

THE ORCHID SCHOOL

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date : 7th April, 2018

Venue : Conference Room

Members Present-

School Representatives:

1. Ms. Lakshmi Kumar
2. Ms. Namrata Majhail
3. Ms. Sangeeta Kapoor
4. Ms. Amarpreet Kotkar
5. Ms. Reeny George
6. Ms. Sheetal Jadhav
7. Ms. Nutan Chaudhary
8. Ms. Snehal Welde
9. Ms. Anjali Raghuram
10. Ms. Smitha Arun

Parent Representatives :

1. Ms. Hema J. Patel
2. Mr. Sandeep G Diwan
3. Mr. Sudhir G Patil
4. Mr. Hardik Desai
5. Mr. Sourabh Khanna
6. Ms. Rashmi Ekbote
7. Ms. Snehal Chaudhari
8. Mr. Vishwas Kulkarni
9. Ms. Deepa Mahale - CPV

Agenda

- Intelligent Security Surveillance System- Path ahead
- Sports Programme for Classes I to V
- Theme of the Year- 2018- 2019
- Some Updates
- Selection of Lead Parent

Points of discussion:

- Principal started the meeting by welcoming the members present.
- The agenda for the day was shared.

Intelligent Security Surveillance System- Path ahead

- Director, Lakshmi Kumar explained the context to which the prototype of IS2 was taken for Classes II Sienna and XI A.
- Principal, Ms. Namrata Majhail shared the sequence of the events for taking the decision on implementing the prototype of IS2.
- The experience of IS2 during the prototype period was shared.
 - Students were traced within the reader's zone.
 - The accuracy of the location of the ID cards was till the spot.
 - The alerts were generated if the students were not in the class.
 - Escort system was effectively used for the pickup of the students (Class II).
- Parents enquired about if the quotations were explored. It was shared that TOS didn't find similar technology to compare. The available ones were – Biometrics, RFID and Active RFID.
- Ms. Namrata Majhail shared per child cost with the details.
- The cost for transport was not factored in the amount that was shared. In future the transport cost will be only for the transport users.
- PTA agreed on the taking the system, however they mentioned that the cost from the vendor should be negotiated further.
- Mr. Yogesh Arora and Mr. Avinash Sahoo from Amdaya were invited in the meeting to explain the details of the technology used. PTA members have asked them to share the details of the cost which will be charged to the parents.
- It was decided that the cost details will be mailed to the members present.
- A meeting was fixed on 12th April at 9:00 am to further decide for the path ahead for IS2.

Sports Programme for Classes I to III-

- Next Academic Year (AY) onwards the Sports Programme for Classes I to III will be taken by School Sports Program (SSP) instead of Leap Start. This change is made keeping in mind concerned raised by parents on the quality of programme and also based on our own observations.
- There will be dedicated three coaches available for the students instead of one in current program.
- To ensure that every aspect of fitness , relevant to each level and age group, is incorporated judiciously.
- More effective way to track progress in terms of stamina and strength building.

Theme of the Year 2018-2019-

- Next AY the theme of the year will be- **'Be the Change you want to see in others'**.
- The approach will be through 10 different sub-themes.

Achievement of TOS Students-

- The Orchid School won the First Prize in the Worldwide NASA Ames Space Settlement Contest 2018.

- Team of 11 students has presented 150 pages project on futuristic space settlement design, named LOS Tara (LOS-Lunar Orbit Station).
- The students who were the part of this project are - Aditya Nebhrajani, Arnav Kalgutkar, Shlok Pande, Ojas Davare, Aryan Deore, Galav Sharma and Aditya Deshmukh from Class IX. Dhruv Jadhav, Chinmay Kharche, Ved Joshi, and Arshia Joshi from Class VII.
- This victory of students was out of 2500 entries and 10,000 students.

Restructuring of the domains-

- Next AY the domains are re-structured as mentioned below-
- Classes I to IV – Primary School
- Classes V to VIII – Middle School
- Classes IX to XII- Secondary & Sr. Secondary School
- This re-structuring is done to cater to the domain needs.

New Initiatives-

Partnership with Khan Academy-

- TOS has partnered with Khan Academy for subject Math. The resources will be used by the students and teacher for teaching learning purpose within the school hours. The dedicated classes will be assigned for the same. These classes will be for Classes IV to XII.

Invigilation less Exams-

- TOS has started the initiative of invigilation less exams. In this the students of Class VI to XII are given an opportunity to opt for the same.

Quiet Time-

- TOS has started practicing of Quiet Time from the month of March.
- During the last 10 minutes of the day the calming music is played and students are motivated to be quiet and relax themselves.
- During this time students also take the initiative to pack their bags and clean their classroom.

Skills Beyond Classroom- Talk Show-

- Starting next AY the talk show will be organized every month for the skills that are not taught in the school.
- This is to orient and guide the students for skills that are the important part of their life e.g – Comprehending Insurance, Self Image, Basic Financial Literacy, etc.

Lead Parent for the next AY PTA-

- Mr. Hardik Desai will be the Lead Parent for PTA 2018-2019.