

Minutes of the ECPTA meeting

Date of meeting: 07th January'2023

Time: -11:00am

Venue :- School campus of Rasiklal M. Dhariwal International School

Chairperson :- Ms. Manisha Kale(Principal)

Present Members:-

Ms Sukhmani Beloria	-
Ms Patrlekha Mukherjee	-
Ms Deepa Jain	Mr Vimal Javia
Ms Sanjivani Patil	Mr Rahul Vaidya
Ms Rashmi Shivarkar	Mr Sudeep Gaikwad
Ms Prachi Shinde	Mr Sharad Mukim
Ms Ashwini Patil	Mr Chandrasjekhar Patel
Ms Mrudula Somwanshi	Ms Shraddha Lohade
Ms Pratima More	-
Ms Manjiri Kulkarni	-
Ms Archana Pawar	-
Ms Swati Rajmane	-

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Fee hike for the AY 2023-2024 & 2024-2025.
 2. Points raised at that time.
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The meeting started at 11:30am

Ms. Sukhmani Beloria, Secretary of the RMDIS ECPTA welcomed all the present members and started the meeting with marking attendance of the whole forum. There were 19 members present in the meeting altogether which meets the required quorum so the house allowed to start the proceedings.

Secretary read out the Minutes of the Meeting and resolutions of previous ECPTA meet held on 17thDecember 2022, the parents-members raised concern on the discussion mentioned there after the adjourned of the meeting. They suggested to mark it as 'informal discussion'.

President responded that, the meeting was adjourned for the voting purpose due to lack of quorum of the parent members. It is clearly mentioned in the MoM as well. Also, when every member is accepting that they had discussions over the points in the house, then demanding

to mark it as ‘informal discussion’ stands totally irrelevant.

Discussions & Resolutions

Agenda point 1: Fee hike for the AY 2023-2024 & 2024-2025.

Discussion:

Upon the request of the ECPTA parent members, the school management send audited financial report and an expert from the auditor’s side to explain the financials (if any)

The financials states that the school has consistent loss and all the parent members agreed on the same.

Summarizing to the facts and procedures, ECPTA parent members have a concern that why the fee hike enforced before resolution of the ECPTA ?

President explained point to point that,

- i. The school management had given a formal proposal to ECPTA in September month regarding fee hike with details of the cause to justify the proposal. ECPTA had called a meeting with the agenda of the Fee Hike on 8th October 2022. A formal notice was also shared to all the members well in advance mentioned with the agenda of the Fee Hike. But parents remained absent informing that they didn’t receive the notice of the meeting. Whereas the notice was circulated through the school app and email which is still well visible on the ERP cloud. But even after that, considering the parents’ request, the meeting was re-scheduled on 12th November where in the management explained all the reasons, facts and financial aspects with percentage of the losses and upcoming expenses considered for the fee hike from the management side. When there were split in the opinion of the parent members upon percentage of the fee hike. Instead of immediate resolution on the fee hike, few parent members wanted to analyse the financials and have all parent feedback, so they requested one another meeting in the month of December.
- ii. The next meeting was scheduled on 17th December, 2022 where in the majority of parent members remained absent to discuss, overview the financials and provide feedback they got from other parents. So in that meeting, unanimous decision OR voting was not possible. Hence the next meeting scheduled again on 7th January 2023 to resolve the fee hike.
- iii. As per FRA guidelines, legally and technically the ECPTA failed to give its decision within the permissible time frame, hence the school management had no choice other than enforcing the new fee hike because it cannot hold its further planning, budgeting and admissions for the next academic year started from October 2022.
- iv. Because entire process followed by the school management is as per the law of the State and FRA guidelines. So, the management is firm on its decision which has kept no scope of change in the fee hike and as per the law, parents are bound to pay it accordingly until and unless it is rolled out by the judiciary Or the management itself.

President proposed that, if the house is not agree with the fee hike of the management, it can

go further for any 1 action out of 2 options remained with the ECPTA, which are,

1. Going further for the legal procedures against the school management decision

OR

2. To meet and urge the management to rethink favorably upon the fee hike if it can do.

Parent members expressed that, in spite of going for

Resolution: Unanimously it is resolved that the ECPTA members will go with the 2nd option To meet and urge the management to rethink favorably upon the fee hike if it can do. President will arrange and inform the date of the meeting with the school management at early as possible.

Agenda point 2: Points raised at that time.

A. Use of PTA Fund.

Discussion:

President informed to the house that, the Annual cultural gathering of the school always has equal participation for the PTAs i.e. Parents and teachers. As a representation of the PTA in the event, PTA can sponsor drapery OR participation charges of the teachers and parents Few parents' members were suggested to use the fund for students' annual day to provide concession in annual day charges. But because the fund is of Parents and Teachers which is also not sufficient for all the students, it is suggested to keep using it for the parents and teachers only.

Resolution : Parents and teacher representative performers has to propose the approximate cost of the drapery to the president. PTA fund at maximum of 10% out of available shall be allotted for it.

B. Illegal Email ID created by the parent members pretending as a sole representation of the entire ECPTA.

President informed to the house that, it has learned that an unknown email in the name of <*rmdisecpta@gmail.com*> has been created by the parent member(s) without the consent of the house OR president of the ECPTA. This is an illegal activity practiced because, only few OR some of the members does not mean entire ECPTA. It consists of other parents and teacher members too. Also, there is no special representation on behalf of entire ECPTA can be allowed. She asked the members to immediately deactivate and delete the said email ID and no one shall practice it again. Parent members accepted the mistake and they are ready to delete it immediately.

Parent members also asked the president to provide a common email ID to communicate with the parents. President responded that, the school has already provided the email IDs which were shared to all the parents of the school last year. But it has experienced that the earlier ECPTA members were not responding to the emails of the parents. This was unnecessarily troubling to the school whereas it was not involved in to it. Upon this, the parent members assured that they will be checking and responding to the emails vigilantly

and will be solely responsible if any communication will not be responded.

Resolution: Illegal email ID < rmdisecpta@gmail.com> to be deleted with immediate effect in the ongoing house only. For an easy communication of ECPTA with parents, the school will share the new email IDs for each grade. The credentials of the emails will be shared with both the parent and the teacher representative of each grade. Parent members will be responsible to respond all the email communication(s) through the new ECPTA email ID and the school will not be involved OR responsible for reverting the communication through the said email ID.

C. Parents requested that,

- a] Student achievers' name should be displayed on TV placed in the reception area.
- b] School activities should be there on every weekend to utilize the activity area and to encourage students for the same.

President accepted the point 'a' to display the name of the student achievers' on the school board and TV in the reception area. She also informed to the house that, all the activity areas are already utilized within the school time. However, she will discuss this with the school management to find out the possibilities of keeping activities ON for the weekends.

Resolution: The achiever's name will be displayed on the school's display board and on the TV unit in the reception area. And, president will discuss with the school management about keeping the weekend activities in the school.

Parent members requested to read out today's discussion highlights and resolutions. Those are read out in the house, parents shown their consent for the same.

The meeting concluded at 1:40 pm.