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CIRCULAR (Grade KG I to XII)

Dear Parent,

As intimated earlier, a Parents' Open Forum was held on Saturday, 4th February 2017 from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at the Senior School auditorium to discuss the Annual Budget 2017-18, Building Fund, Safe Transport System, Mountain Cutting Project – Updates and the Fund Raising Programme – Musical Evening 2017. We are glad to inform you about the discussions and suggestions that came up during the meeting.

Principal welcomed the Chairman, BOD, Mr. Wilson V. George and Mr. Baby Sam Samuel, Director BOD & CSE, President & SMC Members, Parents and School Administrators to the forum. The President, SMC presided over and briefed about the agenda points and invited Mr. Wilson V. George, Chairman, BOD to address the gathering.

The Chairman explained the objectives of Open Forums and said that it was an opportunity for School Management Committee to announce their achievements & for Parents to express their concerns. The Chairman mentioned that the number of parents who were present for the Open Forum was very less. In Interior schools majority of parents attend the Open Forums. He also appreciated the good things happening in interior schools like the excellent Board Exam Results. He informed that MOE has been sending their staff to Indian Schools to learn how the Indian schools function and we should be proud of our education system. The Chairman reminded the parents to have healthy interaction to support the school management in the years to come.

The Heads of different Sub Committees of SMC presented the status, updates and future plans to the parents. The following were the concerns raised by the parents and their replies given by the SMC & Principal:

1. Clarification on the budget and infrastructure fund.

- Interested parents were invited for a discussion with the SMC to clarify their doubts and queries regarding the budget.

2. The accounting of money collected for picnic.

- The amount collected is at par with the expense and no extra amount is collected. The payment is done through school account only and it is properly accounted.

3. More holidays given especially on Republic Day, Independence Day etc.

- These holidays fall under Indian National Holidays so those days cannot be considered as working days.





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4. Transportation for KG children of the afternoon section by the school transporters.
 - A survey will be conducted to find out the demand from parents for starting up the afternoon session school transportation.
5. Request to introduce the card swiping system in the school for fee payment.
 - Mr. Baby Sam Samuel, Director, BOD mentioned that the Board is in discussion with Bank Muscat to provide online system & card payment with less service charge which could be soon introduced in all the Indian Schools.
6. Inclusion of the dates of Open Forum in the School Diary.
 - The SMC will look into the matter and take an appropriate decision.
7. Request for no increase in school fee for the academic year 2017- 18 and to discontinue the building fund.
 - The SMC will further discuss the matter to see if it is possible to do without an increase of school fee and possibility of discontinuing the building fund. An appropriate decision will be taken and intimated to the parents.
8. Less sports activities in the school.
 - Four new PE Teachers have been recruited and their visas are under process. Once they join, the quality of Physical Education will definitely improve.

Parents appreciated the Principal for introducing "Happy Morning" concept in school. One of the Parents congratulated BOD for helping the school in providing quality education.

Further to the Open Forum held and the concerns raised by the Parents with regard to proposed increase of R.O.1/- towards school fee and implementation of infrastructure fund of R.O.10/-, SMC after further discussion has decided to drop the proposal of Infrastructure fund and fee hike for the academic year 2017-18.

We appreciate your continued co-operation for the betterment of the school and urge you to stand with us to make our vision a reality in making ISD "the most preferred Indian Community school in Oman.

Thanking you,

With Best Regards,

Mr. Ajayan Poyyara
President – SMC
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