## APPROVED MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: 05 .03. 22
TIME: 12 PM – 1.00 PM
VENUE: PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE, CONFERENCE ROOM

## **Members present:**

- 1. Ms Chandralekha Rawat (Principal & Special Invitee)
- 2. Mr Rajeeb Purkayastha (Vice Principal & Child Protection Officer)
- 3. Ms Ratna Sinha (Head Mistress & Deputy Child Protection Officer)
- 4. Teacher Representatives
  - a. Ms Chandrani Barman
  - b. Ms Arpana M Deka
  - c. Ms Sukti Gupta
  - d. Ms Mili Bhowmick

## Members absent:

Lodhuo Nyusou (Class XII) and Swastika Chakravarty (Class XII)- Student representatives.

- 1. The meeting was presided by Mr Rajeeb Purkayastha, Vice Principal and Child Protection Officer (CPO) and he called the meeting to order as per the set agenda. Following were the points of discussion:
- The CPO welcomed all the members and provided a lucid introduction and explanation by way of a PPT presentation on the POCSO Act 2012 and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA).
- Further he explained on the role of schools in preventing child sexual abuse wherein he explained about creating safe spaces for disclosure, mandatory reporting following the protocol of reporting in school and maintaining confidentiality of the child complainant.
- The members were also briefed on the salient features of POCSO Act 2012, amended clause and the penalties covered.
- 2. While presenting the annual report of CPC, Ms Chandrani Barman, Teacher Representative spoke on:
  - The procedures of CPC regarding safety rules and school policies and also informed about the link added in the school website for the same for the benefit of all concerned.
  - To make the teaching and non-teaching staff and other ancillary staff of the school aware about the policies of CPC, sessions were conducted for transport, security and housekeeping staff from 15 December 21 to 18 December 21 by Ms Manjuri Bharali, school counsellor.
  - To create awareness for prevention and reporting of child sexual abuse cases, a Sensitisation Drive on Child Protection Policies was organised by the CPC for the students of DPSG. The sessions were conducted in both online and offline mode by Ms Leena Borah, special educator and Ms Manjuri Bharali, school counsellor.
  - The Government Gazette, related to the POCSO Act 2012 has also been incorporated the school service guidelines through office webmail communication.

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- 3. Mrs Chandralekha Rawat, Principal, DPS Guwahati who attended the meeting as a special invitee also shared her reflections and provided some valuable inputs as mentioned below-
- All the teachers must be a close confidante of the complaint while dealing with child sexual abuse cases for which they need to be continuously sensitized.
- Class teachers must utilize one period a month to sensitize the students about the POCSO Act for which the school counsellor would provide the age-appropriate resource materials and activities. The same has to be done in close coordination with the DSW team and timetable department.
- All the teacher representatives must prepare a rooster/calendar in consultation with Headmistress (SW) and conduct sessions for the teaching and admin staff.
- It was also stressed that sessions exclusively for male teaching staff is to be conducted by the school counsellors with definite timeline.
- The Annual Report of CPC for the session 2021-22 as well as the PPT presentation on POCSO Act 2012 should to be uploaded on the school website for the benefit of all concerned.
- She also reiterated that all the buses should be fitted with cameras and must be made operational from 21-03-22.
- 4. It was also agreed upon that the term of the office bearers of the present CPC has been further extended for 2 academic sessions, i.e.; 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- 5. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Mrs Ratna Sinha, Deputy CPO.

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Minutes prepared by: Arpana Medhi Deka & Sukti Gupta

Sl. No.	Designation	Name		Sign
1.	Child Protection Officer	Mr. Rajeeb Purkayastha		tur : 2
2.	Deputy CPO	Ms Ratna Sinha		10.03
3.	Teacher Representatives	Elementary wing	Ms Chandrani Barman	Jam 2 10/03/2
4.			Ms Arpana M Deka.	Del 10/03/28
5.		VI-VIII	Ms Sukti Gupta.	( 10-3-2d
6.		IX-XII	Ms Mili Bhowmick.	huli 10/3/22
7.	Student Representatives	Class XII	Master Lodhuo Nyusou	dodhui
8.		Class XII	Miss Swastika Chakravarty	Shabarary

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