

## **MINUTES OF THE PARENTS TEACHERS FORUM OF FERSCOAT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS, HELD ON THE 27TH FEBRUARY 2016**

### **OPENING**

The meeting was declared opened with a short prayer by Mr. Agala at about 12:00p.m. The praise and worship was led by Mrs. Kemi Adigun and Miss. Beauty. This was followed by a session of prayers.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was attended by about one hundred and seventeen parents from both Primary and Secondary schools.

The meeting honoured Mrs. Agala who left this sinful world after a brief illness with a one minute's silence

### **AMENDMENT/ADOPTION**

Mr. Fred said the reading hours for Boarders is 4 hours not 5 hours as written in the minutes, he also said teachers write on weekly basis not on daily basis. In the absence of no other amendment Mr. Olumayowa moved the motion for adoption while Mrs. Femi Junaid seconded.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Mrs. Johnson observed that the TV in the Reception Class was not working but the HM informed the house that everything is now in place in the Reception Class.

### **DOS ADDRESS**

The DOS thanked the parents for making out time to attend the gathering once again. He spoke on the importance of having a good name. He took his Bible passages from Proverb 22:1 – 7 and Deuteronomy 6:6. He admonished every parent present to aspire to create a good name. He also encouraged the parents to train their children in a godly way.

### **REGISTRATION FOR U.B.E. by C.A.S.**

The Director of Studies said registration for the above is in progress. The fee is 7000 naira and it is compulsory for all basic 6 Learners.

### **GOVERNMENT POLICY ON NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION**

DOS told the gathering that periodical notices on the above are sent from the Lagos State Government to notify schools and they are mandatory for all learners below 5 years. He said the next round of immunization will be implemented in two rounds, namely:

1<sup>st</sup> round- 27<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> round- 19<sup>th</sup> March – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

### **EXCURSION**

He told the house that the school is embarking on a 5 days excursion to Benin Republic, the fee is 45000 naira. He said payment in respect of this should reach the office on or before 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2016. He also said there will be another trip to the US in July

### **OPEN DAY**

The DOS said the attendance to the last Open Day was not too encouraging. He admonished parents to always make out time to see how their wards are doing in the school.

### **SCHOOL POLICY ON GCE EXAMINATION FOR SSS 2 STUDENTS**

He said, henceforth SSS 2 students will no longer be allowed to sit for GCE exams. He admonished the parents to release their children to the school during the long vacation. He said the present SSS 2 students shall be engaged fully in the school from July 18<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. The lecture shall be between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. he also said students will pay a prorated fee for the period.

### **SSS 3 MORNING DRILL**

He advised SSS 3 parents to make sure their children are in school for this. The time is 7 am Monday to Friday

### **WAEC/NECO REGISTRATION**

He informed the house that come Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 any SSS 3 students who has not paid his or her WAEC fee shall pay a late registration fee of 10.000 naira

### **NECO/BECE EXAMINATION**

The 2015/2016 NECO Examination will come up on the 25<sup>th</sup> April and come to an end on the 11<sup>th</sup> may 2016 while Lagos State BECE examination comes up on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June and will end on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Any candidate who could not meet up with the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 deadline will pay 10.000 naira

Penalty.

### **SSS 3 TRIAL TEST**

The DOS also informed the house that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trial Test for SSS 3 students has been concluded and the result shall be sent to the concerned parents via SMS

### **INTER HOUSE COMPETITION**

There will be an inter-house competition this term. The preliminaries shall take place in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> week respectively while the finals will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

### **PROPER DRESSING**

He also informed the gathering that, the school will start giving new uniforms to students whose uniforms are torn, shrunk, distorted or slim fitted and this shall be paid for by the parents concerned.

### **PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES**

He told the gathering that the school is getting to a period where it shall be show your teller on resumption day. He advised parents to make their school fees payment on the first day of resumption but any parent who has any issue should see the school management on how to go about it on or before the resumption day.

### **EXERCISE BOOK**

He said the bulk purchase of the school branded exercise books was a huge success in the primary school. This exercise will be extended to the Secondary school in the next session.

### **FUNCTIONAL LIBRARY**

He informed the house that the Senior Secondary school has a functional library while the Junior Secondary school own is under construction. He also said the Primary school has a mobile library. He encouraged parents to donate their used books to the library. He told the gathering that the school will welcome books gift from individuals, publishing companies and other organizations.

## **CANTEEN SERVICES**

He informed the gathering that due to the current situation in the country, the prices of food items have increased greatly and therefore parents will have to pay more for food. He advised them to make special arrangement with the canteen department to avoid children handling big money in the school.

## **INCREMENT IN THE PRICE OF EXERCISE BOOKS**

He said there will be a slight increment in the price of the school customized Exercise books with immediate effect.

## **PROMOTION TO THE NEXT CLASS**

He informed the house that the school will be more emphatic on promotion to the next class from now on. In order word, pupils or students that don't pass will be repeated.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

He said the Quality Assurance Team that came to inspect the Primary school gave it an above average mark.

## **PARENTS REACTIONS**

Mrs. Ade Ajayi a business woman, wanted the school to emphasis other aspect of education apart from academics. She also wanted to know if the recommended books are transferrable and lastly she advised the management to always put the parents in consideration concerning the school fees.

Mrs. Michael appreciated the school for a good job especially on her child. She wanted to know the relevance of excursion to the US to the students and wanted the school to look into the syllabus of Health Science and see if they can encourage the subject in the school.

Mrs. Akiode Blessing wanted the school to create special timetable during the holiday, this according to her will make it easy for teachers to have some rest during the holiday. She said there should be a clear difference between the normal school period and the holiday period.

Pastor Femi Bolarinwa a clergy, wanted the school to give the children time for other programmes. He supported the management on the ban placed on GCE Exams. He however express dissatisfaction on the failure of not showing the result and the

analysis of the last WAEC exam to the gathering. He also said that he has observed for some time now that the management has always used the forum to impose things on them and pays very little attention to the parents' contributions.

Mrs. Johnson an educationist, wanted the management to allow their teachers to have some rest during the holidays. She also wanted the management to create time for the students to rest as well. She wanted the management to maintain balance between this two entities.

Mr. Okunola appreciated the school for a good job. He wanted the school to rescind her decision concerning the SSS 2 students during the long vacation. He advised the management to put up a befitting library in the Junior School. He also wanted the refunding of money by the DOS to be documented.

Mr. Mark advised the parents to allow the school to train the children for them. He also wanted to see a more vibrant computer laboratory in the Junior School.

Mrs. Uche Adekunle appreciated the school for a good job. She however expressed disappointment on the absence of time on the text messages she received from the school.

Mr. Tom Eze said the people in the neighbourhood are not friendly at all, he wanted the management to look into this. He also said good buses should be sent to his area.

Mrs. Adedayo appreciated the school for a good job. She wanted the school to put speed bumps on roads around the schools. She also wanted the school to look into the assignment of which she said are rather too many. She commended the school for discipline and vibrant PTF Meeting. She also commended some teachers for a good job on her daughter.

Mrs. Kadiri wanted the school to look into the habit of stealing. She encouraged parents to always check their children at home before they leave for school. She wanted the school management to install CCTV Camera in all the classes.

Mr. Biodun Adewumi informed the house that TD is not a prerequisite for engineering courses

Mr. Pius Usinu appreciated the school for a good job but wanted the school to make available textbooks and workbooks at the beginning of each session.

## **DOS REACTIONS**

Concerning the proposed camping of SSS 2 in July he advised the parents to release their children for the school to train. He said, we can only get an extra ordinary in an extraordinary way.

On teachers during the holidays, he said, school duty during the holiday is done on rotational basis

On excursion, he said, it opens the students up and increases their geographical knowledge.

On introduction of new subjects, he said the school curriculum cannot accommodate everything but that the school will look into it.

Concerning the bus services, he said it is getting better by the day.

On having PTA or PTF, he said, the school actually had PTA before and that parents were the ones that were running it but it created so much tension that the school decided to cancel it and came up with the present PTF where parents will come and discuss freely without any hindrance. He said constitutionally, PTA only serves as an advisory organ.

On refund of school fee to student who may not do well in the WAEC exams, he said the child will be given back the money if only he or she met all the conditions.

The DOS appreciated the parents once again for making out time to be at the gathering.

The motion for closing was moved by Mrs. Femi Junaid while Mr. Mark seconded.

The closing prayer was done by Pastor Femi Bolarinwa.

The meeting came to a close at 3:45 p.m.

Signed:

Secretary & Moderator