## SAINIK SCHOOL CHITTORGARH PARENT - TEACHER MEET MINUTES

The PTM of classes VI to IX & XI for the academic session 2024-25 was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 in the SM Auditorium at 1230 hrs. It was presided by Col ADS Jasrotia, Principal, Sainik School Chittorgarh. The following points were discussed:

Ser	Points	Brief
1.	Welcome address	Mr. Onkar Singh, Senior Master and In-Charge of the Parent Teacher Meeting, graciously welcomed all the esteemed parents to the school, extending heartfelt gratitude to the 293 Parents for their presence. He eloquently emphasized the shared responsibility between the school and parents in nurturing the growth of cadets, underscoring the importance of continuous collaboration. He urged parents to interact regularly with the school administration and staff to stay well-informed about their wards' progress, fostering a productive and supportive partnership.
2.	Declaration of Result for Annual Examination	Class teachers of all classes showed the answer scripts of the Annual examination to the parents. Parents also interacted with Subject teachers and House Masters to learn about the academic progress and conduct of their ward in the school.
3.	Principal's address	The Principal warmly welcomed the parents into the folds of the school, expressing his gratitude at the large turnout for the Parent-Teacher Meeting. He acknowledged the vital role parents play in supporting the school's mission and contributing to its ongoing development, appreciating their unwavering commitment to the cadets' holistic growth. He conveyed the following points-
		(a) <u>Result Analysis.</u> Principal addressed the gathering and shared encouraging news regarding the academic performance of the cadets. He stated that the results this year were significantly better compared to the previous academic session. This marked improvement reflects the diligent efforts of the cadets, the dedicated teaching staff, and the continued support from parents.
		The Principal highlighted that the school had introduced various initiatives throughout the year, such as remedial sessions, periodic evaluations, personalized guidance, and a more interactive teaching approach. These steps helped strengthen the academic foundation and boosted the cadets' confidence and performance.

<ul> <li>(b) Implementation of new courses in the AY 2025-26: In the next academic session, the school will introduce Robotics and Artificial Intelligence courses for classes VI to VIII, complementing the regular computer curriculum. These initiatives aim to keep the cadets at the forefront of emerging technologies, ensuring they remain well-prepared for the dynamic global landscape in alignment with NEP.</li> <li>(c) Infrastructural development. Construction of the</li> </ul>
Archery Range is currently underway, with completion anticipated within three months. In parallel, the development of a 10m Air Rifle Shooting Range and a Parents' Hall is expected to conclude within next six to eight months. The Principal emphasized that the new archery and shooting facilities will enable cadets to hone their skills and strive for mastery, while the Parents' Hall will provide a comfortable space for visiting parents, especially during the monsoon and winter seasons.
<ul> <li>(d) Prohibition on possession of mobile phones by cadets in campus. The Principal reiterated the school's strict stance on mobile phone usage as per Sainik School Society policy on the subject. He urged parents not to encourage cadets to carry mobile phones to school, mentioning that confiscated devices often reveal communication with parents, clearly indicating parental awareness of this violation.</li> <li>Previously, a ₹5000 fine was imposed for such breaches, but it has proven insufficient. Therefore, stricter disciplinary actions will now be enforced, including possible suspension/ relegation for repeated offenders.</li> <li>While the need for mobile phones during solo travel was acknowledged, the Principal made it clear that such devices must be handed over to Housemasters immediately upon arrival. A complete ban on mobile phone use within school premises is now in effect and will be implemented with zero tolerance.</li> <li>He requested full cooperation from parents to support this policy so as to maintain a disciplined, distraction-free environment for all cadets.</li> </ul>

(e) Application of medical leave. Addressing the issue of medical leave applications coinciding with the end of examinations and the onset of vacations, the Principal expressed concern over the increasing tendency among cadets and parents to seek early leave under medical pretexts. While the administration is sympathetic towards genuine cases, he emphasized that many of these requests lack authenticity, resulting in considerable disruption to the school's operations. He further info that several enriching activities are organized for cadets during this period, and parents who request early leave not only hinder their child's participation but also lose the valuable opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions about their ward's progress during the Parent-Teacher Meeting. Any AWL will attract fine as per existing orders

(f) Issue of Out pass. The Principal clarified the guidelines regarding Out pass privileges. Cadets are permitted to leave the campus on the second Sunday of each month (class IX-XII independently, and class VI-VIII only in the company of their parents). Additionally, all cadets may proceed on out pass with their parents on the last Sunday of the month. However, the Principal expressed concern over some parents visiting the school at unapproved times, disrupting the school's schedule. He earnestly requested parents to avoid unplanned visits and to refrain from making last-minute requests for leave, as accommodating such requests is often not feasible. Parents were advised to seek prior approval for leave via email, allowing Housemasters sufficient time to confirm the status of the request. Furthermore, the Principal announced that on every fourth Sunday, staff and administration will be available to interact with parents in the academic block durina designated hours fostering transparent communication and engagement with prior approval/ intimation from parents.

(g) <u>PEN & APAAR ID.</u> The Principal emphasized the importance of verifying the accuracy of cadets documents linked to their Aadhaar cards. He urged parents to carefully check the details on the Aadhaar cards to ensure there are no discrepancies. Any incorrect information should be promptly corrected to avoid complications during academic processes. He also informed parents that the cadets are to have an PEN & APAAR ID (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry), which is linked to their Aadhaar numbers. This ID facilitates streamlined access to academic records and results. He instructed parents to ensure that the cadet's name on the Aadhaar card matches exactly with the school records to prevent any hindrances in generating the APAAR ID. Any discrepancy should be

immediately addressed by updating the documents
<ul> <li>accordingly.</li> <li>(I) House Facilities for Cadets' Educational Use. The Principal informed parents that each senior house is now equipped with two computers connected to the internet,. These facilities aim to support academic activities and research, providing cadets with essential digital resources. Housemasters have been entrusted with the responsibility to monitor and ensure the proper and timely use of these computers. They are expected to oversee that the facilities are utilized effectively for academic work, maintaining a conducive environment for learning.</li> <li>This initiative reflects the school's commitment to integrating technology into the learning process, facilitating cadets' access to information and educational tools. Parents are encouraged to educate their wards by reinforcing the importance of responsible and focused use of these resources.</li> </ul>
(m) Scholarships for Defence Personnel and Cadets.
The Principal informed the parents about the availability of 36 full merit-based scholarships for the wards of defence personnel. These scholarships are intended to support the educational pursuits of deserving cadets based on academic excellence. The Principal clarified that cadets whose parents are defence personnel are eligible for these scholarships. Parents were advised to ensure the timely submission of all required documents to facilitate the scholarship application process. The school will verify the eligibility of each applicant based on the provided documents. The school encourages all eligible cadets to apply for these opportunities.
(n) Property Damage During Term Break.
The Principal addressed the issue of property damage during the term break, especially concerning Class VI cadets. He emphasized that any damage caused to school property will result in a double fine being imposed. Parents were encouraged to educate their children on the importance of school property and maintaining discipline. The Principal highlighted that the fine will be imposed collectively for any damage, stressing the need for moral responsibility and the importance of valuing the school's resources.
Additionally, the Principal reminded parents that all school facilities are intended solely for the use of cadets and should be treated with care. The Principal called for a collective effort from both parents and cadets to uphold the school's environment, ensuring that such incidents are avoided in the future. Parents' cooperation in reinforcing these values is greatly appreciated.

4.	Points raised by parents	The following points were raised by parents and discussed in the PTM:
		(a) <u>Cadet Ansh Sch No. 6198 Class IX.</u>
		(i) <u>Fee Payment Issues</u> : Parent raised concerns about issues faced during Class IX fee payment, particularly when the payment got stuck during the process.
		(ii) <u>Results and Toppers.</u> Parent requested that results, including details of top rankers and class ranks, be shown during the PTM for greater transparency and recognition.
		(iii) <u>Scholarships for Top Rankers.</u> Parent inquired about scholarships for top rankers, asking for more information on how scholarships are awarded and what criteria are used.
		(iv) <u>e-Collect Platform Issues and Payment Options.</u> Parent raised concerns about issues with the E-Collect platform for fee payments.
		Action taken.
		(i) The Principal confirmed that during future PTMs, the results will be presented, highlighting top rankers and class ranks, to provide a clearer picture of cadets' performance.
		(ii) The Principal explained that scholarships for top rankers are available and the details about scholarships are available on the school website.
		(iii) The Principal mentioned that cadets are re-warded during the Annual Day for their academic and other achievements, emphasizing the importance to recognize their efforts in various fields, fostering a sense of motivation and accomplishment.
		(iv) Regarding the issues with e-Collect, the Principal confirmed that the school is working to resolve the issue with the bank. Alternative payment options, including UPI and other methods, are available to ensure a hassle-free payment process for parents.
		(b) <u>Cadet Vagisha Sch No 6328 Class VII A.</u> Parent requested a structured schedule for contacting Housemasters (HMs), as they felt it would be difficult to reach them anytime. They suggested providing a designated day and time for communication or arranging meetings in school to make the process more manageable.

Action taken.
<ul> <li>(i) The Principal announced that on every fourth Sunday, staff and administration will be available to interact with parents in the academic block during designated hours fostering transparent communication and engagement with prior appointment.</li> <li>Parents are requested to drop a mail to the housemaster informing them in advance about their visit to the campus. This will help to ensure proper coordination and allows the housemaster to make necessary arrangements for the interaction. The email should include the expected date and time of arrival, as well as the name and class of the cadet.</li> </ul>
(c) Cadet Krishnam Sch No. 6514 Class VI-A.
(i) Parent mentioned that they did not receive any acknowledgment after sending a mail to the housemaster. It is requested that such communications be responded to in a timely manner to ensure smooth coordination and reassurance for the parents. The parent appreciated the inculsion of AI and robotics for the new academic session.
(ii) Parent also raised a query regarding the availability of facilities like archery and horse riding for the cadets. Clarification on whether these activities are currently accessible and how cadets can participate would be appreciated.
Action taken.
(i) In response, the Principal shared that a government grant has been approved for setting up of indoor shooting and archery facilities. The air rifle shooting is expected to be ready by Founder's Day. Additionally, the horse riding facility is being enhanced with the addition of four more horses, increasing the total to seven.
(ii) Regarding email acknowledgments, the Principal mentioned that due to the high volume of mails received, it becomes difficult to respond to each one promptly. However, efforts are made to respond the mails within 72hr.
(d) Cadet Aditya Sch No. 5876 Class XI .
(i) The parent expressed concern that their cadet is finding it difficult to understand the topics being taught by the NDA faculty currently made available for the cadets.

Action taken.
(i) In response, the Principal explained that special NDA focused classes are being conducted to ensure all subjects are covered while maintaining focus on regular school academics also. Mathematics session is scheduled for May, and General Ability Test (GAT) classes will be held in June. Additionally, regular subject teachers are present during these sessions to observe and ensure the teaching is effective and aligned with cadets' needs especially since basic concepts are being emphasized, as many cadets lack confidence in those areas.
(ii) It was also shared that six cadets have successfully joined the NDA this year, and the school secured 2nd rank among all Sainik Schools.
(iii) English classes are being given special attention, with improved faculty now handling the subject to strengthen language skills further.
(iv) The Principal also informed parents that each senior house is now equipped with two computers connected to the internet, designated for cadets' educational need.
(v) The Vice Principal added that while the school is making every effort to provide support, cadets must also take responsibility by working harder, asking questions in class, and making proper notes for revision and clarity.
(e) <u>Cadet Yash Sharma Sch No. 6583 Class VI.</u>
<ul> <li>(i) The parent appreciated the efforts of the staff and everyone involved at the school for the commendable work being done.</li> <li>He expressed satisfaction with the overall environment and support provided to their ward, acknowledging the school's commitment to the cadets' growth and development.</li> <li>The parent requested the Principal to consider allowing parents to have a meal at the mess. The parent expressed interest in experiencing the food served to their ward.</li> </ul>
Action taken.
(i) The Principal appreciated the parent's gesture and kind words, acknowledging that the commendable work at the school is the result of teamwork among the entire staff. Regarding the request for parents to experience the mess food, the Principal responded positively, stating that they will make arrangements to provide a meal for the parents

during the next Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) on reopening of school after summer vacations.

(f) Cadet Aman Yadav Sch No. 6349 Class VII.

(i) The parent shared that their cadet has shown significant improvement since joining the SSC, expressing appreciation for the school's efforts and the positive impact on their ward's academic and personal growth. Additionally, the parent inquired about the availability of a defense scholarship, seeking more information on how their cadet might benefit from such opportunities in the future.

## Action taken.

(i) The Principal informed the parent about the availability of 36 full merit-based scholarships for cadets, specifically for the wards of defence personnel. These scholarships are intended to support the educational pursuits of deserving cadets based on academic excellence. The Principal clarified that cadets whose parents are defence personnel are eligible for these scholarships on merit basis.

(g) <u>Cadet Nikhil Sch No. 6453 Class-VI.</u>

(i) The parent suggested that the school should focus more on encouraging fitness and sports among the cadets. He emphasized the focus of promoting physical health alongside academics to ensure the cadets' overall development.

## Action taken.

(i) The Principal explained that cadets are encouraged to try and gain exposure to different sports, as specifying only a few could lead to less participation in school activities. Limiting the sports options would restrict opportunities for cadets to explore various disciplines and might discourage some from engaging in physical activities. The school provides coaching for those who show skill or achievement in specific sports, ensuring they receive the necessary support to excel. However, the goal is to allow every cadet to participate in variety of sports, as this broad approach fosters teamwork, discipline, and overall fitness, contributing to the development of all Cadets.

(h) Cadet Ishant Deora Sch No. 6068 Class XI.

(i) The parent commended the staff and administration for their remarkable efforts in shaping his ward's persona, noting significant personal growth. He graciously acknowledged that while every institution faces challenges, the Principal's dedicated leadership has elevated the school's standards to new heights.
Action taken.
(i) The Principal responded with heartfelt gratitude, expressing sincere appreciation for the parent's kind words. Acknowledging the parent's recognition of the staff's efforts, the Principal emphasized that the growth and development of every cadet is a collective achievement.
In conclusion, the Principal, assured the parents that the school is fully committed to putting in 100% effort to ensure the continued growth and success of each cadet. The Principal emphasized the importance of a strong partnership between parents and staff, encouraging the parent to continue trusting the team. The Principal reaffirmed that the school is continuously improving, and with the collective effort of both the staff and parents, the cadets' potential will be fully realized.

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