Draft Minutes of the AHSB PTA Meeting held on 10th April, 2023 at 3.00 PM Auckland House School for Boys, Shimla

AHSB PTA – 2023: 1.1- The first meeting of the AHSB PTA (2023) of Auckland House School for Boys was held under the Chairmanship of the Principal. Mr. Michael A. John, Principal, on 10th April, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at Auckland House School, for Boys.

At the very onset the Chairman, Mr. Michael A. John, welcomed all the PTA members, before proceeding to Item 2 on the agenda.

AHSB PTA-2023: 1.2- Roll Call of the members of the PTA (AHSB-GH-2023: 7, 8, 9, 10).

17 members were present.

Mrs. Parul Sood was not present. The Chairman gave verbal apology for her absence as she was on leave due to emergency conditions. Mr. Vikas Mishra and Ms Kamana Thakur were out of station. Mr. Arun Deshta had an important assignment hence was not able to attend the PTA meeting.

AHSB PTA –2023: 1.3 – The Agenda for the first meeting of AHSB PTA as per the notice was as follows.

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of minutes of the PTA General House dated 14.03.23
- 4. Matters Arising thereafter
- 5. Any other business

The AHSB PTA accepted and approved the same.

AHSB PTA –2023: 1. 4 - Approval of minutes of fourth General House Meeting of the PTA dated 14.3.2023. Draft minutes of the Fourth General House Meeting of the PTA dated 14.3.2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Auckland House School for Boys was presented by the Secretary, Dr. Mala Kuthiala. The

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minutes prepared were found in order and was confirmed accepted, approved and signed.

AHSB PTA –2023: 1. 5 - Item 4 of the Agenda: Matters arising thereafter

The minutes were approved and there was no matter arising thereafter.

AHSB PTA -2023: 1. 6 - Item 5 of the agenda: Any other business.

A list of suggestions and feedback were presented by Dr. Preeti. R. Nagal, the present President of AHSB PTA. A number of issues were discussed in detail.

1. The LPD parents had requested for bringing in and parking the taxis into the school premises in a very systematic way, during the departure time.

This issue was declined by Principal sir, as for the safety of children inside the school this will not be possible as any child can get hurt, as lots of activities like hobby classes are going on in the school campus and students use the grounds for practising and playing also.

2. Access to drinking water in school: This request again came from parents of LPD section.

Principal sir informed parents that we have separate areas for hand wash and drinking water in the school.

3. Issue of heavy bags - The parents asked for the exact timetable to be given to the students in advance. The parents of 3rd and 5th class felt that students carry the literature as well as language books and notebooks. Resulting in too many extra books are being carried to school every day.

Principal sir assured the parents that this is being done, but will look into the matter and instruct the teachers to inform the students in advance about what book to carry next day to school.

4. Washroom cleanliness: Availability of water, supervision by teachers, presence of Aayahs and hand wash of students are already taken care of. School already has separate washrooms for senior and junior students. The school takes good care to keep washrooms clean and has supporting staff for the same. We have also got four more washrooms made increasing the number from six to ten.

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- 5. Extra-Curricular Activities All children should participate in these activities Parents have requested to ensure that all get a chance to participate. The school also supports this and tries to ensure that each and every student participate in some activity.
- 6. Bullying Senior children have been found to bully junior kids. Staff members are on duty for every break time and also the break timings of each section are different. There is a staff member on duty on each floor as well in the ground area and senior students are on duty in each class during the breaks.
- 7. LPD / UPD kids do not get access to sports equipment like footballs / bats/balls So actual sports activity is very less As per the students the seniors only are allowed.

 Principal sir assured the parents that this will be taken care by the sports faculty.

As per the rules, not even seniors are allowed to play with footballs / bats/ balls during the breaks on the ground for the safety of students.

- 8. Parents have requested that on PT period days the kids be allowed to wear PT shoes from home only and not carry them as this leads to additional baggage. This was not allowed as it is against the uniform discipline and will lead to students wearing dirty shoe throughout the day.
- 9. Comprehension especially for Class 3. As the concept of comprehension is taught for first time, more practise should be given before giving it to the students in Unit 1. The teachers are instructed to do so for the next year.
- 10. Misplaced notebooks (for UKG, 3rd and 8th Form). The students are not aware of whether they have to collect the notebooks from the table (Many times the notebooks are on the table after checking but as there is not distributed or are not told to do so, and the students hesitate to collect them themselves). The teachers are instructed to take care of this.
- 11. Sitting space Three students on one bench, at times becomes too congested for the students, especially in senior classes.
- 12. Request for smart class in each class. In each class we have but not in each section. Students of each class by weekly rotation in smart class room.

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- 13. Revision and practice of all subjects to be completed in school itself, because every child is not capable enough to study all subjects at home.
- 14. The parents requested for communication of homework on / WhatsApp /Website/ Snap Homework which will be helpful for students who are absent as well as not Capable enough to understand at times.
- 15. Hobby classes be included in the Zero period itself as the timings of kids using taxi services cannot be changed as well as revision work to be completed in the zero lesson. This was accepted by the principal and adjustments in the time- table was made for the same.
- 16. The parents requested for one day off between each paper especially during half yearly and final examinations. There is no day off in the ICSE and ISC date sheet, hence the students have to be prepared likewise and the exams are held in the same pattern.
- 17. Saturday should be No Bag Day rather it should be Activity Day. Which is already practised in the Junior and middle section.
- 18. Before the exams the books and notebooks of the students should be checked and returned so that they can prepare for the exams. The point was accepted.
- 19. All the written work should be completed in the school hours.
- 20. There should be oral test so that children communicate and their confidence improves.
- 21. Parents wanted to start and encourage some sponsorship activities.

The last point which was emphasized by the president was to follow the proper code of conduct by the parents. She suggested for the amendment in the constitution for the same. The amendment would be presented in the next meeting for approval.

After this sixth form parents through their Representative Mrs Deepti Bhardwaj also presented a list of issues. Most of these issues have been covered in the points given above or have been addressed in the previous meetings.

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The next meeting of PTA would be intimated through the notice.

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