

Minutes of the Parents Open Forum held on 18th March, 2015.

A The Programme schedule was on display in the giant screen for the parents.

B Welcome to Parents

Mr Deep Wilson, Vice- Principal, Senior Section welcomed the parents who had come for the Parents- Open Forum. He stated that the highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence. He appreciated the parents to take time off their busy schedules and be a part of the forum.

C Welcome to SMC President and Chairman , Board of Directors, Indian Schools

Mr. Deep appreciated and the welcomed the school's SMC President , DrAvirat Vaishnav who is very enthusiastic ,open and showed a keen interest in school affairs. He accorded a welcome to the Mr. Wilson V George, Chairman Board of Directors . He praised the initiative taken by the Board which is in the best interest of the children. He invited the school Principal Mr. Srinivas K Naidu who is leading the school from Good to Great to address the parents.

D Welcome by school Principal , Mr. Srinivas K Naidu

Mr Srinivas K Naidu welcomed all the parents who had gathered for the Open Forum. He welcomed Mr. Wilson V George, Chairman Board of Directors ,Indian Schools ,Sultanate of Oman and DrAvirat Vaishnav , President ,School Management Committee and all esteemed management committee members to be a part of the evenings proceedings. The Principal began his speech with the service ISM has done for the Indian Expratriate Community in Oman and is celebrating the 40th year of its existence. He mentioned about the Logo Drawing Competition that was organised for the students.

E The following important points were a part of the Principal's address:

a) The class X results of the last 5 years were flashed in the

subjects given below

1) English 2) Malayalam 3) Hindi 4) Arabic 5) French 6) Maths 7) Science 8) Social Science

b) With regard to Std XII results, 104 students got 90 percent

- a) The Science topper scored an aggregate of 97.4 percent
- b) The Commerce topper scored an aggregate of 95.6 percent
- c) The Humanities topper scored an aggregate of 91 percent.

c) ISM results were the best in the Oman chapter

- a) Ten students from ISM received Academic Topper awards.

d) Other Major Achievements

- a) 4 staff members from ISM qualified to be CBSE certified Peer Assessors for School Quality Assessment and Accreditation.

- b) The school is getting geared up for SQAA accreditation

- c) Student exchange programmes were organised

- d) Gold, Bronze and silver medal was won at National level

- e) Inviting leading coaches from India. This year it would be children would receive

training for basket ball.

- f) The school is completely is under the surveillance of CCTV .

There are 130 cameras installed in the campus.

- g) Live streaming of all major school functions has begun.

- h) All green chalk boards have been replaced by white boards in the class rooms

- i) Parents can access their wards performance through a highly functional portal.

- j) Fee payment can be made using any one of the modes- online / CDM / POS

- k) Emergency Communication through SMS gateway.

- l) ISM is a Plastic Free Zone- Students are made sensitive to the needs of the environment

- m) Minutes of the last Open Forum published in the website.

- n) Laptops were provided to all staff members.

- o) The status of the tablets will be reviewed during the First term of the new academic year.

- p) The Principal then stated the parents could communicate with him through any one of the ids given below.

1.ismoman@omantel.net.om

2.principal@indianschoolmuscat.com

3.ismparentsinteract@gmail.com

DrAviratVaishnav , President ,School Management Committee then addressed the audience. He

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briefed on the following points.

- a) Forgery incident reported on 18th December , 2014 to ROP
- b) Use of white boards
- c) HRA given to staff members
- d) Health Insurance given to all staff members
- e) Fee concessions given to the maximum
- f) Use of e- learning in class rooms
- g) CCTV in operation
- h) ERP system
- i) Online payment system

He introduced the members of the SMC and the Board to the parent community

- a) *Col. Sridhar Chitale*
- b) *Mr. Rakesh Kp*
- c) *Mr. GurbinderPunn*
- d) *Ms. Yasmin Malhotra*
- e) *Dr. ThashliThankachan*
- f) *Mr. KabeerYousuf*
- g) *Mr. Dinesh M.P (please check initials)*
- h) *Mr. Wilson V. George (Chairman , Board of Directors)*
- i) *Mr. Mohammed Basheer*

G *The floor was open for interaction*

a) A Hindi movie was shown to the students of a particular class of Std I in the computer lab.

b) Why is there reduction of seats in the afternoon shift ?

c) The school did not win the Jhankaar Spectrum.

Answers to the queries / concerns

The Principal replied saying that any film that is shown to the students is from the central server . Mr. GurbinderPunn also said that the point was noted and that it would be ensured that it would not be done again.

There are certain challenges - like non availability of good teachers, and more important there is a big difficulty in getting visa for teachers + 200 added in KG1 afternoon shift.

The school never tries to win the trophy. The school believes in the holistic development of students. The platform given to the students for organising the events has been commendable .

d)ISM is paying rent for the feeder school . Why is this feeder school/ Al Ansab not functional?

Although earth work is done, there is no contractor available. The traffic impact study has to be completed and given back to the school.

e) The Board collects 15 ORS at the time of admission. Give back the amount to those parents

The money collected as admission fee is used for the operating expenses of the board.The Board supports smaller schools like Rustaq and Thumrait. Not a single rial is wasted or used unnecessarily.

who have not got admission.

f) There was news that the some funds from ISM were transferred to another account.

It was an attempt but the transfer was not done. Within hours a police complaint was given and the case was registered as well.

g) Two GR Nos of the students were given. Why weren't they given the fee concession ?

Actually, the parent goes through a transparent process. The entire process is done by the school. / DONE

H The financial status update was presented by Ms. Yasmin Malhotra, Treasurer, SMC, ISM

The following sub-points were a part of the presentation.

- 1)The Planned expenditures for 2015- 2016 were projected.
 - a) Introduction of tabs
 - b) Introduction of e- library
 - c) Setting up of new computer labs
 - d)Renovation of Science labs
 - e)Rubberization and Greening of the main field
 - f) Setting up of new admin office
 - g) Revision of staff salary and amenities

I The Budget highlights of 2015-2016 are as follows

- a)RO 405,000 for new recruitment of 49 teachers and 11 admin staff exclusively for afternoon shifts and new sections in primary.
- b) CSE contribution - 500 Bz per student per month is ISM contribution towards CSE (Approximately RO 55,000)
- c)Capital Expenditure - RO 253,910 provided for the purchase of various assets required for the

school

d) Other Projects - RO 366,800 projected for major projects such as Greening and Rubberization on main field , setting up new labs , admin office , introducing tabs in library for e- reading etc.

e) RO 120,400 provided for staff salary increment and Teacher's Training

f) RO 75,000 provided for Fee concession for general students.

J Proposed fee increase

a) To narrow down the expected short fall, the school needs to increase the fee, minimum

by RO 1.500 (One Rial and 500 Bz)

b) By increasing fees an additional amount of RO 165,600 will be generated.

c) This is a minimal increase envisaged and will enable the school to work towards providing a better educational environment for our students.

The meeting concluded with Mr. Deep Wilson, VP, (Senior

K Section) proposing a vote of thanks.

He thanked the BOD members, SMC members , Principal, Vice-Principals, AVPs and parents who were a part of the Open Forum.