

**MINUTES OF THE PARENT TEACHER FORUM OF FERSCOAT  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> OF MARCH 2018**

**OPENING**

The meeting was declared open with a short prayer by Mr. Banji at about 12:03 pm. The praise and worship was led by Mrs. Bamidele Elizabeth, this was followed by a session of prayers

**ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was attended by 108 parents from both primary and secondary school sections.

**ADOPTION**

Mr. Odumade moved the motion for adoption in the absence of no amendment while Mrs. Kadiri seconded.

**MATTERS ARISING**

The DOS explained the meaning of counter offer on page 6 of the previous minutes while aunty Bunmi told the gathering that publishers always bring their books just two weeks before resumption.

Mrs Adebowale admonished the management to always distribute books and stationery at the same time.

On where to keep children's bags he apologized for this and said something shall be done.

**HEALTH TALK**

Miss Stephanie a representative of an NGO talked about sickle cell children. She came to seek the consent of the parents in order to allow them conduct tests on sickle cell children. She told the gathering that it is absolutely free but Mrs. Adebowale told the gathering that the government has stopped NGOs from conducting tests in schools.

**SAP'S ADDRESS**

The SAP started by appreciating the parents for making out time to attend the meeting once again.

**OPENDAY**

He said that the attendance of parents to the last open day was not encouraging, he gave the number of parents that came as, 103 from JSS classes while 33 parents came in the SSS classes.

**BOARDING FACILITIES**

The SAP told the gathering that the school has an affordable boarding facility and therefore encouraged parents especially those of SS3 to bring their children to the hostel.

## **NECO**

He informed the gathering that NECO registration is still going on.

## **DRESS CODE**

He told the gathering that the school frowned at indecent dressing by students. He said among other things that senior boys and girls are not expected to slim fit their trousers and skirts. He said the use of tie, beret and bow tie is compulsory for all students. He said only the school's customized socks and cardigan are allowed to be worn by students. He said canvas should never be worn on school uniform and that black leather shoe is to be worn on both anniversary and school uniform.

## **BOY SCOUTS**

He informed the parents that boy scouts have been introduced as a club in the school. He gave the termly membership dues as 3000 Naira and that parents would have to buy the uniform for 6500 Naira only.

## **USE OF CALCULATOR**

He told the gathering that students in SS1 and SS2 are no longer allowed to use calculator. He said they can only use it during WAEC and NECO exams.

## **ICSAN**

He informed the gathering that Ferscoat is now a study centre for ICSAN lectures.

## **SCHOOLING ABROAD**

He told the gathering that Ferscoat is now a centre for candidates that wish to study abroad.

## **EXCURSION**

He informed the gathering that the last excursion was very educative and that the school is planning another excursion to the USA in the summer at a fee 3500 dollars only.

## **PICKING AND DROPPING OF LEARNERS BY PARENTS**

He told the gathering that parents are not allowed to disrupt the classes/lessons by going into their children's class room

## **ADMISSION**

He told the gathering that admission into all classes is still in progress and also informed the gathering that admission for 2018/2019 academic session has begun. The dates for the exams are as follow:

- First batch : Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018
- Second batch : Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

- Third batch : Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018
- Forth batch : Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The admission form is 5000 naira only.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CHESS AND SCRABBLE**

He told the gathering that the school is introducing the above game in September 2018 for a fee for interested learners.

### **MID TERM TEST QUESTIONS**

He informed the gathering that, the test questions are now typed and that writing on the board is no longer permitted.

### **LAST ANNIVERSARY WEAR**

The SAP told the gathering that the above wear shall now be used only on the Open Days.

### **UBE BY CAS REGISTRATION**

He told the gathering that the above is compulsory for all Primary 6 learners and the fee is 7000 naira only. The deadline for payment is 30<sup>th</sup> march 2018. He encouraged the parents who are yet to pay to do so before the deadline.

### **REMAINING ACTIVITIES FOR THE TERM**

The principal informed the gathering that second term revision would start on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March while the second term examination would begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> and end on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. He said the school will vacate on the same day after the examination.

### **SYSTEM GLITCH**

He told the gathering that the ICT department experienced a system glitch during the midterm exams but that has been rectified.

### **DOS' ADDRESS**

The DOS welcomed the Parents once again to the forum. He admonished them to always make out time for the meeting. He encouraged them to always pray for their children because the devil is going about seeking whom to devour. He prayed that Satan will not take away any child. He took his biblical verses from Job 1:6-10, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8, Isaiah 49:24-26.

### **DUTY OF PARENTS**

The DOS admonished the gathering to teach their children:

1. multiplication table and other formula,
2. how to read,
3. spellings
4. Writing in 2A or 2D exercise books.

He encouraged them to read with their children at home, he said by doing this, they will also improve themselves.

### **USE OF CALCULATOR**

He told the gathering that calculator would no longer be used by SSS1 to SSS3 students. He said they can only use it during WAEC & NECO

### **MORALS OF OUR CHILDREN**

He informed the gathering that the children morals are worrisome. He said a lot of stealing, bullying, drug taking, alcoholism, and illicit affairs are going on among students. He told the gathering that no child is a saint. He said from age 13 upwards children's eyes begin to open and that they may not show any sign at home and that children pretend a lot especially those between the ages of 13 to 18. He said these are trying years for the children and parents need to do a lot of counseling.

### **PARENTS AND SCHOOL FEES**

The DOS appreciated the parent for prompt payment of school fees, he said 75% of the fee has been paid but encouraged those that are still owing to pay up because no parent would be allow to owe the school.

### **SECOND AND THIRD TERM FEES FOR TERMINAL CLASSES**

The DOS reminded parents that those in terminal classes always pay 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> term fees in the 2<sup>nd</sup> term and that this practice started about 10years ago.

### **READING CLUB**

The school's reading club is an initiative of Macmillan publishers which the school has found to be very useful. A child pays a token of ₦200 per term in the primary school. This allows the learner to borrow library books take them home, read over the weekend and return them on Mondays. He told the gathering that this practice shall be extended to the secondary school next term at N500 per term. This practice will allow a student to read different books every weekend

### **UNIVERSITY ADMISSION**

The DOS informed the gathering that university admission nowadays is very competitive and therefore we need to prepare the students very well. No stone must be left unturned, at this stage students should read without limitation and Parents should assist them by removing all home chores from their daily activities. Parents should buy reading lamps if the one they have is not enough. He said serious work has begun and that parents should help in this direction. He also said there would be no break after WAEC that NECO classes begin immediately. He said no student should miss classes during these periods that there would be continuous revision of topics all through.

## **THE PLACE OF PRAYER**

He said praying for the student is very essential for the spirit of excellence, and against all forms of distraction, fear or nervousness.

## **IMMUNIZATION AGAINST MEASLES**

He told the gathering that this shall be done in the next couple of weeks

## **EDUCATING A CHILD**

He told the gathering that educating a child is a two-way affair and that Parents should assist the school in this area. We teach in school and children learn what has been taught at home using their personal reading timetable. To this end, parents should endeavour to monitor and check what their wards are doing at home. He encouraged them to check their children's personal reading timetable and reading jotters frequently. When they don't have any of these, the school should be contacted.

## **WAEC AND NECO EXAM:**

He informed the gathering that 2018 WAEC exams would begin in the last week of March. He told the gathering that NECO exam must also be taken seriously and to make this happen, all SSS3 learners would write another trial test after WAEC exams in preparation for their NECO exams. Parents must help the school in this area. They should monitor their children at home especially with regards to watching television (TV) and the use of phones.

## **REVIEW OF SATURADAY LESSON**

After reviewing our policies on Saturday lesson, we want to inform all parents that Saturday lesson has been made compulsory for only JSS3, SSS2 and SS3 students all other students are to remain at home.

## **SSS 2 PROMOTIONAL EXAM**

The DOS told the gathering that SS2 students transiting to SS3 would now have their promotional exams during the 4<sup>th</sup> term. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term, there would be a compulsory 4<sup>th</sup> term for 6weeks -7weeks as the case may be for all SS2 learners going to SS3. The fee for this 4<sup>th</sup> term would be included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term bill. During this time, students will be engaged in active teaching. The aim of this is to complete at least half if not all the SS3 syllabus. Parent should please note that learners would not be promoted if they don't past at least 5 subjects including Mathematics and English in the promotional exams. Time for this lesson is 8:30am -3:30pm daily (full classes). They will be in uniform throughout this period. The fee is #15,000 naira only.

## **PROMISED PROJECTS**

The Projects that we promised to implement by January 2018 in the last PTF which have now been carried out include:

1. Functional library in the primary school
2. A 42 seater functional library in the junior secondary school
3. An ultra-modern computer room with 20 systems fully networked and connected to the internet. (Primary school)
4. An ultra-modern computer room with 30 systems fully networked and connected to the internet. (Junior school )
5. 50 KVA generator that supplies power to both primary and senior school, this means, there would be no power interruption in both schools throughout the day. Junior school would enjoy same next term.

### **JUNIOR SCHOOL CHAIRS**

The DOS informed the gathering that by September, there would be a change of furniture in the junior secondary school to comfortable and befitting ones.

### **EXCURSION TO THE USA**

He said excursion to the U.S.A would come up this summer (August). It would be a 10 day tour of New York and Florida. Registration has begun some parents have started paying for their ward(s). The fees cover transportation within U.S.A, flight ticket to and from the U.S.A, feeding (breakfast, lunch and dinner), accommodation, entry fees to attraction centres and travel insurance. Payment can be made in four installments beginning with a 10% commitment fee of \$875. This should be converted to the naira equivalent. Please call 08182827599 for further enquiries.

### **REACTION FROM PARENTS**

Mrs Afolami Ololade commended the school. She said the school shouldn't have waited till now before they discuss the mass failure, she wanted the school to start early by using WAEC questions.

Mr Adepoju commended the school on the reading culture

Mrs Adebowale wanted the school to do more in the area of morals. She wanted to know who and who constitute the disciplinary body in the school. On pornography she wanted the school to be on the lookout for students who are indulging in it and punish them accordingly. On the use of phone by student, she said anytime a phone is seized it should be dropped into a bucket of water. And finally she admonished parents to always be on the lookout for what their children are watching at home.

Mrs Oluwadamilare appreciated the school for a good job. She wanted the school to organize seminars regularly for students. She also wanted the school to organize prayer and fasting for the parents. She frowned at stealing in the school. She wanted the school to involve parents in the area of discipline.

### **DOS' REACTIONS**

He told the gathering that, the school did not wait till SS3 before they realized the mass failure and that the school has been on this for a while now.  
On children's morals, he advised the parents not to assume anything about their children but should always be on their feet.  
On Saturday lesson, he said the reason why SSS 1 is not involved was because there are no competitive exams for them.  
On drugs taking, he said the school will always fish out culprits.  
On disciplinary body he said, parents would not be involved for now.  
On stealing of notes, he said many a time it is always a case of misplacement  
On Igbo language, he told the gathering that it has now been outlawed in Lagos State.  
On prayer and fasting he said the entire Ferscoat community will begin to do this twice in a term henceforth.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs Kalu Mercy wanted the policy of sending students on suspension to be changed to washing of toilets. She wanted the teachers involved in the teaching of computer to be on the lookout during computer lesson.  
Mrs Fawole wanted the school to give fruit to students in the hostel.  
Mr Olumayawo James wanted the seat in the junior school to be changed. He commended the school and the children that went for the last external competitions.  
Mr Dada Olayinka wanted the school to create a whatsapp group but the DOS said the school will not create one because it can be easily abused.  
On fruit he told the woman to remind him again.

Mrs Olumade moved the motion for closing while Mrs Esther seconded

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Mrs Oluwadamilare gave the closing prayer at about 3:35pm.

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Moderator

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