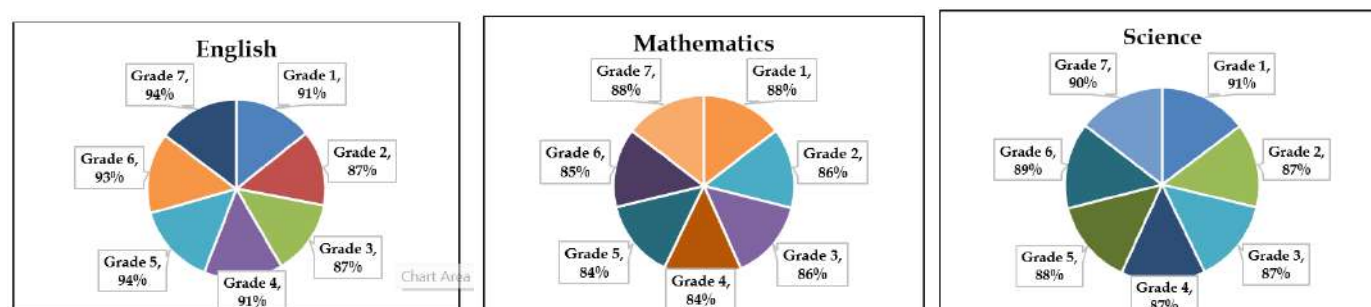


Overall Average:

Skill Wise Results:



Subject Wise Results:



She explained that these results give an in-depth analysis of every learner while also giving insights into the class as a whole. The educators have analysed the results under the guidance of the Director Principal and identified the areas of strengths and learning gaps and planned strategies to enable learners to bridge the gaps, where required.

CELA Felicitation Ceremonies:

Next, the Principal shared that the CELA Felicitation Ceremonies for KET, PET, C1, FCE, and YLE were successfully held on 27th and 28th January 2025 in the School. The events featured a welcome song, and felicitation of Chief Guests Dr. Namrata Majhail, Director Principal of The Orchid and Ms. Mrudula Mahajan, Principal of Akshara International School. Students shared their experiences of preparing for CELA at various levels, making the events insightful. The Guests of Honour appreciated the efforts taken by the School and the learners and the commendable results. Many of our learners scored exceptionally well and got certified for a higher level than what they appeared for. This year was the first time we conducted the C1 level exam, which is an immigration level exam. 7 of our learners took the C1 out of which 2 qualified for C2 certification. These exceptional results were the outcome of consistent guidance and intensive training provided to the learners in School.

Principal Ma'am further explained the plan for the next academic year [2025-2026]. She mentioned that we will have two rounds of CELA, keeping in mind the needs of the learners appearing for the Board Exams. The first round will be in July for which the fees have to be paid by March 2025 and the second round will be in November, for which the fees will have to be paid by June 2025. The details of both rounds of exams will be shared with parent partners through emails and Beacon.

Events and co-curricular activities: July 2024- March 2025

The Principal shared the details and photos of some of the major events that were conducted in the current academic year.

Session by Jeevith Nadi Foundation:

On Thursday 18th July 2024, PICT Model School organized an awareness session conducted by the 'Jeevith Nadi Foundation', for Grades 5,6 & 7. The session aimed at creating awareness about water conservation and the importance of rivers in sustaining life. Through interactive sessions and presentations conducted by Ms. Subha, Ms. Sandhya and Mr. Darab from the Foundation, learners gained valuable insights into the significance of sustainable water management.

Grandparents' Day Celebration:

Grandparents' Day was celebrated on Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th, 2024. It was a heartwarming event celebrating the special bond between grandparents and learners. Learners of all grades organized various activities like singing, Antakshari, quizzes, origami, and DIY crafts, while also performing dances, playing instruments, and decorating their classrooms for their grandparents. The event concluded with grandparents sharing their thoughts and enjoying a delightful breakfast arranged by the school, making it a memorable day for all involved.

The Principal urged the parents to block the dates as per the almanac and ensure that their parents are in town to participate in this special day with their grandchildren.

Samarth by Hyundai (inclusivity awareness session):

On August 9, 2024, Hyundai's Samarth Initiative conducted an inclusivity awareness session for 273 students from Grades 7,8 & 11, led by Ms. Sonia Bharadwaj. The session included interactive exercises, inspiring stories, and insights from a Paralympic swimmer, fostering empathy and understanding. Ms. Vaishnavi Jagpat shared her inspiring journey of overcoming a spinal disease to achieving incredible success in swimming at the state, national, and international levels. The learners had an insightful and inspirational interaction with her. As a part of the programme, learners from Nursery to Grade 12 prepared cards and posters for the para-athletes representing India at various international events, including the Paralympics.

First Aid and CPR:

On August 10th, 2024, doctors from Jupiter Hospital conducted an informative session on CPR and First Aid for our Grade 8 learners, which included hands-on practice and detailed information on these topics.

A similar session was conducted for all educators, on 24th September 2024. Educators were trained in basic first aid and CPR which will not only equip them to deal with emergencies in school but also in public places.

A special session was also conducted for the teachers regarding common gynecological problems and preventive measures.

Independence Day Celebration 2024:

On 15th August 2024, Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by learners of Grades 6 to 12. The event began with flag hoisting by the Director Principal, followed by the national anthem. Grade 11 performed a vibrant dance, and the choir learners of Grades 6 to 8 presented a patriotic song. Head Girl Ms. Saura Bhirud delivered an inspiring speech. All learners and staff, including support staff, were given snacks by the School to celebrate this significant National Festival.

Hazards of Plastic:

On August 23, 2024, resource persons from MasterCard, in collaboration with a renowned NGO - Wildlife Research and Conservation Society (WRCS), conducted an awareness session on the "Hazards of Plastics" for the learners of Grades 5, 6, and 7. The workshop focused on the environmental impact of plastic waste, methods to reduce plastic usage, and practical solutions like the "5 Rs" (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Rethink, Repair) approach, leaving students motivated to make eco-friendly choices. The session had various activities and the learners had an interesting interactive session with the presenters.

UDAAN (Career Counselling Session):

A one-day career counseling session was organized by resource persons from MasterCard for Grade 10 learners on August 30, 2024. The session was preceded by a survey done with the learners for the team to be prepared with relevant details as per the interest of the learners. The 6-hour session provided valuable insights into various career options. Through interactive activities, expert guidance, and self-reflection exercises, our learners explored their passions, skills, and societal needs, leaving them more confident and well-informed about their future aspirations. The learners gave very positive feedback regarding the event and were able to get their queries addressed by the professionals.

Workshop on Adolescence and Developmental Changes for Grades 5-10:

On Friday, September 6, 2024, a workshop was held for students of Grades 5-7 and Grades 8-10, focusing on adolescence and managing physical and emotional changes that are brought about by puberty. Doctors from Jupiter Hospital, Dr. Shivhar Sonavane led the session for boys, while Dr. Pallavi Panse conducted it for girls. The interactive workshop helped students as they could ask all relevant questions to the doctors without inhibition.

Teachers' Outing at Viswasgadh Resort:

On Saturday, August 31, 2024, a special outing was organized for teachers at Viswasgadh Resort, as part of Teachers' Day celebrations. The outing provided an opportunity for staff to relax and bond outside the school environment. What made the day more special was the felicitation of all staff who have been with PICT Model School for more than 5 years. Their contribution to the growth of the School was acknowledged by a heartwarming letter from the Director Principal.

Outstation Trips and field trips

Outstation trips are an integral part of learners' learning outside campus. The combination of academic insights and peer interactions makes these journeys invaluable, fostering well-rounded development and creating memorable learning experiences beyond the classroom. Learners across all grades went on their outstation trips and field trips, under the mindful supervision of their educators. They had exciting trips, with many hands-on activities and adventurous outings, and came back with loads of memories and learnings. The schedule for the trips was as follows:

Outstation Trips

Grade	Date	Place of Visit
5	27 th & 28 th October 2025	Nashik
6	27 th & 28 th October 2025	Monteria Resort
7	26 th & 27 th October 2025	Panchagani
8	21 st to 25 th October 2025	Jaipur- Ranthambore
9	23 rd to 27 th October 2025	Jaipur- Ranthambore
10 to 12	24 th to 28 th October 2025	Jaipur- Ranthambore

One Day Field Trips

Grade	Date	Place of visit
4	31 st January 2025	Monteria Resort
3	31 st January 2025	Go Cheese Factory
2	31 st January 2025	Science Park, Pune
1	31 st January 2025	Katraj Zoo
Nestling	31 st January 2025	Shahid Ashok Kamthe PCMC Smart Park

Joy of Giving: Spreading Festive Cheer

The Principal expressed her gratitude for the generous contribution by parents to the 'Joy of Giving' initiative. All our support staff were gifted with bags of essential groceries, blankets, notebooks and stationeries on 18th October 2024. The Grade 11 learners collated all the collected material and packed them into 230 packets. The learners of various grades, with the help of the Grade 11 learners, distributed the bags to the support staff, including the housekeeping staff, cafeteria staff, drivers and security staff. This initiative fostered a sense of gratitude and community spirit among our learners, making Diwali truly meaningful for everyone involved. A short programme was also put on for our support staff. They played games and our kakas and maushis also sang melodious songs for the learners. Our Grade 10 learners also performed for all our support staff and expressed gratitude to them for all that they do.

Achievements in Sports

The Principal then talked about the achievements in sports.

Our learners continue to bring us laurels in the field of sports as well. In this quarter our learners won the following tournaments in the competitions conducted by CBSE and Zila Parishad:

- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (Zila Parishad- District Level)- Under 17 Boys- Runner-up
- Interschool Football Tournament 2024-25 (Zila Parishad- District Level)- Under 17 Boys- Third position
- Interschool Football Tournament 2024-25 (Zila Parishad- District Level)- Under 17 Girls- Runner-up
- Interschool Tennis Tournament 2024-25 (Zila Parishad -District Level)- Under 14 Boys- 3rd Place in District and Selected for Zonals.
- Interschool Swimming 2024-25 (Zila Parishad -District Level)- Under 14 Girls- 4X100 Freestyle relay- 3rd position
- Interschool Swimming 2024-25 (Zila Parishad -District Level)- Individual Modern Pentathlon- 2nd and 5th position
- Interschool Chess competition-(Zila Parishad -District Level)- Under 14 Boys & 17 Girls – 2 learners Selected For Zonal
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (CBSE Cluster Level)- Under 17 Boys- Winner- Selected for National Level
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (Zila Parishad- Division Level)- Under 17 Boys- Runner up - Selected for State Level
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 19 Boys Singles – Winner
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 17 Boys Doubles – Winner
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 15 Girls Doubles – Runner-up
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 13 Girls Doubles – Runner-up
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 13 Girls Singles – Third position
- Interschool Badminton Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 13 Girls Doubles – Third position
- Interschool Football Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 16 Boys - Runner up
- Interschool Football Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 16 Girls - Winner
- Interschool Athletics Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 17 Boys Long Jump Runner-up
- Interschool Athletics Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 14 Girls 600mtr. Running- Runner-up
- Interschool Athletics Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 14 Girls 100mtr. Running- Third position
- Interschool Athletics Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 14 Boys 300mtr. Running- Third position
- Interschool Athletics Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 8 Girls 4x50mtr. Relay - Third position
- Interschool Speed Cubing Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 12 Boys - Winner
- Interschool Speed Cubing Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 10 Boys – Winner
- Interschool Shooting Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 17 Girls 10 Mtr. Air -Pistol -Winner
- Interschool Swimming Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 16 Boys 100mtr. butterfly -Winner

- Interschool Swimming Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 14 Girls 100mtr. Breaststroke - Third position
- Interschool Swimming Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 8 Girls 50mtr. butterfly - Runner-up
- Interschool Swimming Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 8 Girls 200mtr. Individual Medley - Third position
- Interschool Table Tennis Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 17 Boys Singles – Third position
- Interschool Table Tennis Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 12 Boys Singles – Third position
- Interschool Taekwondo Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 17 Boys Singles – Third position
- Interschool Taekwondo Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 12 Boys Singles – Third position
- Interschool Karate Kumite Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 11 Boys Singles – Winner
- Interschool Karate Kumite Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 7 Girls – Third position
- Interschool Karate Kata Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 7 Girls – Third position
- Interschool Gymnastics Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 8 Boys– Runner-up
- Interschool Chess Tournament 2024-25 (SFA- District Level)- U 15 Boys– Runner up
- Inter-School Badminton 2024-2025 - GG International School- Under-12 & 14 girls – Winner

Campus Visit to FLAME University: Exploring Liberal Arts and Design Thinking

The Principal further shared that on October 21, 2024, the learners of Grades 11 and 12, accompanied by our educators, went for a campus visit to FLAME University. The agenda included sessions on FLAME's interdisciplinary curriculum, a design thinking workshop, and a campus tour. The engaging experience introduced students to liberal arts education and provided insights into flexible academic paths.

Sports Carnival

On December 7th, 14th, and 21st, our school hosted the Sports Carnival for Nursery to Grade 5, which included a series of engaging games for the learners and their parents. The diverse lineup of activities included Mini-Basketball, Mini-Throwball, Mini-Dodge Ball, Obstacle Race, Fun Cricket, Mini Football, Spider Web, Tug of War, Criss Cross, Grip Trip, Sticks Trick, Catch a Pole, Ulta-Pulta, Hoop Fiesta, Hurdle Zone, Cone Hoopers, Tic Tac Toe, and Foot Frolics. These events successfully promoted teamwork, physical fitness, and family participation, creating a lively and spirited environment for all attendees.

Assembly on Exam Stress and Safety Issues under 'Ek Diwas Shaala Saathi' Programme:

The Hinjewadi police conducted a special assembly on 19th December 2025, for the learners of Grades 7-12, to raise awareness about road safety and also the evils of drug abuse. DCP Traffic, Mr. Babu Bangar, addressed our learners. This session provided valuable life lessons, fostering awareness and responsibility among students, and ensuring they make informed and safe choices in their lives.

Performance Day - Grades 1 to 10:

Performance Day for Grades 9 and 10 was held on 15th October 2024 and that of Grades 1 to 8 was held on 7th and 8th February 2025, providing every learner with an equal opportunity to showcase their talents. It was a spectacular event where learners showcased their year-long training in classical music, keyboard, guitar, drums, and dance forms, both Bharatanatyam and contemporary styles.

Nursery Performance day/HOG:

On Saturday, 15th February 2025, our Nursery learners showcased their dance skills, expressing themselves through movement and rhythm. The same day, our Jr. KG and Sr. KG learners displayed their drama talents, marking the culmination of the Helen O'Grady drama program for the academic year. The event highlighted the students' confidence, creativity, and expressive abilities, making it a memorable and enriching experience.

Christmas Carnival:

On Thursday, 19 December 2024, the Nestling learners celebrated Christmas with great joy and enthusiasm in an event thoughtfully organized by the Grade 11 students. Besides this, educators from Furtados School of Music conducted carol singing sessions for the learners of Grades 1-10. Ms. Ophelia, our Nestling educator, dressed up as Santa Claus and brought cheer among the learners with her Santa Dance and chocolates.

Special Assembly on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020:

On 15th January 2025, a special assembly was conducted for Grades 8 to 12, focusing on the National

Education Policy (NEP) 2020, by Professor Vaibhav Vaijapurkar of PICT College. The session provided an overview of NEP's 5+3+3+4 education structure, flexibility in subject choices, vocational training from Grade 6, and multidisciplinary higher education options with multiple entry-exit opportunities. Students gained insights into career scope, subject combinations, and the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) through a very interactive session.

Art Walk and Exhibition:

On Saturday, 18th January 2025, an **Art Walk** for Grades 3 to 5 and an **Exhibition** for Grades 6 to 9 and 11 were organised, inviting parent partners to celebrate learning and creativity. The event highlighted learners' development in critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication. Under the guidance of educators, learners showcased their projects with enthusiasm. Their hard work and innovation were commendable, and the parent partners appreciated the projects and the confident presentations.

Good Luck Party and Farewell:

On Tuesday, 20th January 2025, the Good Luck Party for Grade 10 learners was organised. On 30th January 2025, Grade 11 students hosted a heartwarming Farewell Party for Grade 12. The celebrations were filled with joy and memories, featuring dance, engaging games, a video highlighting the memorable moments in school, heartfelt messages from both teachers and learners and live music. The photo session captured these cherished moments, making the events both meaningful and fun.

Best School Delegation Award at DTMUN 2024:

The Principal proudly mentioned that on 20th January 2025, a special assembly was held to announce that our school had received the Best School Delegation Award at the Dynamic Training Model United Nations (DTMUN) 2024, Pune Chapter. Competing against 1,000+ participants from 40+ schools, our learners showcased exceptional leadership, critical thinking, and diplomacy. Ms. Tina Shah, the head of DTMUN, handed over the certificates and trophies to the learners and the Principal. Several students earned prestigious awards, reflecting their dedication and perseverance. All the EPTA members applauded this achievement.

Celebrating the 76th Republic Day:

On Sunday, 26th January 2025, we proudly celebrated the 76th Republic Day of India with great enthusiasm. The event began with a flag-hoisting ceremony, followed by a vibrant cultural program featuring dances, songs and live painting. Learners from Grades 1 to 12 actively participated, showcasing their patriotism and talents.

The Principal added that some of our learners also presented extempore performances in the form of song and speech and she mentioned that their confidence was impressive. This is the true sign of a PICT learner.

Hands-on Robotics Workshop at CSIR-NCL:

CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) conducted a Hands-on Robotics Workshop on 18th February 2025 for Grade VI and VII students, providing an excellent learning opportunity in robotics and automation. The 1.5-hour session involved hands-on activities, including mechanical assembly, working with gears, and building an animal-like Turtle bot. Students collaborated with peers from various schools, actively engaged in discussions, and shared feedback. The workshop enhanced problem-solving skills, creativity, and teamwork, making it a valuable and enriching experience for all participants, who were selected based on merit and interest in robotics.

Presenting the policies in the School Almanac 2025-2026

The Principal reiterated that it is of critical importance that all parent partners read and understand the policies outlined in the almanac, which has been thoughtfully collated and is updated every year as per the needs and suggestions received from all stakeholders. She drew the attention of the parent partners to the following sections:

- 1. Parent Declaration Form**
- 2. Personal Information Form**

Both of these are put in duplicate in the almanac so that the parents and the school can have one copy each. Parent partners are urged to read all policies regarding transport, cafeteria, uniform, withdrawal, and assessments besides the other information available for their convenience.

Admission and stream selection in Grade 11 will depend on the learners' performance in Grades 8 to 10. **The choice of Mathematics in Grade 10** [between Basic Math and Standard Math] will also be decided based on the performance of the learners in Mathematics, from Grade 8 onwards. The Principal mentioned that this will ensure that the child chooses his/her subject based on aptitude and not on perceptions.

Withdrawal: The Principal reminded the parents that the School reaches out to them well in advance to inform us about any plans for withdrawal and seek their consent for continuation through a Google Form. It was disheartening to see that many parents waited till we called them regarding fee payment to inform us of the withdrawal. This led to many deserving siblings and learners missing out on the opportunity of taking admission. Therefore, she asked parents to note the policies that will be implemented w.e.f 2025-2026 to avoid such inconveniences:

1. **Continuation of Admission after 1st February for existing learners:** Parents who have selected '**Discontinuation of Admission**' for the following academic year and wish to continue with their admission after 1st February will have to go through the entire admission process yet again and seat can be given subject to availability. Such cases will be treated as fresh admissions and all applicable fees need to be paid by the parents.
2. **Cancellation of admission after 1st February for existing learners:** Parents who have given their consent to '**continue**' with the admission of their wards through the new academic year, should they wish to withdraw the admission, the last date for doing so would be 1st February of the current year. Any intimation of withdrawal after 1st February shall attract an admin charge equivalent to 20% of the school's annual fee for the new academic year. Upon receiving the payment, the TC will be issued. (Reference: 1st Executive Committee Meeting of PTA 2024-2025, dated 2nd May 2024).

All the members agreed with the new policies keeping in mind the duress of the waitlisted parents.

Interaction with EPTA members:

The Principal mentioned that all points of the agenda were discussed and she opened the floor for any other point of discussion.

Dummy Schools: Mr. Kunal Waghmare, the parent representative of Grade 7 raised a concern about children opting for dummy schools after their 10th board and requested the school to educate children on the detrimental consequences. The Principal agreed to the concern and emphasized the importance of following a designed curriculum to enhance critical thinking, skills, and discipline and also enhance the child's academic performance. She also emphasized the role of the educator and parents in a child's life during their adolescence. She mentioned that the CBSE is also taking stringent measures to curb this menace.

NEP & NCF Recommendations: Ms. Nilambari Shirodkar, the parent representative of Grade 9, enquired if the changes proposed by CBSE are only applicable to the school level or if they will also apply to the colleges. The Principal informed the meeting that all changes under NEP are going to be applicable throughout. She mentioned how colleges are also accepting interdisciplinary streams and also introducing skill education.

Career Counselling: Ms. Shirodkar also enquired about career counseling. The Principal stated that the counseling is done for the readiness that is required for the learners to find out their interests in a specific stream. It gives the learner information about the required studies. She also mentioned that the School has a career counselor on board and the learners can reach out to her for a one-on-one interaction. The parents can mail the school with a request for the same.

Ms. Shirodkar appreciated the initiative like Udaan and requested the School to have the same this year as well.

Ms. Varada Kedar Kulkarni, the parent representative of Sr. Kg enquired if any career counseling sessions could be conducted for the children below Grade 8. The Principal explained that younger students need more time to understand their interests and career paths. Hence the importance of career counselling would be best at a mature stage where they will be able to grasp its importance. However, they are exposed to the various options through special assemblies where they can get their queries answered.

Self-Awareness: Ms. Varada asked about the sessions regarding physical growth being conducted for the younger kids. The Principal mentioned that the School counselors take at least one session each term for all grades on age-specific concerns. Special sessions on good touch and bad touch were conducted, the video Komal- was shown and explained by the school counselors, guidance was given on POCSO rules, bullying and anti-bullying norms, and also other life skills topics were discussed in classes.

Summer: Ms. Nilambari suggested taking sports classes in the morning hours during the summer months. Mr. Kunal Waghmare wanted the school to take some preventive actions for children's health to be affected during summer. The Principal mentioned that the educators give regular reminders to drink water. Also, outdoor sports will be suspended if the heat is extreme, and learners will be engaged in fitness activities indoors. Having sports for all classes in the morning would not be feasible but we will certainly keep the health and safety of our learners as a priority while conducting the classes.

PTM: Mr. Kunal also raised concern about the HRT, reading out the feedback during PTMs whereas they should have a comprehensive idea of the learners although most of the time the feedback shared was very effective. The Principal explained that in higher grades the feedback is more subject-specific and every educator writes their observations regarding their subject for the HRT to share with the parent partner. General feedback is shared by the HRT based on various observations of the child throughout the year.

Appreciation: Ms. Nilambari appreciated the efforts made by the School to understand the learning gaps and guide the learners throughout the academic year. She also appreciated the well-organized Outstation Trips, The Art Walk and Exhibition, and the performance day.

Mr. Kunal also acknowledged the positive change in their children, as they became more confident and found the gadget-free trip created lasting memories. The parents expressed their gratitude to the Director Principal, Principal, and all the educators for the well-organized events.

Suggestion: Mr. Utkarsha Puranik, the parent representative of the Nursery grade, suggested having role switch with learners to help them understand the efforts educators put in. The Principal mentioned that the Grade 11 learners are involved in organizing the Christmas carnival and they always end the day with the realization of the tremendous efforts taken by the educators. The School looks at involving learners in various ways to take responsibility. She also mentioned how our learners took on various responsibilities during the outstation trips.

Gratitude: Finally, as there was no other business, the meeting was concluded with the Principal thanking and extending her gratitude to all the EPTA members for their unwavering support, collaboration, and trust throughout the academic year. With this, she concluded the 3rd and last meeting of EPTA for the academic year 2024-25.

Date: 21st March 2025

Place: Pune