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MINUTES OF THE PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING - 2 [2022-2023]

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JGS/COMM/IF-01/R00

Held on : 27.08.2022, Saturday
From : 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Venue : Conference Hall, Mallapur
Attended by :

Name of the staff	Designation	Name of the staff	Designation
Mr.T. Anil Israel	President - Principal, ICSE	Mrs. Shwetha	Parent Representative - Jr. KG
Ms. Srabanti Basu	Member - Principal, ISC	Mrs. Usha Beemanapally	Parent Representative - Grade 1
Mrs.Sushma Reddy	Secretary - Vice Principal	Mrs. Haritha V	Parent Representative - Grade 2
Mrs.K.Lakshmi Surekha	Member - Headmistress	Mr. Nagaraju Chapa	Parent Representative - Grade 4
Mrs.Divya B.	Chief Operating Officer	Mr. V idyasagar Jyoshi	Parent Representative - Grade 6
Mr.Siddharth K	Operations Head	Mrs. Sravanthi V	Parent Representative - Grade 11
Mrs.Lakshmi S.	Office Superintendent	Mrs. Anuradha	Parent Representative - Grade 12
Mrs. Lakshmi Ratnam	Teacher Representative		
Mrs. Padmavathi M	Teacher Representative		
Mrs. Uma Anil	Admin Representative		
Mrs. Sahiti A	Educator Mother		

The following points were discussed:

S.No.	Subject of Minutes	Details of Minutes
1	Welcome Address & Introduction of new members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The President, Mr. Anil Israel welcomed the Parent Representatives, and all the other members to the PTA Meet. He thanked the parents for making it convenient to attend the meeting.The Agenda for the meeting was read out.The newly appointed PTA Representatives for Grade Jr. KG - Mrs. F. Shwetha and Grade 11 - Mrs. V. Sravanthi were introduced to all the members.Mrs. Srabanti Basu, the Principal - ISC was also introduced.
2	ICSE & ISC 2022 Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was informed that the school achieved 100% results in the ICSE & ISC 2022 examinations and following details were shared:Vineetha Sammeta with 98.6% (ICSE) and Sruthi Rajpurohit with 96.5% (Commerce - ISC), Sangu Manikesh with 95% (Science - ISC) were the school toppers.The statistics of the ICSE results and the graphical representation of the same was shared by the President and of the ISC by Mrs. Srabanti Basu.The ISC Principal shared the Examination Tree of the Grades 11 &12.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Council updates, details of PTMs, Unit tests, First Term Examinations, Subject Enrichment Classes and Revision classes were shared.
3	Academic Updates & New Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was informed that Career Guidance Cell, a new initiative is formed to provide the students with various career-oriented information, industry updates, notifications, university orientation, skill-based workshops, alumni interactions and assessments to enhance students' career planning.Mrs. Basu also said that a Career Guidance Fair is organised on 03.09.2022, where representatives from 20 different Universities, both National and International will be coming together under one roof at JGS Mallapur Campus.The details of the Creative Corner and Counselling sessions for the students and the introduction of LSRW - English Enhancement Skills was shared.The members were informed that the school is planning to introduce Humanities for ISC in the year 2023-2024, where in the student has option to select History / Political Science, Geography / Sociology, and Legal Studies, Elective English, EVS, Home Science, Art or Physical Education - Any one as an optional subject.It was also informed that JGS in its new initiative during the AY 2022 – 23 has conducted the Johnson's Science Olympiad for Grades 9 & 10. The Preliminary round was conducted for all the students and the Final round will be conducted during the 2nd Term. The Mathematics Olympiad is also in the pipeline.The ICSE & ISC teachers are attending the Online Training sessions conducted by the Council.
4	ECCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Secretary, Mrs. Sushma Reddy shared the academic updates and the various extracurricular activities conducted at the school. The pictures of various events and competitions like Handwriting competition, the parade of NCC and Scouts & Guides, Investiture Ceremony, Counselling sessions, Activities in the morning assembly, Club activities, Debate, General Knowledge and Computer quiz, Spell Bee competition were showcased. The creative art work of the students was shared. The Grade Wise activities conducted were shared.
5	Updates on - ASISC Literary and CISCE Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Headmistress, Mrs. Surekha shared the achievements of students in the ASISC Literary Competitions and CISCE Sports and Games.The ICSE students were declared as the runner up team in the Debate Competition - Junior Category.

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	and Games Events 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The students of ISC reached the National Level in the Debate Competition - Senior Category.The ISC students were declared as the runner up team in the Regional Quiz Competition.It was informed that 14 students have qualified to represent JGS at the National Level and a few more results are yet to be declared. The Regional Sports 2022 events in few more games are yet to be conducted.
6	Status of Fee Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Siddharth the Operations Head informed that 47.5% of the fee collection is still due for till date for the year 2022-2023 and 109 students are yet to clear the 2021-2022 tuition fee and 8 students have not cleared the fee of 2020-2021.
7	Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was informed to the PTA representatives to pass on the message to the parents to check the handbook of their children regularly and acknowledge the same. The following were also informed:Parents to send mail to school for any concern and it will be replied to within 24hrs.Parents to attend the Parent Teacher Meet regularly.Parents to spend quality time with their children.The school counsellor is conducting group counselling sessions and individual sessions as well.Each teacher has taken up mentoring 5 to 6 students who need help and guidance.The School send SMS through Neverskip only and no other social network app.It's mandatory for a student to have 75% of attendance.Parents are requested to not take their children home after the Unit Tests. (refer to Pg. no. 42 of the Student Handbook under the header - Permissions)Parents to refrain from sending the students to school if the child is unwell even if the Tests / Exams are scheduled. The average marks will be considered on providing the medical certificate.The names of the students who have not reported to school from last academic year are struck off the rolls as per the rules. The report cards these students were couriered to the parent by the school.The lunch time for the senior wing students is increased by 10min as per the request received from the parents and students during the PTM.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">The school is tied up with Shikshangan & Education Mentoring India. They conduct the workshops for the teachers on Self Awareness, Self-Management, Anger Management, Relationship Skills, etc.
9	Suggestions & Queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Mrs. Usha Beemanapally, Parent Representative - Grade 1</i> <i>Query: There's a change in the class teacher.</i> Response: The teacher is on leave due to health issues. It is ensured the teaching learning transaction does not get affected. <i>Query: Corrections are not done properly. Homework given is repetitive.</i> Response: The school will look into the corrections and care will be taken to not to repeat the homework. <i>Query: Books go missing and no log is maintained. The parents end up buying the text books again.</i> Response: Please send a diary note in such cases. The school will look into it. <i>Query: Children are scared of exams as they are not able to read the questions paper.</i> Response: Since Grade 1 students have not attended the physical school for the last two years, the teachers are helping them in reading the questions. It will take some more time for the students to get accustomed to the system. <i>Query: The classrooms have mosquitoes and don't have sufficient fans.</i> Response: The classrooms are fumigated regularly by the outsourced people. The school will look into the problems with the number of fans available in the classrooms.<i>Mrs. Haritha V, Parent Representative - Grade 2</i> <i>Query: Students are finishing the lunch packed by the parents</i> Response: The teachers do ensure that the child finishes the lunch. Request the parents to not to stuff the lunch box as the child is finding it difficult to finish it. <i>Query: Private Van Drivers are driving the vehicles rashly and also spitting in the ground.</i> Response: The school strictly discourages the children using Private Transport as this is the place where the discipline goes unchecked. The children also pick up the usage of unparliamentarily language. Most of the student

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discipline complaints are from the students using the private transport. The school doesn't have a hold on the private van drivers. But, the school conducts awareness sessions regularly and the vehicles are checked for overcrowding. We shall orient the drivers to keep the ground clean.

Query: The 2D classroom is suffocating and another room to be allotted.

Response: The parent is requested to visit the school and check the room and share the problem.

Query: The school can conduct classes to enhance the communication skills. Are the participants in the Morning Assembly selected by teacher? If so, what is the criteria?

Response: The school is conducting a class to enhance the communication skills. Also, in the Home period, every child is given a chance to express himself or herself. Each and every student gets his/her turn to participate in the morning assembly, where they share the thought for the day, speak about the special days, etc.

Query: The school transport to be made available for specified stops.

Response: As per the School Admission Policy, one of the criteria to get admission in JGS, is that the child should be residing within a radius of 3kms from the school. The school is plying 16 buses in full capacity. The routes and the stops are already fixed for every bus. The extension of routes now is not possible as the pick-up and drop timing of the children will change causing inconvenience to them. The School transport is an extended facility. However, it will be looked into in the next academic year.

Query: The notes are not being uploaded in the portal.

Response: The notes will be uploaded only before the examinations.

- Mr. Nagaraju Chapa, Parent Representative - Grade 4

Query: Whom should the Parent contact if they have any query?

Response: The parents can send a dairy note or email to the school. They can also meet the Coordinator, Headmistress or Vice Principal during the meeting hours. Meeting Hours of the Coordinator is 3:45pm to 4:15pm and HM/VP is 9:00 am to 10:00am.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Vidyasagar Jyoshi, Parent Representative - Grade 6</i> <i>Query: The bag weight of the students is a concern. The students are carrying all the textbooks.</i> Response: The students are instructed to carry the books as per the time table. The text books can be kept in the cupboards provided in the classrooms. <i>Query: A few parents aren't receiving the Homework SMS.</i> Response: The parent can update their mobile number to the school. The Homework is noted down in the handbook and the same is posted in the Neverskip App as well. <i>Query: There has been a consistent change in the subject teachers.</i> Response: A few teachers have resigned due to health issues and a few due to unavoidable circumstances. The HODs have taken the classes and ensured the teaching learning transaction was not affected. <i>Query: There is a long queue near the washrooms.</i> Response: We shall send the students in a staggered manner. <i>Query: The students are asked to move from their classrooms due to non-availability of Digi Boards in their classrooms.</i> Response: Every alternate classroom has the Digi Board and the sections of that particular class share it as per the Digi board timetable.• <i>Grade 8 Concerns</i> <i>Query - The 10% hike in the fees for the Academic Year 2022-23 is not justified.</i> This is to reiterate that there has been no fee hike in the last two years. In addition to this, a blanket concession of 25% to all the students of grades 1 and above and a concession of 30% to the students of the Pre Primary was extended from the school's end to show solidarity towards the parents while battling the COVID crisis in the year 2020-21. In addition to this, we have taken care of all the students who lost the bread winner of their family during this period and the classes were conducted uninterrupted for each and every student. The fee hike after 2 years of financial crisis faced by the institution was much needed and is within the Government allowed guidelines. The fee hike of the institution happens through the process of the Governing body meeting and consent of the members. Individualised requirements or opinions cannot be taken into account for the same. This ought to be understood consciously by all the parents. The fee
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structure is submitted to the DEO. It is a symbiotic relationship that we need to have wherein we support one another for the progress of the students.

Query: A drastic transformation in students is observed this year. Students are not disciplined and committed as they were previously. They are also faltering in their academics and not submitting assignments on time.

Response: It is important for us to understand that the two years of pandemic has completely disrupted the learning habit of every individual with online sessions, isolation from regular teaching learning environment etc. It is therefore important for all of us to be a little more enduring and wait till the children get back to their normal pace of learning and scheduled lifestyle. Expecting immediate result and miracles is something which should be kept at bay for the time being in order to give the children enough time to deal with their emotions first and then find a suitable way to reorganise themselves for a fruitful end result. The assignments submitted however are reviewed regularly and the feedback given works as a way forward for the students.

Query: Teachers are not mentioning any behavioural issues of the students in the handbook.

Response: The incidents that can be addressed are done with immediate effect by the teachers or the school counsellor. In case a parent intervention is required, it is communicated through the Handbook or mail. This has been a regular practice at JGS for all students.

Query: Why are a few students not even considered to represent the recently concluded inter-house singing competition?

Response: Inter house singing competition has not been conducted till now for the Middle School.

Query: How is the selection done for the competitions or games?

Response: The school selects students for various competitions and events solely based on certain pre-defined criteria set by the School Cultural Committee and not by any preformed notion or prejudice.

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Query: Why all the students were not considered at least for an initial screening for the declamation or debate events of the CICSE Literary contests?

Response: All the students are given an opportunity to participate in the selections of the inter house competitions. The winners of these inter house competitions represent the school in external competitions like CICSE and others. Conducting a selection round with all the students for every external competition is not feasible.

Query: Only the students who have cleared their fee dues are given priority to participate in the school's co-curricular activities.

Response: It is important to note that the school has not left any stone unturned in acknowledging the achievements of the students irrespective of fee payment as the former has got nothing to do with the latter. The students are not deprived at any point of time from any participation because of the non-payment of fees. The operations team discusses these concerns only with the parents.

Query: Students are made to attend the club activities other than the one they have opted.

Response: Students can only choose the Club Activity offered by the school.

Query: What are the causes of decline in academic performance of students this year in particular?

Response: Many students have not fared well in UT 1 due to the impact of various things during their online sessions. We have however done a thorough analysis of the learning gaps of every student and extra classes are arranged accordingly. Constant supervision and monitoring of their progress will be done and the same is expected from the parent's end too for giving the students a helping hand to cope up with the weaker areas. We can together make the student excel again to regain their confidence.

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		<p><i>Query – The lack of encouragement from the school to the students competing in External Competitions and winning laurels.</i></p> <p>The school is proud of the smallest of achievements of its students. The achievements brought to the notice of the school are posted on the school social media websites and also find a place in the monthly School Magazine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Anuradha, Parent Representative - Grade 12 <p><i>Query: Are the students allowed to get mobile phones to school?</i></p> <p>Response: The students are not allowed to carry mobile phones to school. However, in a few genuine cases, when the parent submits a written application to the school stating the reason for the student to carry the phone for a period of time, they are allowed to bring them. The students are required to submit the phones in the reception and collect it back before leaving the school.</p>
10	Next PTA date & Vote of Thanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was informed that the next PTA will be held in the month of November and the date will be shared shortly.• Mrs. Surekha, the Headmistress thanked the parents for attending the meeting and tabling the concerns of the parents.

Kindly acknowledge the minutes.

PTA President	
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