

## **Golden Jubilee School, Jalna**

### **Minutes of the EPTA conducted via Zoom on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 at 3:00pm**

Given the COVID 19 situation, the EPTA meeting was held via Zoom.

Participants at the meeting:

Parent Members:	Staff members:
Manali Mahajan	Sangita Pungle
Priyanka Agrawal	Mahaveer Aswal
Arjunsing Sulane	Zara Shaikh
Pratik Nanavati	Kajal Sheth
Seema Doifode	Mini Nair
Netra Bhakkad	Archana Kubde
Snehlata Shinde	Sandeep Pise
Urvashi Khandelwal	Vandana Karnewar
Gajanan Jakkalwar	Mahadev Bhosale
Taruna Chhabda	Anosh Athawale
Kajal Patel	Shraddha Devidan

Observers:

Prashant Joshi  
Vaibhav Nikalje  
Rajkumari Bansode  
Archana Jakkalwar  
Rakhee Kapoor  
Manjusha Salegaonkar  
Jyoti Dhakne  
Suhasini Kulkarni

Principal:

Priya Peter

The Principal began by welcoming all of the participants and started the meeting.

Notice for the membership for the EPTA was sent out to parents on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 via Zoom and the same was posted on the School Website (Give the website address). Nomination was accepted till 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 was a gazetted holiday.

The school had received applications for all the classes and in case of LKG, 2 applications were received. For LKG lot was carried out virtually in front of the camera and the names of the drawn member was read out. Principal thanked the other applicant for their interest in being part of the school.

The Principal then read out the names of the members of the EPTA for 2020-2021.

Sr	Parents Members	Class	Teachers Members
1	Priyanka Agarwal	LKG	Sangita Pungle
2	Arjunsing Sulane	UKG	Rupali Bihani
3	Pratik Nanavati	1	Ayesha Dange
4	Seema Doifode	2	Mahaveer Aswal
5	Netra Bhakkad	3	Zara Shaikh
6	Madhur Karwa	4	Kajal Sheth
7	Namrata Kabra	5	Mini Nair
8	Snehlata Shinde	6	Archana Kubde
9	Shikha Agrawal	7	Sandeep Pise
10	Urvashi Khandelwal	8	Vandana Karnewar
11	Gajanan Jakkalwar	9	Mahadev Bhosale
12	Taruna Chhabda	10	Anosh Athawale
13	Kajal Patel	12	Shraddha Devidan

**Election of various office bearers:**

**Chairperson:**

As per the guidelines of Maharashtra Educational Institutes Principal serves as the Chairperson of the EPTA.

**Nominations for Vice Chairperson:**

Mr Pratik Nanavati volunteered and was supported by the other parents and teachers.

Nominations for Secretary and Joint Secretary:

- Mr Bhosale from the staff was then selected
- Mrs Urashvi Khandelwal and Dr Snehlata Shinde were elected as Joint Secretary for this year

The Principal welcomed the office bearers and members and told them that they are a bridge between the Parents and School and we all are working towards the same goal and that is the growth of our children.

Any other matters:

In other matters the Principal then shared about having received a few emails requesting for reduction in fees to which she had already sent a letter to all parents on the 18 of July 2020. In addition, the Principal spoke about a meeting which was held at Zilla Parishad on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 where all English medium schools were invited. The CEO Jalna asked that in light of the representation received, the fee matter be discussed with the school management and EPTA and response be shared with the her/office before August 15.

As a background on this, Principal shared what actions has already been taken by the school;

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- Catering fee if collected, has been refunded despite the school incurring loss as we always have stock for a few weeks.
- The late fee was removed and will have to be reviewed in due time again.
- As needed, the school fees can be paid on a monthly basis instead of quarterly basis
- School continues to meet all its financial obligations and pay full salary to all our staff as we can not just think of the next few months but must retain our dedicated teachers for years to come.
- School has also put in a lot of effort for the online teaching including subjects like music and PE and continue to explore ways to further improve.
- Teachers have also undergone training for online teaching and will continue to do more of this to use technology efficiently

The Principal shared that the emails of the parents as well as the Zilla Parishad meeting was discussed at the SMC and the SMC put to the trustees that besides the above things which have already been done, it is not

possible to change the fee structure. School continues its online teaching activities and will reopen as per the government instructions.

The matter was also discussed in the trustees meeting and the trustees also support the proposal of SMC. In addition, if the fee receipt remains below 50% the trustees may consider closing a section or two.

Both SMC and Trustees stressed that any parent who is facing genuine financial challenges, may approach school to work out a suitable payment plan. School will work with each of these cases to find solutions.

The Principal also reminded members that school fee had not been increased this year

The members then discussed these points put forward. A PTA member also asked if there was any Government directive related to fee to which the principal replied that there should be no fee increase, which the school has not done. The PTA member also said that he would communicate to all parents regarding monthly payment as well as that they can reach out to the school to find solutions should need be.

Another PTA member requested for school to have at least on Zoom class for the Nursery kids so that they get to associate with their teachers.

Mr Vaibhav Nikalje said that the staff was working very hard to ensure that despite the COVID19 challenges, students continue to grow and not lose out on their studies

The principal said that working together we would all come out successful and our children would not lose a year of learning nor miss their developmental milestones.

Since there was no other matter the Principal thanked everyone and called the meeting to an end.