



Datta Meghe World Academy

4th PTA Meeting 2021-22

Date: 14th March, 2022

Agenda

- 1) Activities update for the year 2021-22
- 2) Offline school for all students from the academic session 2022-23
- 3) Introducing Coding in conformity CBSE guidelines for NEP 2020
- 4) Fee matters for 2022-23

Minutes Of The Meeting

With greetings and welcome to everyone the meeting started from the office of Principal, DMWA at 9.00 am .The agenda of the meeting was explained. Vice Principal, Mrs. Kawaljeet Kaur Kohli updated the members regarding achievements and activities conducted in the school during the academic year 2021-22.

- i. Our school has been ranked No. 1 in India in Parental Engagement in an online survey conducted by **Education Today**.
- ii. In another survey conducted by very renowned human development magazine “**Education World**,” our school secured the following place
 1. **India ranking no 8, Maharashtra ranking no 2 and Navi-Mumbai ranking no 2 in STEAM Education** by Grand Jury.
 2. **Top 15 schools in Navi Mumbai; top 100 schools in Maharashtra and top 200 schools in India** in total academic scores in various parameters.
- iii. 50 students of Grade VI & VII made a successful attempt for **Guinness World Record** in Most people assembling Rain Water Harvesting Kits online and in a single venue simultaneously at India International Science Festival organised by Vijnan Bharati, Vigyan Prasad in association with Ministry of Earth Sciences Government of India and Government of Goa.

Besides above our children brought laurels in the following interschool competitions:

- Geeta Chanting Competition
 - Vishnu Sahastranam Competition
 - Nrityanjali Competition
 - **Zero Plastic** Project by NMMC and Heart Foundation -Students prepared Plastic bottle bricks and submitted to NMMC.
 - Plantation Drive, Swatchta Pledge etc. under **Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat** activity conducted by CBSE to foster knowledge about India.
 - Students also participated in various External exams such as - SOF, First in Math, Akhil Bharatiya, Homi Bhabha etc.
 - Various Cultural programmes were conducted such as Marathi Diwas celebration, National Science Day, Shivaji Jayanti, Ganesh Chaturthi etc.
- iv. Principal sir thanked all the parents for their support, encouragement and continued co-operation to the school educational and developmental initiatives aiming to provide quality education to the students and developing 21st Century skills in them. His participation as a delegate to present paper on Education and Inclusion as mentioned in sustainable development goal 4 at **International Global Youth Conference** organised by **Global Youth Parliament** and receiving **Global Youth Award** was acknowledged and appreciated.

2. **Re-opening of the school:** In conformity to circular from NMMC dated 21.09.2021 and circular from the office of District Collector, Thane dated 3.03.2022 the school shall be open in complete offline mode in the next academic session starting from 24th March, 2022 for classes X & XII and April 6, 2022 for all the classes from Nursery to Grade IX.

As the schools are re-opening after 2 years of online teaching learning process, a substantial learning loss has been observed in the students which definitely will hamper the academic process and development of the students in the further classes. Therefore it was emphasised that for the month of April, the children will go through age appropriate - class appropriate capsule courses aiming to bridge the learning gap in respective classes occurred during the online learning. The concept of blended learning shall be used for revision work.

As the school shall be a centre for Board Examinations for Std. X & XII starting from April 26, 2022 ending on June 15, 2022, the school will have summer vacation starting from April 25, 2022 till June 15, 2022. Circular for Report cards, Registration for Bus facility, Books and other details will be provided soon.

3. Fees matters:

i. The fee increase for the sessions 2022-23 & 2023-24 as per the norms is due to propose in the session 2021-22. The last fee increase was approved through PTA decision 02.10.2019 for the academic year 2020-21 and 2021-22 and was implemented with effect from April 1, 2020. However, considering the pandemic situation and the financial challenges faced by parents due to fall outs of COVID-19 lockdown, the management decided to waive off 15% fees including the E-Learning charges for the year 2020-21 as one time measure. The increased fees structure was brought into force from the academic session 2021-22.

The situation is slowly coming back to normal with curbs have been lifted and the people have started their business activities as per normal schedule. However, The DMWA Management taking cognizance of the fact that the parents are trying to overcome financial challenges and losses, has decided not to propose any increase in fees for the academic year 2022-23. The fees structure will remain the same as of 2021-22. The next fee increase proposal shall be put up for the academic session 2023-24. The PTA expressed their gratitude for the kind gesture of the management and resolved for continuation of fee structure of 2021-22.

4. Introducing Coding w.e.f. 2022-23:

Principal, Mr. Rajeev Kumar informed the enlightened members that the National Education Policy 2020 emphasises on development of 21st Century skills, equipping our students with latest trends in technology and technology oriented learning and integrating Coding and Coding Integrated curriculum with special focus on Mathematical & computational skills for enhancing Analytical ability, Creative & Problem solving skills.

To equip our school with 21st century courses in conformity to the recommendation of NEP 2020 and its implementation, to attain leadership position and to develop coding concept, DMWA invited a high level team of **Quest Plus**-a Thane based company to provide professional guidance on teaching- Learning of Coding. **Mr Brijesh Karia, COO of Quest Plus** made a detailed presentation on Coding, age & class appropriate Curriculum of Coding, Interdisciplinary approaches to project based learning using Coding and explaining the use of technology on conceptual understanding, critical thinking and creativity- a strong key point in conformity to NEP2020.

The members present during the meeting strongly felt that with the paradigm shift in Job markets and social fabric, the teaching learning processes should include these 21st century courses to develop unique capabilities and 21st century skills in the students to compete globally.

Mr Brijesh also informed the esteemed members that the following add-ons shall be given to students with Coding Programme:

- 1) TOI organized competitions as Times Of India being Partner of Quest Plus.
- 2) Webinars on different topics of current and futuristic importance such as Cyber Security
- 3) Dedicated teachers for Curriculum transaction for Coding
- 4) A dedicated learning app having self-learning videos created in their studio mapped to DMWA course material by experienced teachers exclusively for DMWA and its students, assignments, question banks for improved and joyful learning experiences. This app itself costs INR 15000.00 per annum per student in the market.
- 5) To support school in its unique initiative on Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship programme from Std VI onwards by webinars and workshops through its educational partners BSE.

Regarding the costing Mr. Brijesh Karia informed the members that for DMWA students the charges have been negotiated to a great extent and will be **Rs350/- per month per student (Rs.4200/- per student per year)**.

The PTA Members appreciated the management's vision and steps taken to provide the courses that these 21st Century learners need. With the request to ensure the proper implementation of the programme, the PTA members resolved to approve the following from the academic session 2022-23 for all classes from I to X.

- to integrate Coding and Coding Integrated curriculum in conformity to NEP 2020 that shall be helpful in providing quality education & equipping students to meet the challenges of 21st Century with special focus on Mathematical & computational skills for enhancing Analytical ability, Creative & Problem solving skills.
- The charges will be **Rs350/- per month per student (Rs.4200/- per student per year)**.
- The following services shall be given complimentary:
 - TOI organized competitions as Times Of India being Partner of Quest Plus.
 - Webinars on different topics of current and futuristic importance such as Cyber Security
 - Dedicated teachers for Curriculum transaction for Coding
 - A dedicated learning app having self-learning videos created in their studio mapped to DMWA course material by experienced teachers exclusively for DMWA and its students, assignments, question banks for improved and joyful learning experiences. This app itself costs INR 15000.00 per annum per student in the market.

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Sir on specific query informed the august members that the programme on Coding, being for all students, shall find its place in the routine timetable during regular school hours and therefore for this programme **Rs 350/- per month per student** shall be charged from all the students separately for payment to Quest Plus. **Parents can make the payment on quarterly, half-yearly or monthly basis in cash, cheque or through online gateway.** The cheque can be issued to the company also.

As this was the last meeting before the end of the session, PTA members congratulated Principal Sir and entire team of DMWA teachers for their achievement and thanked them profusely for all the help rendered to the children in attainment of their educational objectives.

With thanks by Principal sir to Shri Dattaji Meghe, Honorable President NYSS & Mrs. Reema Bhasin, Honorable Trustee & Chairperson, DMWA, The Management of DMWA and the parents for their unequivocal support, co-operation and encouragement. The meeting ended at 10.30 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Mrs. Kawaljeet Kaur Kohli