

Minutes of the Open Forum Meeting

Venue – NMPH, Date – 7th June , 2015.

Mr Deep Wilson , Vice- Principal, Senior Section welcomed the parents who had come together in the best interests of children. He requested the Principal, Mr. Srinivas K Naidu, to address the parents.	
In his welcome address, the Principal welcomed the BOD chairman, Mr. Wilson V George, President, ISM- SMC, Dr Avirat Vaishnav, Vice- President , ISM- SMC, Col. Sridhar Chitale, and Mr Dinesh, M.P,- SMC, ISM.	
ISM results	
The Principal presented the synopsis of the school results. He showed a graphical presentation of the Std X and Std XII results for the last five years. This analysis had the subject average, highest, lowest and percentage of A, B, C, D and E Grades.	
ISM pass percentage is 91.2 against national pass percentage of 92.0.	
The Commerce topper (Oman) with 96.8 % Humanities topper (Oman) with 96.2 % were both from ISM.	
The student with the second highest score in Oman for the Science stream with 97.2 %. Is also scored by an ISM student.	
Only school to score 100 % in Mathematics in Oman	
For Business studies , ISM student secured 99 which is the highest in Oman with 44 percent of the students securing more the highest in Oman with 44 % of the students securing more than 90 %.	
22 % of its students secured above 90- percent.	
56 % of its students scored distinctions.	
90 % of its students secured First Division.	
The following subjects had centums in the Board exams. Sculpture (6) Informatics Practices (1) Engineering Drawing (1)	
Other areas	
It is the only school to train and equip all the 300 teachers in the Digital / Smart class room teaching skills.	
It is the first school to go completely on ERP making teachers tech savy.	
It is the first school to start the SQAA.	
It has 14 Activity clubs, Gavel clubs and students take part in outbound activities.	
Basketball training for 10 days by Mr Ramkumar Gahlawat, National Coach.	
Students visited NASA, Battlefields of Europe, China, Turkey and were a part of the German Exchange Programme.	
Parents can pay fee online/ ATM / CDM/POS.	
Emergency communication through SMS.	
The Principal then briefed about the ICT and other initiatives	

<p>of the school. Some of the major highlights were:</p> <p>a) Student ID cards</p> <p>b) No to plastics campaign</p> <p>c) Motivational talks by experts</p> <p>HE J. S. Mukul , Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman and Mr Khalid Al Siyabi – First mountaineer to climb the Everest.</p>	
CCTV is installed every where around the campus.	
Students contribute to the e magazine and e circulars are given.	
A synthetic track with a green turf will be laid soon.	
He told the parents to communicate to principal@indianschoolmuscat.com or ismoman@omantel.net.om or ismparentsinteract@gmail.com	
The Chairman of the BOD, Mr. Wilson V. George then addressed the gathering. He said that we have about 7000 parents and participation from parents side is disappointing. He congratulated the teachers for a great result during the academic year 2014-2015.	
The President , SMC, ISM addressed the parents. He thanked all the parents for coming for the forum. He thanked Col. Sridhar and Mr Dinesh being a part of the forum.	
These are some of the questions raised in the forum.	Answers
a) A 15 member contingent is outside the NMPH? Isn't a waste of time and energy.	It is not a waste of time. It is made to help the parent community register quickly for the open forum.
b) Are we reviewing the decisions taken in the past ?	Yes, we are reviewing.
c) Why school purchased land near ISM?	The land was purchased with the aim of building laboratories and classes. We are hoping to build staff accommodation over there.
d) Sports facility needs enhancement.	Contract has been awarded to Tiger Turf which is a UK based company. This project would be done in summer.
e) Arrange transportation through school .	Transport study has to be done. Implementation of ISD transport model. We also want to implement ministry rules on transport. We need to go in phases because of the complexities involved .
f) Std 2 textbooks cost in ISM is more as compared to the same publisher in ISMabella.	Will be looked into
g) How many SMC members are there ? How many are present in the forum?	
h) What is the reason for the health card ? Clinics are having good business. Clinics are charging minimum 2 to 3 ORS. Plan and do it in a hassle free way . Collect about 500 Bz per student. Make an arrangement with any clinic.	It is a requirement for the CCE. It is an annual requirement. The President agreed that the time scale was wrong. Next year we will do it better and make agreement with clinics for the Health card.
i) Why are we charging 600 Bz for student ID ? School is making money.	This is meant for security of our students. It will be a part of our website.
j) Tabs – another concern .Have you studied this tab requirement in detail.	This is a new initiative to ensure that our students are not left behind. The feasibility Report Draft given to the Educational Advisor – BOD.
k) We would like to know where do we stand in the transfers from the afternoon to morning shift.	It is displayed on boards near the fee counter.
l) A std 5 parent stated that he has not interacted with the teachers this year.	Parents can meet the teachers with prior appointment . The PTM is organised regularly as well.
The meeting came to a close at 9.30.p.m.	