

**Draft Minutes of General House Meeting on 13.12.2019 at 11.30 a.m.
Auckland House School for Boys, Shimla**

AHSB-GH-2019:2.1 -Mr. Rajesh Mandhotra, President, Parent Teacher Association, Auckland House School for Boys had invited the parents of Nursery to Form XII for the General House as per the letter issued to all Private Schools by the Director Higher Education dated 5th December, 2019 for hike in the Fee. This was received by the School on 6th December, 2019 and on 7th December the President was called by the school to discuss the matter. The notice was issued by the President on 7th December and was given personally by the Form Mistresses with the report card to classes VI to XII and all other classes from Nursery to Class V were informed through the snap homework. The PTA Class Representative members also informed the same in their respective class groups through Whats App.

The President read the first two paragraphs of the letter to brief the parents. He further expressed his concern for the participation of the parents in open discussion for the same. He further invited the School Management to put forth their proposal.

AHSB-GH-2019: 2.2 - Sixty Parents were present for the second General House. Twenty parents were present from Lower Primary Division, nineteen parents from Upper Primary Division and twenty-one from the Senior School.

AHSB-GH-2019:2.3- The one point agenda of the General House i.e. 8% Fee hike on Tuition Fee for the next Academic Session was proposed by the Secretary

Dr. Mala Kuthiala, on the behalf of the Principal and School Management. It was pointed out that the Government Child Rights Body NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child's Rights) also recommends 10% hike in Private Unaided Schools. In this age of inflation the school also has to meet and balance various expenses like increase in employees salaries, maintenance etc. The Government employees also give a raise of 2-5% Dearness Allowance depending on the government.

It was further explained that the Annual Tuition Fee at present is 39,000/- With the hike of 8% in the tuition fee there would be a rise of Rs. 3250/- per annum, which comes to around Rs. 260/- per month and a reasonable amount of just Rs. 8.66/- per day. The parents were invited to discuss and present their views.

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AHSB-GH-2019:2.4- The points put forth by the parents:

1. Mr. Vijendra Mehra , pointed out that since the number of parents present is very less, and the quorum of General House is not complete, the General House should be held in the month of March, in the beginning of the next Academic Session.

2. Mrs. Tanuja Dhanta expressed her gratitude to the school for conducting the General House and inviting the parents to express their views and concern regarding the hike in the Fee. She further said that she wants her son to study in this school.

She further talked about the preference of Tour trips, for the students for the next Academic Session.

3. Mrs Komal Thakur talked about the Tuition expenses which are an extra burden to the parents.

4. Mr. Sareen stated that the school made full efforts to inform the parents about the General House. The parents should also understand their responsibility and not be so careless.

Moreover he added that we are one family and to increase fee should not be a problem. If we compare our fee with other schools, the school fee is very reasonable.

5. Mrs. Anjana Janartha stated that the quorum was not complete .

6. Mrs Preeti Nagal, thanked the school for making the efforts to conduct the General House. It was clearly mentioned in the Notice that the General House is for hike in the Tuition Fee, hence it was the responsibility of the parents to be present. If they are not present then that clearly indicates that they agree with the hike in the Tuition Fee and have no objection to it.

7. The President further stated that if we want quality in Education then we need to give money for that. He emphatically mentioned that he personally would not like to compromise in 'Quality of Education'.

8. The Chairman concluded that if the Standard of the school has to be maintained then the fee hike of just 8% in Tuition Fee is very reasonable. We have proposed the hike as per the reasonable standards set by the Education Department as per their Rules and Regulations. He further pointed out that we have maintained number of about 30-35 students in each class, which is convenient for the teacher to handle. We do not encourage our children to go for tuitions. The teachers of

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our school are dedicated and take extra time also to teach the concepts to the students.

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The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Preeti Nagal, who thanked the school for conducting the General House and the parents were thanked for their presence. She concluded that now the parents leave the decision to the School Management so as to improve Academic Standards and Facilities in the school. The continued partnership would ensure that the pupils progress and reach their goals with potential holistically.

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This was followed by the Tea organised by the school.

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