

Minutes of the Meeting – AGM 2023

The Annual General Body Meeting was conducted on 12 August 2023 from 11 a.m. in the school auditorium. The meeting was chaired by the Principal, Dr. H.S. Vashistha. The members of the EC PTA, Vice Principals, Headmistress, teachers and parents were present for the same.

The meeting was adjourned at the start due to the quorum not being met but after this criteria was met, the meeting commenced at 11 a.m.

The following are the minutes of the meeting:

➤ Introduction

- The agenda of the meeting was read out and the Chairman of the PTA, Dr. H.S. Vashistha, Principal of DPS, Navi Mumbai was introduced and welcomed to commence the meeting.
- The Principal began the meeting by thanking the EC PTA and the entire PTA body for the welcome and acceptance given to him.
- The Principal explained the vision and mission of the DPS Society and the school management for its students. It was explained that the prime focus of the school was to offer stellar academic assistance to students while also nurturing their co-curricular areas of interest along with instilling high moral values in them. The Principal apprised the forum about the emphasis laid on the overall development of a child with special attention to enhancing their value system, instilling pride in the culture and heritage of our country and also being stewards of the environment in order to nurture global citizens. Parents were highly appreciative of this endeavour.

➤ Results of class X and XII

- Details of the results of class X and XII were elaborated. The Principal congratulated all the examinees, their parents and the teachers for their stupendous success and also promised that the school would next aim for results that would take DPS, Navi Mumbai to the first position among all schools of DPS Society.
- The Principal also went on to explain the goal of the school which was not only to mould students into taking up just main stream career choices but also encouraging and enabling them to make career choices in the field of sports, art, politics, environmental science and so on. This assertion was greatly cheered and appreciated by the parents.

➤ Repair and Renovation in School

- Details of all the repair, renovation and restoration work undertaken since the April 1, 2023 was elaborated.
- The change in all electrical wiring and appliances of the entire school, setting up of power backup, new WIFI connection with a speed of 1 GB, installation of new telephone lines, CCTV cameras, increasing the height of staircase railings, renovation of washrooms, constructing ramp on staircase and restrooms for CWSN children, bus parking facility inside the campus, completion of road that enables the boarding and de-boarding of bus students inside the campus, clearance of electronic and other waste accumulated on the terrace since the inception of school, installation of new speakers and the setting up of lawn were mentioned as the work undertaken and nearing completion since April 2023.
- It was assured that all work would find completion in this academic year and an appeal for time, understanding, support and faith in Principal / Management was made for the continuation of the mission of improving students' life.
- The above citations received tremendous applause and cheer from the parent body.

➤ Concerns and Redressals

- The question of keeping Saturdays as non working days was raised by parents. The Principal reiterated that all decisions taken were always in keeping with the rules of RTE/ CBSE and

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explained that the recommendations cited by NEP 2020 and other governing bodies had required the increase of working days. However, the House was divided in this matter and the strong opinion of the majority of parents lead to the decision that Saturdays would be non-working days for students for this academic year. It was also stated that long holidays would continue to be in practice as was followed in earlier years for the academic session 2023-24.

- On the question of adopting skill based learning programmes in school, the Principal explained in detail that all recommendations formulated by NEP 2020 would be followed. Likewise, it was also stated by the Principal that examination practices for PWD students would be carried out according to the norms stated by the governing bodies. A suggestion to include the EC PTA in the decision of choosing text books was put forward by a parent. In reply to the suggestion, the Principal also mentioned that care would be taken to cater to both - gifted students aiming for admission to top colleges and courses and also for those students whose career interests lay in sports, games, art and the like. When enquired about the conduct of weekly assignments, the Chair replied that the practice that was followed in the previous years would continue to be followed in this academic session. Parents were also furnished that the school was set to provide teaching –learning aids that were IT and technology based to make learning effective and interactive. With regards to the reduction of the weight of the bag, the measures adopted by the school were clearly explained by the Principal. Taking the textbook apart to bind them in accordance to the syllabus per term was very well received. In turn, the Principal also reminded parents to ensure that students carried books according to timetables. The decision of the school to allow students to keep some textbooks in school was also reminded. The answers to all the above queries were well-received and appreciated by the parents.
- To the queries pertaining to RFID and transport related services, the Principal clarified that the change of the RFID service provider had caused some technical delay. Parents were informed about the new and advanced services lined up with the new technology adopted by the school. In addition, the Principal informed that bus service was an added facility offered by school and that it was a purely voluntary service. He also shared the plans of the school to procure a fleet of new buses that would solely run for DPS, Navi Mumbai and that the same would be made available in the next academic year. In this regard, parents were told that the same would incur an appropriate increase of Rs. 350/- in fees. The Principal instructed the RFID and Transport Committee to ensure swift and timely redressal of issues and the same was appreciated by parents.
- The concern regarding the absence of the class VIII Parent Representative on several occasions was raised and the same was duly noted by the Principal and parents were assured that required action would be taken. To avoid any confusion in future, the principal called all the EC PTA members up to the stage to introduce themselves to the parent body. After the introduction, the principal thanked the EC,PTA for their diligence and encouraged parents to route their concerns / queries through the EC, PTA.
- To the query about the high strength of students per class, it was informed that the strength of each section was in complete accordance to the number permitted by CBSE norms.
- With no further concern or query raised by the PTA body / any member, the Principal thanked the parent community for their support and faith in the institution. The meeting then drew to a conclusion at 1:30 pm with the vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary, EC. PTA thanking all teachers and parents for their presence.


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