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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING, 2012-13

(14.05.2013 AT CRESCENT PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHALAKUDY)

The tenth and last General Body Meeting for the academic year 2012-2013 of Sahodaya School Complex, Thrissur was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Crescent Public School, Chalakudy.

The meeting commenced at 10.45am with a prayer. Silence was observed to condole the demise of Sr.Alphonsa, Principal, St.Anton Vidyapeedom, Peechi, who succumbed to her illness. Her successor Sr.Helma spoke in glowing terms of Sr.Alphonsa's contribution in the growth of the institution.

- Senior Principal of the host school Mr. Joseph Chirayath welcomed the gathering and put forth a few points which he felt should be discussed in the course of the day. He expressed dissatisfaction about the practice of principals being assigned the task of mentors as he thought that it kept them away from their schools. He expressed his concern over the decision of the Kerala State Govt. not to give admission to the CBSE students who had appeared for school based SA2 to the state board schools. He also drew attention of the members to the CBSE circulars on Additional Compulsory Vocational Course and training of teachers by empanelled agencies.
- President, Mr.Muhammed Rasheed C welcomed the gathering.
- The minutes of the last GBM held at Blooming Buds Bethania English School was presented by the Joint Secretary Ms.Kalyani Balakrishna and the same was passed unanimously.
- The Treasurer Mr.Abdul Rasheed K M presented the Annual Account Statement for the year 2012-2013. It was encouraging to observe that a tight control had been kept on the finance which resulted in a balance that far exceeded the opening balance. Pending expenses were 10% participation award of UPA, Rs.15000/- to be paid to Holy Grace Academy, Mala, TA to convenors of some of the events and a balance amount of to be paid to Devamatha CMI Public School for the conduct of Kalaamrth, 2012. As some more clarification was required in some areas, it was suggested to submit the Report in the next GBM before it was passed.
- The Internal Audit Report of the financial year 2012-13 was presented by the Convenor of the Internal Audit Committee, Mrs. Remabai V K of Blooming Buds Bethania English School. It was observed that no major discrepancies were found after verification of the accounts of SSCT. However, there was deficit in the conduct of volleyball, throwball, karate, Indoor games, Kids' Fest and Athletic Meet. The report pointed out that care must be taken in spending money on the propaganda of the events. It also suggested SSCT supplying uniform trophies and medals for all events and bringing out a manual which will clearly state the limit of expenditure.
- Ms.Preetha Gopal of Hira English School, Kaipamangalam, observed that the deficit in the conduct of Volleyball Tournament was met by the management of the host school, and SSCT was not made to bear any burden.
- Treasurer mentioned that guidelines for expenditure can be given to the host school and henceforth the expense details are to be submitted in a particular format.
- It was suggested that the schools that take up the responsibility of conducting the activities should have the facility to conduct the event and should not include the expense of enhancing their facility in the expense bill. Another suggestion was to decrease the number of volunteers to bring down the expense.
- Some schools have not been attending the meetings for a long time. It was felt that the bye-laws have to be amended on this.

- It was observed by the treasurer that the income generated in the Sahodaya account will be used to conduct programmes for the empowerment of teachers. He also informed that 16 schools are yet to pay the dues.
- Gen. Secretary Mr. T Prakash presented the Annual Report, 2012-13.
- This was followed by a discussion on Teacher training which was chaired by the Vice President Mr.Unnikrishnan T K. A meeting of the Training Coordinating Committee was scheduled at 2.00 pm to work out the modalities.
- Dates of training programmes for different categories were rescheduled and the areas that need to be covered were discussed. For every category the first two days would be general topics and the third day would be subject specific. It was felt that CBSE question paper setters should be arranged for training of the senior secondary teachers. Resource persons from DIET and SCERT can be utilized in keeping with the CBSE requirement of using empanelled agencies. Resources from various schools can also be tapped. There was a discussion on venue, registration fee, strength, no of days etc. It was decided to collect an amount of Rs.250/- per head for 3 days and Rs.200/- for 2 days training. IES Public School, Devamatha CMI Public School and Paramekkavu Vidya Mandir came forward to provide venues for the training of Senior Secondary, Secondary and Preprimary teachers respectively.
- Mr. Joseph Chirayath, Senior Principal of the host school felt that this arrangement will not suit the CBSE requirement of training all teachers. There was a suggestion of organizing area-wise programmes. The vice president stated categorically that SSCT will not be in a position to organize training for all the teachers of all its 84 member schools, and that the schools will have to arrange for the same either individually or in clusters. He also observed that the Sahodaya could form a group of resource persons and have them empanelled by the CBSE.
- As Father Jacob Akanath had moved out of Fr. Mathew Alakalam Public School, Chalakudy, there was a need to elect a new executive member. Though Fr.Shaju Edamana's name was suggested, Mr. P S Abdul Karim, Principal, Al Az'har Central School, Mala was unanimously elected as the new member, as the exiting member belonged to Chalakudy region of SSCT.
- Secretary shared the information he received from Mr.Aslam, the SPG co-coordinator, about a proposal to conduct civil service coaching for 2 children from each member school for 5 years. The estimated cost would be Rs.15,00/- per year. The forum directed him to gather information on the organizers of the programme.
- An attempt was made to finalise the venues for the GBM every month for 2013-2014. Le mer Public School, Sal Sabeel Central School, Santhinikethan Public School, Saraswathi Vidya Nikethan Central School, Gurukulam Public School and Vijayagiri Public School come forward in conducting the GBMs in 2013-14. Kailasanadha Vidyanikethan, Mannuthy came forward to convene the Inaugural GBM, 2013-14 on 15 June, 2013. Mr.Joshi P T, Principal, Vijayagiri Public School, Ashtamichira, expressed willingness to take up the Valedictory Function to be held in January, 2014. As it was required to have some more venues it was decided to finalise the same before the next GBM.
- The Secretary read out the CCA Calendar once again and requested all the venue schools to meticulously follow the schedule in the conduct of programmes. He requested the member schools to mark the dates in their diaries so as to avoid clash of programmes.
- Mr.Mammikutty T V, Principal, Arafa English School, Attur, observed that the schedule of Principals' Residential Training falls during the Ramadan season and requested a change in the date. It was agreed upon and the date would be finalized soon. It was suggested by majority of the members to have the training in places like Munnar or Vynad.
- The decision on whether karate should be conducted in the next academic year would be decided after a common meeting of various associations, PETs, and karate instructors of the member schools.
- The secretary informed the gathering that the change in office of the principals must be informed by the management so that necessary corrections can be incorporated in the Sahodaya records.

- He requested the members to rename any file send by him seeking information with the specific school name before uploading the same.
- He also intimated the gathering that some of the trophies and certificates which were not collected till date were available at the registration counter. He requested the schools to collect the same.
- Principals who have newly taken charge of some of the member schools introduced themselves. Mr.Gopakumar P N, Gurudeva Public School, Ms.Mridula Madhu, Gurukulam Public School, Ms.Santhi P K, Co-operative Public School, Mr.Thomas P Thomas, Kailasanadha Vidyanikethan, and Mr.Joshi P T, Vijayagiri Public School introduced themselves.
- The President summed up the meeting. He said that training of teachers should take place at the school level. Teachers from within member schools can be made use of as resource persons.
- Mr.V J Joseph of IES Public School proposed the vote of thanks. He appreciated the hospitality of the host school, principal, teachers and volunteers. He appreciated the beautiful campus and the auditorium. This marked the last meeting of the year. Meetings in various schools were a different experience altogether and there was better attendance. He said that the maturity of the seniors and the influx of young blood have improved the functioning of the SSCT. There was better management and co-operation. He thanked the office bearers with special mention about the yeoman service of the secretary and the leadership provided by the President and the Vice President, the Treasurer, Joint Secretary, Executive members and the principals. He thanked all schools that have hosted the meetings and events of 2012-13 and said that some decision should be taken about the schools that do not attend the SSCT meetings.

The meeting attended by 52 principals, drew to a close at 1.30 pm.

This was followed by a sumptuous lunch provided by the Crescentians.

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