

# TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019 AT 10:00 AM

Members Present:

1	Dr.Pampa Chaudhuri	Director Principal
2	Mrs. Manju Surendran	Principal CBSE
3	Mr. Lalit Desale	RTO Inspector
4	Mr. Sudeep Shinde	Transport Contractor, Sudeep Logistics Pvt. Ltd.
5	Mr. Vishal Savant	Transport Manager, Sudeep Logistics Pvt. Ltd.

### **Welcoming the members:**

The Director Principal, Dr. Pampa Chaudhuri welcomed the members to the meeting. The meeting began with Introduction of our Principal CBSE - Mrs. Manju Surendran by the Director Principal - Dr.Pampa Chaudhuri. The meeting was informed that Mr.Sable and Mr. Mhasvade have conveyed their inability to attend the meeting due to their prior commitments. Mr.Pawan Singh was communicated through a mail for the meeting; however, his phones were switched off and hence, no further communication from him. Leave of absence was granted to them.

### **Review of Transport Safety Preparedness of the school buses:**

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

Principal CBSE further informed that all buses have seat belts, one lady attendant for Grades 1 and above. All the drivers and lady attendants are trained and their behavior 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 recommended that a weekly report be prepared by the Transport Manager every Saturday on the same.

Mr. Desale also expressed satisfaction that a lady attendant is present in the bus at all times.

### **Movement of School Buses and Private vehicles:**

Pickup and Drop off Traffic:

Mrs. Manju addressed that the traffic created by movement of school buses and parents vehicles between Gate 2 and Gate 3 during pickup and drop-off is a major concern that the school is facing. She also added that this will be taken care by the next academic year with the Bus bay being operational. Further, Mrs. Manju also informed that as per the Maharashtra State Government School Education and Sport Department, Govt. Resolution No. PRE-2008/(506/11)/ PRASHI-1 dated 14th September 2011, no outside cars can be allowed till the School porch. The members were in agreement considering the safety, security and parking space required for the same.

Mr. Desale suggested that the above concern can be solved if 2 different entrances or time differences can be arranged. Mrs. Manju again reconfirmed that this concern will be resolved next year with additional bus bays being operational.

Mrs. Manju also 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.

### **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. The meeting was informed that Zone 5 (Chandni Chowk; Bhosale Nagar etc.) is eliminated from this academic year due to distance and commute time. Mrs. Manju further added that only for areas like Baner and Balewadi, 2 buses ply and that the school cannot accommodate additional seats in the buses. 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 are of 16 seat capacity.

Mr. Desale 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 a physical verification of all the buses in the school premises. The meeting expressed its satisfaction over the condition, cleanliness and the safety aspects of the buses (seat belts, sitting arrangement, fire extinguisher, GPS device and Camera). Mr. Desale suggested that the emergency door should be operated every alternate day by the driver to avoid any tightness and ensure that no problem is faced during emergency.

### **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.