

## The Orchid school

### Minutes of PTA - Mid Year Meeting – October 2014 -15

Date 17-10-13

#### Members Present:

Ms. Lakshmi Kumar - Director  
Ms. Shilpa Solanki – Principal  
Ms. Baishaki Bapat – Assistant Administrator  
Ms. Jainita Batra – Vice Principal  
Ms. Shilpa Ghadge – Secondary Teacher

#### Parent Representatives:

Ms. Ranjini Iyer: Lead PTA Member STD VII  
**Mr. Rajesh Chaudhary Lead PTA Member STD VI**  
Mr. Piyush Shah: STD I Parent  
Ms. Nirmala Yallal: STD IV Parent  
Ms. Ratna Shukla: STD V Parent  
Ms. Anjali Namde: STD VII Parent  
Mr. Shrinivas Huddar: STD IX Parent  
Ms. Prajakta Sohoni: STD X Parent

#### Agenda –

- Fee Ratification for next academic year 2014-15

#### Minutes of the Meeting –

Ms Lakshmi Kumar welcomed the PTA for the second round of fee ratification meet. She began with Fee related highlights held on 8-10-13. She shared the outcome of the PTA request for the fee hike to be reduced from 10% to about 7%.

The school and the board tried their best to work out a budget with a 7% hike on the annual fees. Despite trying to bring in cost cut without compromising on the school program, the school/board could not make the adjustment with only 7% hike.

Reasons for the 10% hike had already been explained explicitly by Ms. Shilpa in the previous meeting. Taking stalk of all the new expenditure that needs to be incorporated in the school, 10% hike is just about sufficient to break even. Some of the reasons for the hike apart from the regular inflation expenditure stated were as follows:

- CCTV camera,
- Developments - Play ground, E-Boards, Furniture and Fixture for new classes
- Advanced Software , Additional Broad band and server

The PTA appreciated the efforts taken by the school to put forth their request to the Board. They however put forth a few concerns/suggestions/ queries -

- Recover fees for construction/new development from students of Grade XI.
- Fee structure for class XI and for all classes for the following years (15-16, 16-17....)
- Constant fee hike will also go beyond the affordability of the school parent.
- Board needs to inform to its parent community, a steady predictable annual hike and to come with some efficient measures to reach a mid-point in terms of its annual hike.
- They also requested the school to share the fee with the larger parent community at the earliest so that they can take a well-considered decision on any future new programs that may be introduced (eg. Mind Spark)

Ms. Lakshmi clarified some of their queries.

- New development cost cannot be taken only from one level ,therefore development cost cannot be recovered from class XI
- Class XI fee structure can only be finalized based on the following:
  - Availability of classrooms (With or without 5<sup>th</sup> floor construction)
  - Streams that will be chosen
  - Post affiliation (around the month of March)
- The fee structure for the following years cannot be worked out right now and ratification for the same can only be done through the PTA for that particular year.
- Ms. Lakshmi agreed with the parent concern to have a steady and predictable hike and agreed to put forth their request to the Board. She also shared that the Fee Fixation Committee has (according to the last decision) sanctioned 10 to 15% annual fee hike .
- Based on the fee ratification, the school will share next year's fees with the parent community via circular and through website soon.

Proposed Fee Structure for the year 2014-15 that will be shared by the school is as under –

The components that are over and above school fees

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Optional Programmes</b>	<b>Compulsory Program</b>
Food	Olympiad Exams (STD III to X)	Leapstart
Transport	Adventure Camps	NIE Newspaper(STD IV to X)
Uniforms	Heritage camps	Night Out Camp(STD IV)
	Andaman/ Sweden Visits	Rural Camps STD VII & VIII And Dharavi visit for STD IX
	Any Other	Aptitude test & Career Camps STD X

		CBSE Registration Fees STD IX
		CBSE Exam Registration Fees STD X
		Extra Text Books/ Note Books over and above the prescribed books

School fees for 2014-2015 (Except for Leap Start and NIE all other heads reflect the annual hike )

Sr.no	Particular	Fees	Career Camp	CBSE – Registration (IX – X)	Night Out Camp	Dharavi Visit	Rural Camp	Leap Start	NIE
1	Jr.KG	58000						1650	
2	Sr.KG	67000						1650	
3	Std-I	77000						1650	
5	Std-II	89000						1650	
6	Std-III	84000						1650	
7	Std-IV	84000			440			1650	350
8	Std-V	91000						1650	350
9	Std-VI	91000							350
10	Std-VII	91000					1650		350
11	Std-VIII	98000							350
12	Std-IX	98000		200		550			350
13	Std-X	98000	2200	600					350

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