



NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE

Quality, Commitment and Excellence in Education

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NPSC HELD ON TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 2023 AT 02.15 P.M.

The Executive Committee Meeting of NPSC, was held at Bal Bharati Public School, Noida on 31 Oct, 2023 at 02.15 p.m.

The following members attended the meeting:

<u>S NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>NAME OF THE SCHOOL</u>
1	Ms Asha Prabhakar	Chairperson	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Noida
2	Ms Richa Sharma Agnihotri	Vice-Chairperson	Principal, Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
3	Ms Mallika Preman	Secretary	Principal, Tagore International School, East of Kailash
4	Mr Sanjay Yadav	Treasurer	Principal, Ahlcon International School, New Delhi
5	Ms Rashmi Malik	Jt Secretary	Principal, Salwan Public School, Gurugram
6	Dr Sudha Acharya	Member	Principal, ITL Public School, Dwarka, Delhi
7	Ms Geeta Gangwani	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini, Delhi
8	Ms Santosh Vyas	Member	Principal, Sadhu Vaswani School for Girls, Delhi
9	Mr Vijay Dutta	Member	Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Delhi
10	Dr Jyoti Gupta	Member	Principal, K R Mangalam School, GK-II, Delhi
11	Ms Swarnima Luthra	Member	Principal, ASN School, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
12	Ms Rashmi Raj	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Delhi
13	Mr L V Sehgal	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram, Delhi
14	Dr Usha Ram	Honorary Member	--
15	Dr Ashok Pandey	Honorary Member	--
16	Dr Ameeta Mulla Wattal	Honorary Member	--
17	Ms Rachna Pant	Special Invitee	--

Leave of Absence was granted to:

<u>S NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>NAME OF THE SCHOOL</u>
1	Ms Meera Balachandran	Life Member	--
2	Dr Jyoti Bose	Honorary Member	--
3	Dr Lata Vaidyanathan	Special Invitee	--
4	Dr D K Pandey	Special Invitee	--
5	Ms Aditi Misra	Special Invitee	--
6	Mr Rajeev Chauhan	Jt Secretary Pan India	Principal, Birla Vidya Niketan, Pune

7	Ms Saher M A Sayed	Jt Secretary	Principal, Hamdard Public School, New Delhi
8	Ms Charu Maini	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Gurgaon
9	Ms. Heemal Handoo Bhat	Member	Principal, Hansraj Model School, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi

PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson Ms Asha Prabhakar, Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Noida, extended a warm welcome to all the Members present for the meeting.

The Chairperson extended her heartfelt appreciation and recognition for the efforts of Dr. Sudha Acharya, the Former Chair, and her team. The Executive members also conveyed their gratitude for the remarkable contributions of the previous Chair during the celebration of NPSC's Golden Jubilee year.

Mr. Ashok Pandey, Life Member, NPSC, and Mr. L V Sehgal, Executive Member, echoed this sentiment with the applause of those in attendance.

Agenda-1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the NPSC Executive Body Meeting held on 26 Sep, 2023 at ITL Public School, Dwarka.

The Chairperson of NPSC conveyed to the assembly that the minutes of the most recent Executive Committee Meeting, held by NPSC, were distributed to all members via email on October 5, 2023, and were additionally updated on the NPSC website. No comments or observations were received, and the minutes were read and formally approved.

Agenda-2 : Introduction of New Core Committee and Executive Members

The Chairperson presented the newly appointed Executive Members, and each member provided a concise introduction about themselves. Additionally, they expressed their aspirations and dedication to supporting the advancement of NPSC.

Agenda-3 : De-brief of the Women In School Leadership programme

The Secretary delivered a briefing to the members regarding the Women In School Leadership (WISL) program. She informed the members that, throughout the ongoing program, the participating Principals from NPSC schools will acquire and apply skills on various subjects, all of which are related to the overarching theme of well-being and intercultural understanding. This unique program is structured around a cycle of action research and a collaborative community of practice.

Also, the members were made aware that the 12 Principals participating in the WISL program will visit Melbourne between May 10 and May 17, 2024, to deepen their understanding of each other's schools and education systems.

The members expressed their admiration for this initiative.

Agenda-4 : Invite suggestive papers outlining the recommendation for effective implementation of NEP in Delhi

The Chair provided an update to the members on the progress of implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) in Delhi Schools for the 2024-25 session. She proposed that NPSC should send a representation to the Delhi Government, incorporating suggestions from all NPSC schools.

The members engaged in a discussion on this matter. It was conveyed that the Delhi Government has set a timeline for implementing age criteria in the year 2025-26. Members deliberated that the schools in Delhi face limitations in expanding their facilities due to restrictions on Floor Area Ratio (FAR), and as a result, the

three-year foundational course can only be introduced after an increase in FAR, enabling the construction of additional rooms to accommodate this change.

Additionally, it was suggested that the Government should be approached to provide clarity on the age of students entering Class I, allowing schools the flexibility to choose between a three-year or two-year foundational course before Class I based on the school infrastructure and requirements.

Agenda-5 : Tabling of Inspection Report

The Chairperson informed the members present about the recent inspections carried out by the NPSC Executive members of the three schools who had applied for NPSC membership. These schools are –

- DAV Centenary Public School, Paschim Enclave, Delhi
- Blue Bells School, Gurugram
- Gems Education India, Gurugram

She informed that all three schools have been recommended by the inspection team to become member schools. The members present unanimously approved the membership of all the three schools. Also, it was proposed to follow the time bound process of inducting the new members into the NPSC instead of continuing with the process throughout the year.

Agenda-6 : Digitization of NPSC Records

Mr. L V Sehgal, who serves as the Legal Advisor and is a member of the Executive Council, recommended the establishment of a comprehensive documentation system for NPSC records. This system would include the digitization of the entire record, ensuring easy access for members.

Furthermore, it was suggested to create an App and an ERP system for NPSC, aimed at managing the digitization of documents and enhancing accessibility to all NPSC records.

The Chair underscored the importance of having clear and concise guidelines for the presentation and submission of NPSC's Annual Tax returns. Mr. Sehgal offered to liaise with NPSC's Chartered Accountant to develop a Standard Operating Procedure to address this matter.

Any Other Point

Life Membership

The Chairperson highlighted an NPSC rule stating that any esteemed Honorary member with two years and aged 65 or above could be considered for Life Membership, pending approval by the Executive Committee, NPSC. She recommended that, in recognition of their dedicated service and steadfast support, Dr. Ameera Mulla Wattal and Dr. Ashok Pandey be granted Life Membership in NPSC.

The Executive Committee wholeheartedly and with unanimous support endorsed this proposal.

Additionally, the Chair suggested that a designated Chair for NPSC should be established by July or August in the election year, allowing for a two-month overlap period before the new NPSC team assumes charge after the current team's term.

There being no other point, the Chairperson, NPSC thanked all the members for bringing their expertise and experience around the table and engaging in fruitful discussion.

The Secretary, NPSC thanked all the members present and the Chairperson, NPSC for her leadership and support.

The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date : 08 Nov, 2023

Mallika Preman
Secretary, NPSC