

Pawar Public School Nanded City

Minutes of the online EPTA meeting held on Zoom platform on Friday, June 12th, 2020, at 5.30 pm.

This meeting was attended by Principal Dr. Mrs. Anjali Gurjar , PPS Management Representative Mr. Shantanu Sugwekar, Vice Chairperson Dr. Nilesh Uke, HM Mr. Dinesh B, Accounts officer Mr. Satish Patil, AO Mr. Vikrant Gorade, all the EPTA members from Std I to Std. X.

Principal Madam chaired the meeting and she presented the agenda of the meeting.

The points discussed in the meeting as per the agenda are as follows:

- 1) **Academics related**
- 2) **Fees related**

1) **Academics:**

i) The Principal explained that online classes have resumed for all Standards, as per plan discussed in previous meeting of all Class representatives. Most of the technical queries of parents have been sorted out. As per discussion in the previous meeting, the facility of recording of live sessions has been given so students who miss the session can view the recording at a later time or on the next day. The principal shared that the Video Conferencing Application (Zoom) licenses for preprimary and Std. I, II have been purchased by the management for the sake of our students.

ii) As per request of parents to have separate classes and not 2 divisions combined, the Principal said that this will be implemented from July for most of the subjects and the Time table will be conveyed to the parents. The HMs are working on this Time Table.

iii) As regards taking more periods per day, there were mixed opinions from parents. The Principal explained that it is difficult for students to take more than two periods, besides the activity classes in the evening, for Primary school. For Std. IX and X, 3 periods per day will be organized in the next two weeks and Std. VI to VIII will also have 3 academic periods, later in July.

iv) The Principal assured the EPTA that continuous improvement in delivery of the classes is being done by teachers. The entire May 2020 vacation of teachers was spent in taking technical training for MS Teams, Zoom preparing presentations and coordination with co-teachers. But parents should also make the students more aware about online class etiquettes as sometimes there is a lot of disturbance from students. However she urged everybody, teachers, students and parents to be patient. This is not a corporate scenario where such online meetings are conducted for a mature group of people. Just two weeks have passed after we resumed classes and it is too early to review and conclude anything.

Mr Suryakant Kadam praised the efforts of Mr. Dinesh, HM; in solving difficulties of parents related to online teaching and MS Teams. He also said that some teachers have connectivity problems. However Principal assured that once lockdown is lifted, teachers can come to school to use the WiFi network, hence this problem will be solved. He also asked why two different systems, viz Zoom and MS Teams are being used. The Principal explained that Zoom platform enables teachers to view many students at a time, which is needed for Primary classes. MS teams has more features suitable for older age group of students.

2) Fees related:

The Principal said that these are tough times for a section of the parent community as they have suffered economic losses. However as per the GR dated May 8, 2020 parents who do not have financial problems are requested to pay the first quarter school fees. The late fees fine has been waived off for the benefit of the parents. The school continues to have expenses of paying full salary to teachers, buying software licenses for online classes, spending on AMCs, housekeeping, gearing up for Corona related sanitization and disinfection facilities.

About transport fees for those parents who have already paid, she said that the transport in-charge is out of station. The Transport Committee will be involved when the transporter returns. As soon as he returns, transport related issues will be sorted out and fees will be transferred to the months/ period when school buses will be in use.

Dr. Nilesh Uke, Vice Chairperson expressed the request of parents saying that management should consider decreasing fees for activities like Library, laboratory.

Mr. Suryakant Kadam Std VI member said that as per GR May 8, 2020, the EPTA should discuss the revision in fees. He also asked if this EPTA is valid for this year.

The Principal said that this group of EPTA is permitted to continue till the time the conditions are safe and the parents can be called to form a new EPTA for the current academic year.

Mr Shantanu said that school is following all GRs and we will wait for any changes or further instructions from the Government.

The Principal said that they will take up the request of parents to the Management and also wait for guidelines from Government and GRs Right now, we have to wait as these are important decisions which cannot be taken promptly.

3) Miscellaneous:

Mr Ganage appreciated Mrs Sangeeta Patil's efforts for ensuring smooth functioning of the classes. Mr Ratnaparkhi, Dr Vaishali also praised the efforts of the school and said we were the first school to start academics using technology. Dr Vaishali also said if it is possible to have no online classes for preprimary.

The Principal said that we will wait for guidelines from the Govt.

Mr Mayuresh Kodre again asked about transport fees, the reply was that we have to wait for transporter to return and parents will not be at a loss.

Mr Meshram and Mr Deshpande also appreciated the efforts of the school teachers.

Mr Meshram thanked Dr Uke for being proactive and keeping the parents well informed about the school plans. The Principal said that the whatsapp groups of parents have been very effective, as parents are more used to seeing the whatsapp messages than the website. The Principal replied to a query about students from out of Pune who are unable to connect, she said teachers will work extra with them whenever they start school.

The Principal thanked the VC Dr. Nilesh Uke for his patient efforts in helping the smooth functioning during these unprecedented times.



Dr. Nilesh J. Uke
VC – PTA



Dr. Anjali Gurjar
Principal