

Cathedral School
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THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST GENERAL BODY MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2023

The First General Body Meeting of the Cathedral School Parent Teacher Association for the Academic Year 2023- 2024 was held on Wednesday, April 19th 2023, in the Senior School Hall, at 2:45 p.m.

Mrs. Jhanvi Menda, Chairperson of the Association, presided over the meeting.

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

The Annual General Body Meeting minutes held on February 27, 2023, were available for inspection at the Bursar's office.

“RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on Monday, 27th February 2023, be and are hereby taken as read, approved and confirmed.”

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Mrs Shruti Devnani

Mr.Surin Kapadia

Mrs Jhanvi Menda thanked Dr.Parmar for agreeing to continue as the Ex-Officio President of the PTA and requested her to address everyone present at the meeting.

Dr.Parmar's Remarks

Dr Parmar started by addressing the challenges most of us are facing today related to the behaviour of our children. Although we all are returning to our routine, Normal is still not the same as before. A lot of behavioural changes have been noticed among the kids. She also mentioned that together as parents and teachers of the school will try our best to help our children overcome all problems.

She also addressed the issue of Bullying, which is taking place in our school more so in the middle and senior sections of the school. She reiterated that “No Bullying” is acceptable as a policy of our school and any child not following the rules will be penalized for the same. As Dr Parmar strongly believes that it is very important for every child of the school to feel comfortable and happy when he or she is in school. Dr Parmar insisted that the children should be taught more resilience and acceptance and it is important for parents and teachers to work in tandem for the holistic development of our children.

Dr Parmar also mentioned that the request for Leave application should be sent before 8:30 am and should be worded as a request and not information. She also insisted on being truthful when asking for leave for the child as lying would set a wrong example in front of the kids. The school will consider requests on a case-to-case basis and will accommodate reasonable requests where possible in conjunction with the requirements and rules of the school. Leave on religious grounds has never been allowed and should not be requested.

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Dr Parmar also addressed the subject of the way the students turn out in school. In spite of clear guidelines for turnout, many children are not well turned out. Dr Parmar's reiterated the importance of dressing up appropriately in proper school uniform. She said it is important for the students to understand the importance of dressing up neatly. She said she understands that the lockdown has changed a lot of things but now when we are moving towards normalcy these points should be taken care of.

Dr Parmar also suggested that the parents should share information regarding the personal contexts of the students that may have a bearing on their well-being in emotional, social or even academic terms. Knowing of any challenges students may be facing at home will allow us to support them better.

Parents are also encouraged to reinforce the values we teach in school regarding courtesy, empathy, honesty, etc. at home.

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

The Chairperson thanked Dr Parmar and then asked Mrs Shruti Devnani, hon. secretary and Mr Surin Kapadia, Hon Treasurer to present a token of appreciation to Dr Parmar.

Mrs Menda then said a few words of appreciation for Mrs Amba Mugwe(Senior School teacher)and Mrs Shalini Bakshi(Middle school teacher) who are retiring. A token of appreciation was also presented to the teachers by Mrs Devnani and Mr Kapadia.

Mrs Amba Mugwe and Mrs Shalini Bakshi also took us through their journey in school and also thanked Our principal Dr Sonal Parmar, the headmistress teachers and the PTA for all their support.

Mrs Menda thereafter thanked Mrs Pooja Dangat, Headroom representative of Infant School and her team of 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 Dhruvi Shah, 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

Hon. Secretary

Mrs Jhanvi Menda

Mrs. Shruti Devnani