

General Body Meeting of the PTA held on 7th January 2023

The Parent Teacher Association of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, held the first General Body meeting in the Academic Year 2022-23 on Saturday, 7th January 2023, at 11.00 a.m. at St. Xavier's College Ark in offline mode.

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Prayer
2. Welcome
3. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting
4. Extension of term of current PTA Executive Body
5. Election of new members to the PTA Executive Body
6. Update of Infrastructure Projects in College
7. Activities for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the College
8. Talk on 'Navigating Young Adult Concerns'
9. AOB

The proceedings were initiated with a short prayer session.

Welcome

The Principal, Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas welcomed the gathering of parents and teachers. She began her address calling on the almighty to bind us all together, as the hymn said, in making decisions and being supportive of each other. She explained to the parents the reason for meeting them during admissions, as she wished for them to also take responsibility in ensuring that their children reach for class on time, maintain the prescribed dress code and ensure the imbibing of the values of the College. Expressing her appreciation towards the parents for choosing the College for their child, she emphasised on the extra responsibility one shoulders as a parent to make our children respect authority and the nation. Drawing attention to the vision and mission of the College, she requested parents to ensure participation in the 60th Jubilee Celebrations of the College.

The Chairperson, Ms. Yvette Pais, in her address welcomed the parents to the offline meet after a gap of two years due to the pandemic. She further updated the gathering on the infrastructure projects take up by the PTA in College, the said being, Library repair and Leadership Workshop in the AY 2020-21; and the Library Concrete Roof in AY 2021-22. She expressed her wholehearted appreciation towards the contributions made by every member of the PTA, without whom these projects would not have seen the light of day.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2022 were read by the Secretary, Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes. The translation of the minutes in Konkani was read by Mr. Silvester Vaz. The passing of the minutes was proposed by Ms. Associana Colaco and seconded by Mr. Fernandes. The minutes were, thus, adopted by the House.

Matters Arising Therefrom

The Chairperson, then, invited comments, if any, from the members under, Matters arising therefrom. There were no discussions or amendments.

Extension of term of current PTA Executive Body

The College was celebrating its 60th Jubilee in the current academic year. Keeping in mind the activities assigned to the PTA, it was decided to extend the term till the beginning of the new academic year 2023-24.

Election of new members to the PTA Executive Body

The Chairperson asked for parent members interested in being a part of the PTA Executive body. The following members expressed interest:

- a. Mr. Vijay Bhike (FYBA), Ms. Patricia D'Souza (FYBCOM), Ms. Lavina Fernandes (FYBSc)
- b. Ms. Lovina Cardozo (SYBA), Ms. Associana Colaco (SYBCom), Mr. Jacinto Colaco (SYBCom), Ms. Maria D'Souza (SYBSc)
- c. Mr. Agnelo Braganza (TYBCom)
- d. Ms. Marietta Noronha (PG)

There were no members who expressed interest from BBA and BBA(TnT).

Update of Infrastructure Projects in College

The Administrator of the College, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, began his address imploring God's blessings on all in the gathering. Reiterating the PTA contribution towards the enhancement of facilities on Campus, he expressed his appreciation with all the good work done by the PTA of the College. He informed the gathering of the 10 smartboards installed in the classrooms in College and reiterated that the same will be done in the successive academic years till all the classrooms have smartboards. Updating the gathering on the disabled friendly initiatives, Fr. Salema stated that lifts were being installed in the Library building and the Science building, and washroom facilities were also being updated.

Fr. Salema made known to the gathering the implementation of the NEP of the Govt. of India, from the new academic year 2023-24. This new policy would entail the requirement of newer facilities, amenities and resources, which would all have to be provided to every student of the College. He made a sincere call to all the parents to ensure that their children make use of the amenities available to them in College and learn from all the resources at their disposal. He wished for every student to have a holistic formation during their tenure at St. Xavier's College.

Activities for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the College

The Chairperson informed the gathering that the PTA was assigned the responsibility of organising the All Goa One Act Play Competition as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the College. She requested parents to meet her or get in touch with her if they wish to help in organising the event.

Talk on 'Navigating Young Adult Concerns'

Ms. Zanetta D'Mello, the Counsellor at the College, addressed the parents on navigating young adult concerns. Alerting parents to tell-tale signs to be on the watch for, she emphasised on the

need to be there for the children when one notices the said signs. She stressed on the importance of being vigilant and cautious with the children and getting the required help.

AOB

1. A parent drew attention to the fact that the parking at Gate 3 was becoming a hindrance to parents who would come to pick their children.
2. The parent of Mr. Nathan Menezes stated that her child had not done well in Accounts and Maths and requested for some extra aid from the teachers.

The Principal informed that the teachers could be approached by the student, and help would always be forthcoming. Remedial classes are also conducted after regular classes.

3. Ms. Irene Linson, while thanking and congratulating the College for all the facilities provided, wished for a designated place for children who wait to be picked.

The Principal stated that the Lobby in College is a safe space for the children to wait for their parents, and that it is also CCTV monitored.

Vote of Thanks

The Chairperson, Ms. Yvette Pais, thanked all the gathering for making time and attending the PTA meeting. Expressing her happiness at seeing the gathering face to face, she wished for even more cooperation from all the stakeholders to assist the College to reach even greater heights.

The meeting ended by 12.50 p.m.

Secretary
(Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes)

Chairperson
(Ms. Yvette Pais)

President
(Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas)

Dated: _____