

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ACTION COMMITTEE HELD ON SATURDAY, 1st MARCH, 2014 AT BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, GANGA RAM HOSPITAL MARG, NEW DELHI.

Following members were present :

1. Mr. S.K. Bhattachaya, President, Action Committee (in the chair)
2. Ms. Rekha Sharma, Bal Bharati Public School
3. Mr. Subhash Dhingra, Sneh International School
4. Mr. A.K. Jethy, Mother's Global School
5. Mr. M.L. Babbar, Patron
6. Ms. Usha Chopra, New Era Public School
7. Ms. Mamta Bhatnagar, Manav Sthali School
8. Mr. Sunil Maini, Crescent Public School
9. Mr. Bharat Arora, Mount Abu Public School
10. Mr. Anurup Sharma, Arwachin Bharti Bhawan Sr. Sec. School
11. Mr. Rajesh Batra, Bharti Public School
12. Mr. Amar Aggarwal, Abhinav Public School
13. Mr. Rohit Bajaj, Remal Public School
14. Mr. B.N. Bajpai, Amity International School
15. Mr. R.K. Dua, Little Flowers International School
16. Mr. D.K. Bedi, Apeejay School
17. Ms. Shashi Bholra, St. Giri Sr. Sec. School
18. Mr. N.S. Bhati, Rishabh Public School
19. Ms. Rekha Krishnan, Vasant Valley School
20. Mr. J.C. Jhamb, Lawrence Public School
21. Mr. K. Gopal, Modern Era Convent
22. Mr. S.B. Sharma, ITL Public school
23. Mr. S.S. Agarwal, ITL Public School
24. Mr. Nitin Rajpal, R.D. Rajpal School
25. Mr. Narender Kumar, Queen Mary's School
26. Mr. N.T. Tomy, The Pinnacle School
27. Mr. B.S. Rana Ambience Public School
28. Mr. Dev Raj, Shiv Vani Model Sr. Sec. School
29. Mr. Yogesh Kumar, Jain Bharati Mrigavati Vidyalaya
30. Mr. C.B. Mishra, Presidium School
31. Ms. Dipti Jain, Presidium School
32. Mr. Lalit Sheetal, Yuva shakti Model School
33. Mrs. Pooja Gaur, Maharaja Agrasain Public School
34. Ms. Ameeta Mohan, Amity International School
35. Mr. S.K. Gupta, Sachdeva Public School
36. Mr. Mithun Barsaley, Green Field Public School
37. Mr. Ashoo Khurana, Manav Sthali School
38. Ms. Seema Awasthi, De Indian Public School
39. Ms. Anjali Tandon, ASN Sr. Sec. School
40. Mr. Ravinder G., Modern Public School

41. Ms. Mona Rastogi, Sachdeva Public School
42. Ms. Shikha Dhamija, Maxfort School
43. Mr. R.K. Tyagi, C.S.K.M. Public School
44. Mr. Francis Thomas, Ryan International School
45. Mr. Prashant Parashar, N.K. Bagrodia Public School
46. Mr. H.R. Sharma, C.R.P.F. School
47. Mr. Mahesh Chandra, Paramount International School
48. Dr. Parveen Gupta, Rukmini Devi Public School
49. Mr. D.R. Goel, Rukmini Devi Public School
50. Ms. Vandana Kapoor, S.L.S. D.A.V. School
51. Mr. S.C. Bajaj, Shah International School
52. Mr. Harish Talwar, Titiksha Public School
53. Mrs. Neelima Bhatia, S.L.S. D.A.V. Public School
54. Mr. Ashish Gupta, G.D. Goenka Public School
55. Ms. Manu Malhotra, G.D. Goenka Public School
56. Ms. Seema Behl, Brain International School
57. Mr. Aaksh Khurana, Shanti Gyan Niketan Sr. Sec. School
58. Mr. Sushil Dutt, Advocate
59. Mr. T.R. Gupta, Patron
60. Mrs. Ameeta M. Wattal, Sprindales School
61. Mr. S.L. Jain, Mahavir Senior Model School
62. Mr. L.V. Sehgal, Bal Bharati Public School
63. Mr. Sanjay Bhartiya, Secretary, Nav Bharti Public School

Proceedings :

1. Mr. S.K. Bhattacharya, President, Action Committee took the chair and welcomed all the members present.
2. Minutes of the last meeting of the general body of Action Committee held on 19th December, 2013 were read out. Since there were no comments and observations on any of the points by any of the members, the minutes were confirmed unanimously.
3. The extract of the minutes of meeting of Core Committee of Action Committee held on 10th Feb., 2014 were read out and members were informed about the important decisions taken in the meeting.
4. The President Sh. S.K. Bhattacharya informed the house about the sad demise of the two prominent and active members of Action Committee, Sh. Anil Joharji, President, Mother's International School and Sh. A.S. Rana, Vice Chairman, Modern Convent School, Dwarka. Mr. Bhattacharya lauded their valuable contribution in the field of education and two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to the departed souls. It was decided to send condolence message to the bereaved families on behalf of the Action Committee.
5. Mr. Bhattacharya expressed his anguish & unhappiness over the unpleasant words used by the LG about private schools in the affidavit submitted to the Delhi High Court. According to the Media reports in the said affidavit private schools were referred as 'teaching shops'. He proposed to pass a resolution / write a protest letter to the LG to convey the feelings & sentiments of the Private schools. Mr. M.L. Babbar, Mr. S.L. Jain, Mrs. Amita M. Wattal and Mr. Sushil Salwan also expressed their view point on the matter. It was decided to confirm the media report and decide the matter accordingly. Mr. Salwan volunteered to redraft the letter.

6. Mr. Bhattacharya informed the house about the fresh notification issued by the Directorate of Education in which 5 points for transfer case were scrapped. He discussed the practical problems faced by schools to implement the new order. Mrs. Amita M. Wattal apprised the house about the meeting of office bearers of NPSC with Director of Education, Education Secretary and Chairman, CBSE in which authorities were informed about the problems in conducting draw of lottery during board's exam and a request was made to allow the schools to hold the draw of lottery in the first week of April. She expected a final decision by Directorate of Education in this regard in the coming week. It was decided to convey the anguish of the member schools on repeated changes in schedule and criteria.
7. The matter related to inspection of accounts of the schools by Justice Anil Dev Singh Committee was discussed in length. The President informed the house that Govt. Counsel has submitted in the court that action will be taken against the schools indicated by the committee. He reiterated the decision of the Core committee to start a helpline by Action Committee, where schools will be provided guidance, expert advice and required legal opinion / support.
8. Mr. Bhattacharya reported the house about the status / progress in different court matters pending in the various courts.
 - a. RTE matter is pending in the Supreme Court of India. In this case applicability of RTE on Private Schools is challenged. This case was filed by Ass. of Karnataka. Now Action Committee and few other Forums are also parties in this matter. This case is being heard in the 5 judges constitutional bench in Supreme Court of India. Mr. Sushil Salwan also threw light on the details of the case. The next date of hearing is 4th March, 2014.
 - b. RTI matter is also pending in the Delhi High Court. In this case court has granted a stay on the applicability of RTI on Private Schools till the pendency of the matter. Action Committee is actively fighting this case. Next date of hearing is 12th May, 2014.
 - c. Nursery Admission Case is being heard in Delhi High Court, where Action Committee has challenged the order of LG which is arbitrary and in violation of constitutional provisions and DSEAR 1973. Senior Counsel Mr. Neeraj Kaul is appearing on behalf of Action Committee. The next date of hearing is 4th March, 2014.
9. The General Body of Action Committee also approved / adopted the resolution passed by NPSC on Nursery Admissions matter and decided to send it to Director of Education.
10. The matter regarding fixation of fee for the year 2014-15 was discussed. Mr. Bhattacharya was of the view that with the enhanced DA and steep hike in other components, it will not be possible to cover the increased expenditure with a fee hike of mere 10% . He suggested the members to prepare school budget with utmost care & precaution. The school budget should be logical, scientific and based on the actual facts and figures. He informed that a detailed paper / guidelines and format have been drafted to guide the members to prepare a lucid budget. He instructed Mr. Sanjay Bhartiya, Secretary to provide a copy of the same to all the members.
11. Mr. Bhattacharya informed the house about the decision of Core Committee to ratify the nomination of Mrs. Mamta Bhatnagar as Vice President (Finance) of Action Committee. This decision was unanimously approved by the house. The invaluable contribution of Mrs. M. Bhatnagar to the Action Committee was also lauded.
12. It was proposed to constitute a Four member committee to give its recommendations to amend and redraft the constitution of the Action Committee, as per need and requirement of the present day scenario. The proposal was approved by the house.

The four member committee is :

- a. Mr. L.V. Sehgal - Convenor
- b. Mr. S.L. Jain - Member
- c. Mr. A.K. Jethi - Member
- d. Mr. Rohit Bajaj - Member

The committee was requested to suggest the changes in the bye-laws of Action Committee within one month.

13. Mr. Bhattacharya informed the house about the demand notice sent by DDA to the schools to deposit exorbitant amount as upgradation / Conversion charges for conversion of Primary school to Middle school and Middle school to Secondary and Sr. Secondary school. It was decided to send a strong letter to DDA referring the previous notification of 2010, in which it was decided that no conversion charges will be charged from schools for additional FAR.
14. Mr. L.V. Sehgal apprised the house about the introduction / applicability of D-Vat on schools. He further elaborated the detailed provisions of the Act, which conveys that schools will have to deduct Vat on any contract exceeding Rs. 20,000/- . For registered contractor rate of deduction will be 4% and for unregistered contractor 3%. Vat will be applicable from 2009 onwards. He also informed that ESI department is also covering the schools under its ambit. He suggested that Action Committee should take legal opinion on this matter.
15. Mr. S.L. Jain, Senior Vice President, Action Committee proposed the vote of thanks to the chair and the host school. He also thanked the prominent speakers and the members present.

Since there was no other matter for discussion, the meeting came to a close.

K.L. Luthra
(Gen. Secretary)

Sanjay Bhartiya
(Secretary)

S.K. Bhattacharya
(President)