

MINUTES

Sri Lankan School Muscat GPM Minutes

December 08, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Chairman of the Board of Directors at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance (Members of the Board of Directors)

Lalith Kumara (LK) Chairman, Somabandhu Kodikara (SK) Principal, AJantha Madurapperuma (AM) Treasurer, Chaminda Munasinghe (CM) Secretary, Suranga Perera (SP), Wasantha De Zoysa (WZ), Dunstan Sisirakumara (DS).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting was read by CM. They were proposed and seconded by Mr Kaizer and Mr Mahesh Chandrasekara respectively.

Chairman's Report

LK welcomed the parents to the GPM and presented the Chairman's report. In particular, he thanked the members of the New Building committee for their active participation and contribution in getting the building completed for the new academic year.

Principal's Report

Principal Somabandhu Kodikara thanked the outgoing Secretary of the Board of Directors (BoD) for his contribution to the school during the tenure after which he presented his report. He emphasized the salient features of the "Year of Glory".

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer presented his report with an explanation on the possibility of reduction in student numbers and the consequences it would have on the daily operation of the school

Amendments to the SLSM constitution

CM presented the amendments to the school constitution requested by the Ministry of Education. The proposed amendments were accepted as proposed and seconded by Mr Mayura Randunne and Mr Anil Fernando respectively.

Any Other Matters

- LK informed the GP community about the request of opening a branch of SLSM in Sohar and sought their views. It was agreed to explore this possibility as proposed and seconded by Mr Chandrasena Hapugoda and Mr Lalindra Fernando respectively.
- Mr Padmasiri raised the concern of Sinhala language having such a low percentage in passing. SK explained that the pass marks were not very low and keeping with the standards
- Mr Padmasiri raised another concern on no experiments being carried out during Laboratory periods even though Laboratory fees were charged from students.

- Mr Dammika Lamahewa inquired about the expenditure of the new building.
- The possibility of introducing Arabic as a language was discussed. It was agreed to explore this proposal by the school
- Mr Palitha Perera informed that the new academic year for FS1 commenced during the third week of September 2012, though the parents of students in FS1 have paid school fees for the entire month. Hence they were seeking a re-imbusement of school fees for two weeks for which their children did not attend. LK, SK and AJ explained that it was regrettable that the students in FS1 had to start school two weeks late, but since the staff had been in attendance and their expenses in terms of salaries, rents, transportation etc. had to be incurred, a re-imbusement was not possible.

Motion to adjourn was made at 11 pm and was passed unanimously.