

PICT Model School

Second Transport Committee Meeting

11th February, 2020

Time- 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Attendees –

Dr. Pampa Chaudhuri, Director Principal

Mrs. Manju Srendran, Principal

Mr. Suresh Sable, Centre head, Educational Dept., Mulshi

Mr. Somnath Dahal, Traffic Police Inspector, Hinjewadi

Mr. Sudeep Shinde, Transport Contractor

Mr. Vishal Sawant, Transport Manager

Welcoming the members:

The Director Principal, Dr. Pampa Chaudhuri welcomed the members to the meeting. Mr. Pawan Singh was communicated about the meeting; however owing to his travel he informed about his inability to attend the meeting, Mr. Desale also requested leave of absence because of his official duties at the RTO. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Review of Transport Safety Preparedness of the school buses:

The Principal, Mrs. Manju Surendran informed that school is abiding with all the Safety Compliances as per the laid norms. Mr. Somnath Dahal, RTO Inspector informed that he can be approached for any queries regarding the School Transport safety norms. He also confirmed that since all buses are new he foresees no problem with the fitness.

The Principal further informed that all buses have seat belts, one lady attendant for all buses accompanies during the travel. All the drivers and lady attendants are trained and their behaviour is also monitored closely. The GPS feed is monitored regularly every week and random monitoring for specific routes is done by Mr. Vishal, the Transport Manager. The meeting log register was reviewed by the members of the transport committee and they expressed their satisfaction.

Mr. Somnath Dahal also expressed satisfaction that a lady attendant is present in the bus at all times. He suggested to arrange for meetings of drivers and lady attendant, thrice a year with him.

He recommended to have a meeting with PTA members and also a session during Parent Orientation to explain the norms of RTO and traffic guidelines for schools.

Movement of School Buses and Private vehicles:

Pickup and Drop off points:

Mrs. Manju informed that many parents demand pickup and drop inside the Society gates. After due deliberation on the same, the meeting decided that the school will not be able to accommodate such parental requests considering the journey time (maximum 40 minutes) and the safety of the children in school bus while travelling on narrow roads inside residential apartment buildings.

Concern regarding the Metro work in progress and the Traffic congestion expected due to that were discussed. The members also acknowledged the discomfort for learners travelling by bus and other means owing to traffic snarls. Alternate route during the metro work was proposed. Mr. Dahal suggested to submit representation from School to Hinjewadi Traffic Police station for the concerns regarding Radha Chowk traffic congestion and safety issues.

Transport Zones

Mr. Sudeep, the Transport Contractor and Mr. Vishal, the Transport Manager briefed the meeting regarding the Transport Zones that the school caters to. Mrs. Manju further added that areas like Baner, Pashan, Wakad, Rahatani and Balewadi, buses ply to full capacity and comply with the mandatory 40 minute travel requirement. Also, at the time of admission, parents are advised to check the availability of transport and then take the admission decision accordingly.

Mr. Sudeep also informed the meeting the school has 24 buses with a capacity of 32 seats and 4 buses which are 16 seater.

Mr. Dahal enquired if the APP is functional. Mr. Vishal confirmed that App is fully functional with GPS tracker. Only in case of network issues; a problem is faced by the parent.

Maintenance and Physical Verification of the school buses

The meeting then conducted with a physical verification of all the buses in the school premises. The members expressed their satisfaction over the condition, cleanliness and the safety aspects of the buses (seat belts, seating arrangement, fire extinguisher, GPS device and Camera).

Vote of thanks:

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with a Vote of thanks by the Principal to all the members present for attending the meeting and sharing their valuable inputs.