

**Cathedral School**  
**parent-teacher association**  
6, Purshottamdas Thakurdas Marg  
Mumbai 400001

**THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST GENERAL BODY MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

The First General Body Meeting of the Cathedral School Parent Teacher Association for the Academic Year 2019 - 2020 was held on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, in the Senior School Hall, at 2:45 p.m.

Mrs. Anuli Benjamin, Chairperson of the Association, presided over the meeting.

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

The minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on the February 22, 2019, were available for inspection at the Bursar's office.

“RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on Friday, 7th February 2018, be and are hereby taken as read, approved and confirmed.”

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

**Mrs.Shona Jain**

**Mrs.Shagun Gogia**

Mrs. Benjamin then introduced the Head Girl, Head Boy, House Captains, Vice-Captains, and Prefects for the current academic year.

**Head Girl** : Nayab Mistry

**Head Boy** : Nirvaan Iyer

**Barham** House Captains : Keya Daruwala, Shivansh Totla

IB Captain : Akshata Kapoor

Vice- Captains : Sanjana Sethi, Jash Punjabi

**Palmer** House Captains : Janine Mody, Diwaker Sinha

IB Captain : Ananya Malhotra

Vice-Captains : Asra Shah, Pushan Hinduja

**Savage** House Captains : Lianne Dhalla, Devashish Khare

IB Captain : Yohann Poncha

Vice- Captains : Kareena Dogra, Aaryaman Bhageria

**Wilson** House Captains : Kripa Jalan, Vijay Sule

IB Captain : Kabir Kothari

Vice-Captains : Sakina Sehorewala, Arman Bhansali

**School Prefects, Girls:**

Akshata Kapoor, Angela Mathew, Ananya Malhotra, Avanti Singh, Keya Daruwala, Lianne Dhalla, Shania Pahuja, Taera Singh

**School Prefects, Boys:**

Armaan Bhansali, Aryaman Himatsingka, Devashish Khare, Kabir Kothari, Rehan Chagla, Shivansh Totla, Siddhant Mehta and Yohaana Poncha

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She congratulated them and wished them a rewarding year ahead.

Mrs. Benjamin thanked Mrs. Isaacs for agreeing to continue as the Ex-Officio President of the PTA and requested Shona Jain, Hon. Secretary, to present Mrs. Isaacs with a small token of appreciation.

She then requested Mrs. Isaacs to address everyone.

**Mrs. Isaacs' Remarks**

Mrs. Isaacs started with talking about the competitive environment that the children are brought up in, and that it was up to the parents and teachers to work in tandem to ensure a happy and joyful childhood for them. While the school provides academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, the focus for each child need not only be academics; they must strive to be the best they can in any field.

Children also need to be taught to be more resilient and accept situations; to pick themselves up and move on.

Social Media, strong comparisons and a plethora of pressures on several fronts makes the children emotionally fragile. They must be guided to love themselves and be strong.

Mrs. Isaacs then addressed the issue of college admissions.

She started with relating a recent incident where a student opted to forgo his foreign university acceptances to pursue undergraduate degree in India and possibly further studies abroad. While going abroad for undergraduate studies is definitely a good (but expensive) option, Mrs. Isaacs said that there were excellent opportunities available in India for Undergraduate studies.

She then presented the list of worldwide College acceptances as well as Financial Aid/ Scholarships for the current batch.

The IB as well as the ISC sections had both had very good placements.

Mrs. Isaacs clarified there had been no decision to modify the summer holiday calendar. Holidays for the ICSE/ISC and IGCSE/IB remain as they were respectively.

Mrs. Isaacs informed the parents that the air-conditioning work is ongoing in the Junior, Middle & Senior schools.

She then thanked the PTA for their good work and goodwill.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs. Isaacs. She then thanked Mrs. Nivangi Davda and the Infant school class representatives for hosting the afternoon tea, and also took the opportunity to thank the entire PTA team, without whose support the afternoon would not have progressed smoothly

Mrs. Suhagi Deora, Vice Chairperson, proposed a vote of thanks.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned; the evening concluded with tea hosted by the Infant school.

**Chairperson**

**Mrs. Anuli Benjamin**

**Hon. Secretary**

**Mrs. Shona Jain**