

**The Orchid School  
PTA Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 25.3.17

**Venue:** Conference Room

**Members Present:**

Ms. Namrata Majhail  
Ms. Sangeeta Kapoor  
Mr. Shreekanth Moorthy  
Mr. A.R. Chandrashekhar  
Ms. Hema J Patel  
Ms. Amarpreet Kotkar  
Ms. Monika Gupte  
Ms. Smita Shajapurkar  
Mr. Ganesh Phule  
Ms. Reeny George  
Ms. Divya Bhatnagar  
Ms. Sheetal Jadhav

**Agenda:**

- Change in School Uniform for students
- Change of Sports Program for Classes IV & V
- Reading Program for Classes I – III
- Grouping for Effective Learning- Class XI & XII
- Promotion Policy for Classes IX & XI
- Theme for the Year
- 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.

**Change in School Uniform for Students:**

- The members were informed about the change in the school uniform.
- The decision of change has been taken due to the complaint received by the parents and the inconsistent supply and issues of the quality of inform.
- The new uniform will be as below-
- **Regular School Uniform-**
- Class I – X : Change in Pattern
- Class XI-XII : Maroon T-shirt, Blue Jeans
- Sports Uniform-
- Primary- Maroon T-Shirt & Black Shorts
- Secondary & Sr. Secondary- House Colour T-Shirt & Black Shorts.

- Shoes- Black, Socks- Black

#### **Sports Program for Classes IV & V-**

- For Classes IV & V instead of Leapstart the School of Sports will be conducting the sports program.
- It will include-
- Upper body skills development- Basketball
- Lower body skill development- Football – will be conducted by Bharat FC / Zona Mista
- Structured Fitness program

#### **Reading Program for Classes I – III**

- A comprehensive Reading Program- 'Wings of Words' will be introduced in Classes I –III.
- This program has been introduced based on the need felt to bring the focus and develop the reading skills among the students.
- Class I will not be using any other learning resource (books) apart from 'Wings of Words' learning materials.
- Classes II and III will continue to have Nine Hats publication textbooks along with the reading programme of 'Words of Wings'.
- 3 periods dedicated to the reading programme.
- Special Training will be provided to the teachers.

#### **Grouping of Students for Effective Learning for Classes XI & XII:**

- In Class XI and XII the students will be grouped into high paced and slow paced learning groups.
- The objective of doing the same was shared by the Principal.
- The groups will be divided as 60% above and below.

#### **Promotion Policy for Classes IX & XI-**

- The members were apprised about the promotion policy at TOS for Classes IX & XI.
- This policy is based on the CBSE Circular shared recently by the Board (CBSE) and the Byelaws.
- The promotion policy for Classes IX & XI is defined as below-
- In Class IX if the students are not able to clear the exam, they can be detained.
- In Class XI- If the student has not secured 33% then one re-test will be given to the student.
- The best of two ( Main Exam or Re-test) marks will be considered for the Report.
- In case student secures minimum 25% marks in one subject and clears all other subjects with minimum 33%, then in that case the student will be conditionally promoted.
- If the student has not cleared in more than one subject, then the student will be detained in the class.
- The final decision will be of the school committee which comprise of Director, Principal, Vice Principal, Unit Head and the Teacher.

**Theme for the next Academic Year-**

- The theme for the next academic year will be ' Courage- I have the power to.....do I have the courage to.....'
- The approach to the theme would be in three forms- Try Courage, Trust Courage and Tell Courage.

**Some Updates-**

- TOS has received the TEDx license.
- The event will take place in the month of August.
- Next academic year the Science Beyond Science Lecture series will continue in alternate months in combination of Science project display.

**Lead Parent for next AY PTA-**

- Ms. Hema Patel will be the next AY PTA's Lead Parent.

**Concern about Weight of School Bag-**

- Mr. Moorthy has expressed the concern to check on the weight of the school bag for the kids.
- He has made a suggestion to allow parents to buy another set of Books to keep it at home so the students are not carrying the extra weight.
- It was explained that the parents are free to buy the extra set if they wish to from the Book Store.