

PICT MODEL SCHOOL

Survey no. 6 & 7/54B, Mahalunge - Balewadi, Pune - 411045

Minutes of the Third Executive Committee of Parent Teacher Association (EPTA) Meeting 2022-2023

Date: Tuesday, 21st March 2023, Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am Venue: PICT Model School

Members Present:

Ms. Abira Mishra	Chairperson
Ms. Renuka Navale	Parent Representative -Grade 1
Mr. Shantanu Sathe	Parent Representative -Grade 2
Ms. Madhuri Kale	Parent Representative-Grade 5
Ms. Arti Sharma	Parent Representative- Grade 8
Mr. Upendra Fadnis	Parent Representative- Grade 11
Ms. Shweta Mandhanya	Teacher Representative- Grade 1
Ms. Ruchi Wani	Teacher Representative- Grade 2
Ms. Prachi Kotecha	Teacher Representative- Grade 3
Ms. Gayatri Palkhedkar	Teacher Representative- Grade 4
Ms. Pranita Chitale	Teacher Representative- Grade 5
Ms. Ankita Choudhury	Teacher Representative- Grade 6
Ms. Havovi Palkhiwala	Teacher Representative- Grade 7
Ms. Ashlesha Banode	Teacher Representative- Grade 8
Ms. Minu Kalita	Teacher Representative- Grade 9
Ms. Darpana Rane	Teacher Representative- Grade 10

Members Absent:

Mr. Gaurav Suryagandh	Parent Representative -Grade 3
Mr. Sukhdeo Ramdas Kolekar	Parent Representative-Grade 4
Mr. Eknath Kandale	Parent Representative-Grade 6
Ms. Sanchali Iyer	Parent Representative-Grade 7
Ms. Harshada Thite	Parent Representative-Grade 9
Mr. Shishir S. Jhaveri	Parent Representative- Grade 10
Ms. Deepa Ahluwalia	Teacher Representative- Grade 11

Welcome note:

Ms. 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 2022-2023. The Chairperson noted that the requisite quorum for the meeting was present and called the meeting to order. Leave of absence was granted to members who were not present with prior intimation. She tabled the agenda as circulated along with the Notice of the Meeting to all the members.

Agenda:

1. Welcome Address
2. Attendance
3. Sharing the Minutes of the Meeting (MOM) of the 2nd EPTA
4. Sharing details of achievements and events of this term with the EPTA representatives
5. Thanking the members of the EPTA AY-2022-2023

Introduction of the new educators of the Executive Committee:

Ms. Abira Mishra requested Ms. Havovi, Ms. Ashlesha, Ms. Minu and Ms. Darpana to introduce themselves as they were the new Teacher Representatives for Grades 7, 8, 9, and 10. Everyone welcomed the new members.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association of PICT Model School (2022-2023)

Ms. Prachi Kotecha, Secretary EPTA- read out the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2nd EPTA and the same was adopted by all the members by a raise of hands.

The Chairperson thanked Ms. Prachi and then presented the Report on Academic and Co-Curricular achievements of the second term of 2022-23:

XSEED Learnometer Results

The Chairperson mentioned that at PICT, we have always believed in the concept of competency-based learning and the results of the Learnometer assessment have strengthened our believe that we are headed in the right direction. XSEED Learnometer is a computer-based benchmark assessment test for English, Science, and Math that assesses Conceptual Understanding, Applied Thinking and English Grammar & Comprehension at international standards. She shared the exceptional results of our learners with the EPTA members:

Total number of test takers across Grades 1 to 7 - 808 out of 876

Overall Score of the school	- 96%
Average English Score	- 96%
Average Mathematics Score	- 96%
Average Science Score	- 97%

Skill wise score of the school:

Average Understanding Score	- 97%
Average Solving Score	- 96%
Average Communicating Score	- 95%

Subject wise score of the school:

English	- 98%, Exceeding	- 788 students
Mathematics	- 97%, Exceeding	- 784 students
Science	- 98%, Exceeding	- 793 students

She informed the EPTA members that meetings have been conducted with the learners and the educators to understand how to analyse their results and how to work on it for further improvement.

The Chairperson then proceeded to present some of the other achievements this term.

Science Model Making Competition- IISER-

Rugved Deshpande's Automated Irrigation System model was shortlisted among several entries in the model making competition, and he presented his model at IISER on 28th February 2023, National Science Day 2023, at a mega event. The EPTA members applauded the achievement.

Bhagwad Geeta Chanting Competition- Chinmaya Mission:

The Chairperson informed the members that five of our learners made it to the final of the Geeta chanting competition held by Chinmaya Mission. PICT Model School won the maximum awards.

The positions of the winners will be announced at the award ceremony later this month.

The Chairperson then proceeded to list out some of the major achievements in sports:

Zila Parishad Tournaments:

8 Learners have been selected for district level individual events along with the badminton team. Badminton, Chess, Swimming, Table tennis, Basketball & Modern Pentathlon teams have been selected for the zonal level.

CBSE U 14 Boys Team came 1st at Cluster Level, South Zone in table tennis and qualified for the National Level.

SFA (Sports for All)

She informed the members that PICT Mode School won the Sports for All Championship with the highest medal tally; a total of 32 medals and cash awards of more than a lakh. The school scored a grand total of 212 points, courtesy of 12 gold medals, 21 silver and 20 bronze.

Jainam Singhavi who won a gold medal for football and Rajlakshmi Chavan who won a gold medal for athletics were proclaimed as the championship's Golden Boy and Golden Girl respectively and were rewarded with a trophy and INR 25,000 each.

The EPTA members applauded this achievement.

Viva - Inter School 5-A-Side Football Competition 2022

The Chairperson also informed the members that PICT Model School team won the 14th VIBGYOR Viva - Inter School 5-A-Side Football Competition 2022, held on 10th, 11th and 12th November 2022. The Under 14 Football Team played five matches and won every match, and thus emerged as the winner among 26 participating schools.

Strokes and Splashes:

The Chairperson continued with the events and informed the members that on 7th October 2022, we hosted our signature event, Strokes and Splashes, an annual interschool arts competition. More than 20 schools across Pune participated in this event. The event was held in 4 categories:

Category 1 - Grades 1 & 2- Young Picasso: In this event, participants were provided with a copy of human face image (A4 size) along with a variety of collage materials (like-buttons, paper pieces, etc.). Participants chose collage material from the given variety and created the collage face.

Category 2 - Grades 3 to 5- Artistic Kitchen: Participants painted palm leave utensils (plate, bowl, and spoon) with acrylic paints on the theme - Underwater life/Floral Patterns

Category 3 - Grades 6 to 8- Glorious India: Participants sketched and painted a historical monument, selected by picking of chits. A list of probable monuments was provided to them during registration for the event.

Category 4 - Grades 9 to 12- Art on Wheel: Participants painted large tyres, based on themes related to sports.

All the schools participated enthusiastically. The rolling trophy was won by G.K.Gurukul School. The first runner-up was S B Patil School and the second runner-up was Akshara International School

Children's Day:

The Chairperson mentioned that Children's Day was celebrated in school with a short programme put forth by our Performing Art teams and the educators. Educators from Furtados School of Music (FSM) conducted a small game for guessing the songs, Educators from Brian's Dance Academy performed a dance, and we also had a song and a dance presented by the primary section educators. All learners were provided a special breakfast by the school.

Christmas Celebration:

The Chairperson then informed the members that the Educators from Furtados School of Music sang carols and all our learners joined in during the Christmas celebration at school on the 16th of December.

Sacchit Patnaik of Grade 11 dressed up as Santa Claus and chocolates were distributed by him, on behalf of the school, to all learners. Our Grade 11 learners also took the initiative of arranging Christmas theme games for the learners of Nestling and the Primary section. They planned the games well and conducted the same enthusiastically. Their loving and patient approach with the young learners, who had loads of fun playing these simple, yet exciting games were much appreciated by all our staff and the learners.

Republic Day

The Chairperson also mentioned that on 26th January 2023, we had the flag hoisting ceremony and a short programme and all our learners from Grades 1 to 11 were a part of this celebration. Since it was a clear weather, all our learners could assemble on the school ground and be a part of this ceremony. All learners were provided a special breakfast by the school.

Performance Day:

Our learners worked on their performing arts skills throughout the year and on Performance Day we invited the parent partners to witness their performance on stage. The Chairperson reiterated that at PICT, we believe that every learner should get an equal chance to showcase their talent to the best of his/her capability. Hence all our learners across Grades 1 to 8 showcased their skills and performed for their parents.

Good Luck Party

Next, Ms. Abira informed the members that the Grade 10 learners appeared for their Board Exams and their last paper was today. In order to convey our wishes and to allow them to have a get together with their classmates, we organized a Goodluck event for them. The learners had lots of fun and enjoyed the games and videos put together by the educators.

Outstation trips

She continued the discussion with the highlight of this academic session when our learners from different grades went for their outstation and overnight trips between the 19th of January to 24th of January. Learners were accompanied by their educators on all these trips. In order to ensure that there is no break in the learning process, we had online teaching and enrichment sessions on MS Teams for the grades which were not on trip on any given day.

The details for various grades were listed out as follows:

Grades	Dates	Venue
Nestling	30th January, 2023	School Auditorium
Grades 1 and 2	31st January, 2023	INOX Nat Geo Films.
Grades 3 and 4	23rd January, 2023	Suresh Nayak Space Park
Grade 5	19 th to 20 th January, 2023	Monteria Village Resorts
Grade 6	22 nd to 23 rd January, 2023	Monteria Village Resorts
Grade 7	23 rd to 24 th January, 2023	Monteria Village Resorts
Grades 8, 9 and 11	19 th January to 23 rd January, 2023	Jodhpur and Jaisalmer
Grade 10	22 nd December, 2022	Panchgani

Parent partners across all grades appreciated the efforts and the management by the school as well the members of the Indian Odyssey in conducting a smooth and happy flow of all the trips.

Continuous Professional Development: The Chairperson mentioned that we at PICT continue to upgrade our faculty with the Professional Development programmes. Our Director Principal, Dr. Pampa Chaudhuri has been conducting workshops and sessions for educators across grades and departments, related to Art of Questioning, Active Learning Strategies and Effective Assessment. Educators have also been attending webinars and online training sessions conducting by CBSE and XSEED. We will be having many more training sessions for our educators in this week as we gear up

for the new academic year.

The Chairperson then summed up the session and mentioned that we were looking forward to many new initiatives this year. PICT Model School will be collaborating with **Educational Initiatives** from the next academic year [2023-24]. CBSE is undergoing a major transition with regards to the teaching and assessment processes. They will be bringing forth numerous changes in order to implement NEP. In such a dynamic situation, associating with an organisation which has expertise and involvement in such a transition will be beneficial to the learners at PICT.

She also informed the members that PICT Model School has collaborated with **Champions Academy** to run an integrated enrichment course within the school hours for NEET, CLAT, CUET, CA and JEE. are looking forward to an exciting year where our Grade 11 learners can get all support for various entrance exams within the school hours itself, under our watchful eyes.

The Chairperson then opened the floor for discussion.

The following issues were discussed upon.

1. **To provide Fitness Reports of the children along with the academic reports.** The Chairperson stated that throughout the year when a child goes for any sport, the Sports Coaches have a checklist which they use for record keeping. Based upon the checklist, and their performance, the grades for sports reflect in the report cards.
2. **School to arrange for a career guidance session for the learners and the parents of Grade 12 which will help in choosing colleges for graduation courses.** The Chairperson assured the meeting that the school will definitely look into the same.
3. **Flexibility of attendance for Grade 11 and 12 learners.** The Chairperson informed that as the CBSE syllabus is vast, therefore the timings of the school are such that the learners have enough time and practice before the Board exams. She also mentioned that not only is 75% attendance mandatory as a compliance, also absence from the class will lead to huge learning loss.
4. **School to show the exam answer scripts to the parents.** The Chairperson informed the committee that the educators have called the parents and showed the answer scripts to parents when they were of the opinion that the insight would help the parents in gauging the areas of improvement of their ward. The decision to show the answer scripts would always remain with the educators. She also stated that the question papers do get uploaded after the test wrapping of the exam is done. She requested the parents to not only look at the Periodic or the Term exams. The parents should focus on their ward's progress in class. The block end worksheets, the mock papers and the regular classwork are also an integral part of the assessment system and should be treated with equal importance and observed mindfully. She also informed the meeting that the same will be informed to all the parent partners through Beacon.
5. **Possibility of arranging outstation excursion, at least one side, by train.** The Chairperson informed that children in the plane are most safe for long distance travel since there is no control over someone entering or leaving the train at different stops.
6. **Additional fun food items on occasions such as Children's Day.** The Chairperson said that the school provides only healthy food but will consider the suggestion for Children's Day.
7. **More participation of learners in competitions like the one held at IISER.** The Chairperson informed that the school is constantly encouraging the learners to participate in various events based on their potential. The Grades 11 and 9 learners have already visited IISER and many such trips will be organized in the new academic session.
8. **Alternative to Bharatnatyam as a Performing Arts (PA) option for boys.** The Chairperson informed that there shall be no change in the PA options. She also mentioned that it is a stereotype that classical dance is not for boys, whereas the greatest dancers of various Indian Classical Dance forms are male. Also, Indian Music is also an option open to all.
9. **Celebration of cultural events on campus to make the children aware about the different**

cultural values and importance of the festivities. The Chairperson informed that the Nestling Preschool and Primary School learners dress up for such cultural activities and they celebrate it with their educators and classmates. The learners of the higher grades have many CCA (co-curricular activities) planned up which are scheduled throughout the year. There are also many Happy Hour activities which inculcate team building and sportsmanship spirit amongst the learners.

10. **School timings during summer season as temperatures are expected to soar around 40°C.** The Chairperson informed that as of now, the school would be open for all the learners throughout the month of April as per the CBSE guidelines. Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have their school till the 6th May 2023. However, if any directives are issued by the local government, school will comply.

Vote of Thanks:

There being no other business, the meeting was ended with the Chairperson thanking the members warmly for their participation and presence in the meeting. She also thanked them for their constant support in all endeavours throughout the difficult post pandemic year. With this note of gratitude, the 3rd and last meeting of EPTA for the academic year 2022-23 was called to an end.

Date: 21st March 2023

Place: Pune
