### DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF AHSB PTA HELD ON 14.03.2020, AT 11:00 AM AUCKLAND HOUSE SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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**AHSB PTA- 2020:3.1-**Mr. Michael A. John, Principal, Auckland House School for Boys commenced the third meeting of PTA members with a **welcome**. He stated that this was the first meeting for this year and probably the last meeting for the session before the General House.

AHSBPTA -2020:3.2-This was followed by the Roll Call of the Office Bearersof the PTA (AHSB –GH- 2019: 5, 7, 8, 9). Twenty members were present. Dr. Arti Sareen, Mr. Rajneesh Kainth and Mr. Avtar Singh were not present.

AHSB PTA - 2020:3.3 -The Agenda for the third meeting as per the notice for the Office Bearers of AHSB PTA was as follows.

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of minutes of:
  - (i) Second meeting of the PTA Executive Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup>
    November, 2019.
  - (ii) General House Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.
- 4. Amendment sought in the Constitution of PTA
- 5. Matters arising thereafter
- 6. Any other business

The AHSB PTA accepted and approved the same.

AHSB PTA -2020: 3.4 - The AHSB PTA accepted and approved the minutes presented by the Secretary, Dr. Mala Kuthiala of the following meetings:

(i) Second meeting of the PTA Executive Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup>November, 2019.

(ii) General House Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

The minutes prepared were found in order and were approved.

AHSB PTA -2020: 3.5 -Item 4 of the Agenda:

Amendment sought in the Constitution of PTA

**Unamended Provision** of Meeting clause 4 (iii) **Meeting of the Executive Committee of Office Bearers of PTA:** The meeting of the Office bearers of the Executive Committee shall be held once in a month. It is specifically provided that the decision of the Executive Committee shall have to be approved by the PTA members with 2/3 majority in the next meeting.

# The necessary amendment sought is:

Amended Provision of Meeting clause 4 (iii) Meeting of the Executive Committee of Office Bearers of PTA: Meeting of the office bearer of Executive Committee shall be held once in the month except in the month of July and November. It is specifically provided that the decision of the Executive Committee shall have to be approved by the PTA members with 2/3 majority in the next meeting.

"The reason of amendment is that all teachers remain busy with Half Yearly Examination in the month of July and Final Examination of students of School is held in November, hence all the teachers remain busy in this process and as such it will be difficult to hold meetings in these two months. Therefore, holding meeting of office bearers of Executive Committee in these two months need to be exempted and such amendment is sought."

The amendment was discussed and finally keeping the interest of the students as a priority, the amendment was approved and signed by the members of the PTA who were present. Hence the amendment stands approved by more than 2/3 majority of the PTA members.

AHSB PTA -2020:3.6- Item 5 of the Agenda: Matters arising thereafter:

The issues discussed are as follows:

#### 1. Issues raised by Sh. Vijendra Mehra

The first issue regarding the fee hike was taken by him. He pointed out that the number of parents present for the General House were less because of inclement weather conditions, therefore the General House may be deferred. However, the notice of General House was duly circulated to all the parents by the school and by the members of the PTA in their respective classes, despite that the parents did not turn up for one reason that they accept the proposed hike in fee. It can be reasonably presumed that they have no objection to the proposed hike in fee and have accepted the same.

The Chairman satisfied him by stating that let us not bring down the standard of quality of education of the school. It is not possible to maintain the standard by less than 8 % fee hike. As it is your own will for better education that you put your wards in Public Schools. If the school, was wrong it would not have maintained the best student classroom ratio of 30 to maximum 35 students in a classroom. We could have easily taken in more students in each class to make up for the loss.

Mr. Sareen supported further that Classroom student ratio in Auckland House School is best in Shimla.

Hence the matter was unanimously resolved.

The second issue taken by him was regarding the sale of books and notebooks by the particular shop (Indian Book Depot) in the city. The entire set was being sold regardless of the need of the child and the parents found the notebook with the logo a little expensive than without logo.

The Secretary responded by clearly stating that the school did not mention or recommend any names of the shops for the purchase of books, following the guidelines of the Government. Inspite, of the repeated request from the parents for purchase of books at School, which the parents found extremely convenient. She further informed that some smart students have even purchased books online. As far as notebooks are concerned the school has just specified the number of notebooks and the size of the same.

## 2. Issues raised by Mrs. Shikha Sharma

The school agreed that the safety and health of the students is the priority. Mrs. Shikha Sharma also stressed on the cleanliness of toilets for Nursery students. Mrs. Parul Sood, Coordinator the lower Primary Division pointed out that we have Aya jis in the toilets to help the students and keep the toilets clean regularly. The issue was also discussed previously (Item 2 of AHSB PTA –EC- 2019: 1.8) dated 7-8-2020.

She took up the second issue of Cursive writing in Nursery A, which Mrs. Parul Sood explained and clarified. The issue was discussed and resolved.

## 3. Issues raised by Mrs. Anu Bala Zinta

The issue of importance of keeping time gap between the going out of the students from school especially the Junior School. The coordinator supported the same and explained the system of how students go class wise from the school at an interval of five minutes.

## 4. Query by Mr. Parvesh Sharma

Query by Mr. Parvesh Sharma for the action taken to reduce stress for the Junior School was attended by the coordinator who pointed out the following;

- 1. The practice of "No Bag Day" on Saturdays for classes First to Fifth.
- 2. To stress on participation in activities in classrooms.
- 3. Increase in Play-way activities.
- 4. Increase in story time.

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5. The President thanked the school for second Saturday off for students and requested for the Saturday off for teachers also.

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Item 6 of the agenda: Any other business:

The Chairman thanked the parents for their involvement and cooperation for the benefit of the students and the school, so that the school can rise in the coming years. He especially emphasized and stated that the parents had been very helpful, during the session.

The Date of conducting a General House has been postponed due to the notification of the government regarding holding no gatherings at school till 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, following the prevention of spreading of Corona Virus. We at school are very cautious and have been sending students home who have been sick, and asked them to submit fitness certificate before resuming school.

#### AHSBPTA - 2020: 3.8

It was decided unanimously that the next General House would be intimated through the notice after the Corona Virus threat is over so that parents could assemble for the formation of next PTA. The notice of the next meeting of PTA would also be intimated.

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This was followed by the tea.

Minutes prepared by:

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President 18/12/2020. for. PTA

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