

MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM MEETING - DECEMBER 4th , 2014

- 1) **The Vice- Principal (Senior Section) welcomed all the parents for the meeting . The meeting began at 7:15 p.m.**

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a) Academic b) Curricular and Co-curricular Activities c) ICT and other initiatives d) Guidance and Counselling.

The Principal discussed the CBSE results of STD X and XII, emphasis given to teacher training and how ISM is

- 3) **empowering teachers**

He discussed the subject performance of each academic subject during the last 5 years.

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Following statistics for each academic subject of Std X were on display

Year	Subject	Nos of A grades
No of B grades	No of C grades	
2014	English	58.00
35.30	5.73	
	Malayalam	53.13
25.00	21.88	
	Hindi	61.35
27.09	11.55	
	Arabic	53.13
25.00	21.88	
	French	64.00
26.86	9.14	
	Mathematics	45.29
33.64	19.64	
	Science	55.18
35.66	16.53	
	Social Science	56.97
35.06	15.54	

- 5) **The Principal stated that 104 students got above 90 percent above in the Grade 12 examination.**

He also added that the Science and Humanities Topper in Oman has been from ISM securing 97.4 percent and 91 percent respectively.

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The Commerce topper in the academic year 2013-14 secured 95.6 percent.

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- 8) **Following statistics for each academic subject was on display**

Year	Subject	Highest
2014	Physics	99
33	Chemistry	100
38	English	97
43	Engineering Graphics	99
69	Biology	95
39	Maths	100
53	Computer Science	99
39	Business Studies	99
20	Accountancy	99
03	Economics	98
37	Sociology	99
Psychology	98	36
57	Informatics Practices	95
41	Entrepreneurship	95

- 9) **The Principal added that ISM was the first school**
- to go for compulsory training for all the teachers by Teachers foundation India.**
 - to train and equip all 300 teachers in Digital / Smart Class Room Teaching Skills**
 - to make the teachers use the ERP.**
 - to start the reaccreditation.**
 - to start the toast masters club for teachers**
- The Principal stated further that delivery of teaching takes place using a) Digital Class Rooms b) using e content**
- 10) **c)delivering the content**
He highlighted the different co-curricular activities being organised for the school students such as - **Club activities,**
- 11) **DEAS, Gavel Clubs, Special coaching in sports , Scouts and Guides, Himalayan Trekking, Visit to NASA and Turkey Space School.**
- 12) **The following initiatives have been taken by the school as well**

- a) National song for Oman
- b) Training of staff for the fire drill exercise.
- c) Participation of students in CBSE Nationals- Largest contingent compared to any school in Oman
- d) Training by National Coaches
- e) Morning and Evening Training

The following achievements of the students were also

13) highlighted as a part of the Principals report.

- a) ISM won the second position in the Times of Oman Quiz
- b) Youngest Finalists in Times of Oman Open Quiz
- c) Jhankaar Spectrum was organised with the help of student council members and senior section students.

The initiatives taken by ISM in empowering parents were also

14) discussed

- a) Parents can access the wards report, health cards through school portal
- b) Fee payment through online portal online/ ATM/ CDM/ POS at school.
- c) School website and e - circulars
- d) Emergency communication through SMS Gateway
- e) School Website and e- circulars
- f) CCTV Surveillance

The Principal mentioned about the Career Fair organised by the Counselling Department in November, 2014. About 34

15) universities participated.

Lectures and talks by were given by experts in the industry and counselling was also given to the students on a one to one basis.

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The Principal also highlighted the points and the action points raised in the last open forum .

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The Principal gave three email ids of the school which could help parents to communicate with the school authorities

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19) Presidents Address at the Open Forum

The President of the SMC, DrAviratVaishnav welcomed the parents who had come for the Open Forum.

He introduced the distinguished members of the School Management Committee.

The following SMC members were present.

- Col . Sridhar Chitale (Vice- President),
- Mr. Rakesh KP (Co- Convener)
- Ms. Yasmin Malhotra (Treasurer)
- Mr. JigneshSurti (Academic , Vice- Chairman)
- Mr. Riyasuddin Kuttery (Sports and Extra Curricular - Chairman)
- Mr. Aju Koshy Samuel (Parent and Community - Chairman)

Mr. Dinesh MP

The President said that the versatility of the members added a new dimension to the team .

20) The following points were raised in the Open Forum

a) Why is the Open Forum conducted on the last working day for parents>

b) Certain drills were repeated / The chief guest came late .

c) Annual Day given importance

d) 11th hour reservations for students taking part in nationals.

e) More number of working days

e) Pre- Primary Sports Day -Tender Invitation /Go in for better quality for materials.

f) You have provided laptops for teachers ? What have you done with smart boards ?

VP (Senior) clarified that it is a calendar event. The last circular for the term sent from the Principal's office also had a reminder of the open forum.

The invited guest came in a bit late. As a mark of respect to the guest, some drills were repeated again. The late coming of the guest happens at some times but not at all times.

The annual day celebrates yet another dimension of students. It felicitates the academic award winners and exhibits talents of students in cultural activities. ISM believes in a holistic approach of education.

Venue is given only after the selections is over. If the intimation comes in the last minute, nobody is to be blamed. In fact, permission was given to the students this year to appear for the exams after they come back from Nationals.

It has been planned in the academic calendar of next year with an increase of 5 working days in winter and summer consequently. The winter break is also planned in such a way to cater to parents working in companies The winter break is also planned keeping in mind the parents whose companies give them break only in winter. For eg. Bahwan

Tender invitation - Not published in the newspapers However, two were identified . One of them agreed to give the required things on time. With regard to pricing, it may be noted that ours is a community school and hence , we cater to the needs of all parents for whom we work for.

Technology changes very fast. Infact within 5 years , every technology becomes obsolete. Infact , we take advise from academic staff. It is a process which is not a waste. The chairman of BOD added that other schools learn from ISM and we work together as a TEAM.

g) Status of tablets

We were trying to keep up pace with the technology implementation. New computers were installed in the labs. ERP is in place and laptops were given to teaches. Now we have implemented e content as well. Measuring the success of the usage , we would go for it when we are convinced of the fact that we are ready for it. We would always take all our stake holders into confidence.

h) Transportation

School bound owned transport has a restriction. If we own buses, the cost of transport increases to 40 RO.

i) 15 RO is collected from parents who apply for new admission in different schools. For people who are getting admission it is not a problem.

The LOT system gives equal chance to all parents.

j) Class 12 Core Subjects - 3 to 4 chapters are not taught in Chemistry, Physics and Maths

Both the HODs affirmatively stated that all the chapters have been completed. Revision has also been done. Later parent accepted that was wrong information given by his ward.

k) If parents are interested in the the task force , where should we go ?

At this time , the chairman stated the new developments of the BOD. Parents are welcome to give inputs for information, academics and safety manuals. The infra structure study for AL - Ansab is on. We are working on the Mabella and Seeb expansion plans. What the BOD requires the support of the parents and students.

l) Jhankaar should be given to other schools. Students are missing classes

Jhankaar is an integral part of ISM activities. It helps to develop hidden talents in students. We would ensure that next year we would plan out further with students not missing out academic curriculum. Since , missing out portions by students has been realised, key efforts would be taken next year to ensure that rehearsals take place after school hours.

The Vice- Principal of the Senior Section proposed a vote of thanks. He thanked the parents who had addressed some important issues for the good of the school and its students.

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This was followed by a one to one meeting between parents , SMC members and school administration.

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