

ROCKCITY SAHODAYA SCHOOL COMPLEX - PRINCIPALS MEET

PURPOSE: Launch of RSSC Website, clarification and addressing of specific issues related to implementation of NEP

VENUE: Breeze Residency- Trichy

Date: 27 September 2023

Time: 10 am.

Presided Over by: President: Ms. Padma Srinivasan- Principal, Santhanam Vidhyalaya

Vice President: Dr. Joy Josephine- Principal, Good Shepherd English School

Secretary: Mr. Dayanandan- Principal, Sri Vignesh Vidyalaya

Treasurer: Ms. M. Saraswathi, Principal, Cauvery Global School.

Participants:

S.no	Educator/ Principal	School
1.	Bro. Christu Gnanaraj	St. Patrick's Academy
2.	H. Jayashree Badrinath	Thamarai International School- Thanjavur
3.	Dr. M. Porchelvi	SRV Public School- Samayapuram
4.	Mrs. Ramya	St. Joan of Arc International School
5.	Mrs. Krishanthi	St. Joan of Arc International School
6.	B. Aruna	Navabharath Vidyalaya
7.	T. S. Vijayasree	Sri Vageesha Vidyashram
8.	M. Saraswathi	Cauvery Global School
9.	Sofia R	Sri Chaitanya Techno School
10.	Nirmala R	Santhanam Vidhyalaya
11.	Padma Srinivasan	Santhanam Vidhyalaya
12.	Saranya A	St. James Academy- CBSE
13.	Sangeetha N	Aurobindo International School
14.	Dr. S. Mary Shanthi	Blossom Public School
15.	P. Muragadasan	SRV Public School
16.	Joan Fernandes	RSV Vallam Thanjavur
17.	G. Sujatha	Kamalaniketan Montessori School
18.	R. Rukmani	Rajan Krishnamurthy Public School
19.	Gita Pattanayak	Care International
20.	K. Subashini	Sacred Heart School
21.	Olive Vincent	Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya
22.	R. Vijayalakshmi	Mahatma Gandhi Centenary Vidyalaya
23.	S. Florence	Sri Guru Vidyalaya
24.	Nirmala Sasi Varier	Cauvery Global School
25.	S. Dayanandan	Sri Vignesh Vidyalaya
26.	Dr. Sivagami	Blossom Bluebells Academy
27.	C. Joseph	Hans Roever Public School
28.	M. Karuppiah	RSK Higher Secondary School
29.	M. Sharmila	Ramco Vidyamandir- Ariyalur
30.	R. Sabana Parvin	Awniyya Public School
31.	K. Karpagam	Cauvery International School Manapparai
32.	R. Karthik	Rajaji Vidyalaya Tennur

33.	J. Henry David	Alpha Wisdom Vidyashram
34.	Bro. Francis Xaviour	Montfort School- Palakurichi
35.	Usha Raghavan	Amrita Vidyalayam
36.	Bro. Robert	Montfort School Kattur
37.	Geeta S	BVM Global
38.	Gobinath	DVM School
39.	Mrs. Joy	Good Shepherd English School
40.	S. Anuradha	Sai Vidhyalaya Lalgudi

The meeting commenced after the customary invocatory Prayer. Ms. Saraswathi- Treasurer RSSC delivered the Welcome address. She welcomed the Principals and delegates and assured them of the valuable takeaways from the session.

The session was then taken up by Ms. Padma Srinivasan- President RSSC. She mentioned that the highlight of the session was the formal launch of the RSSC website which had been in incubation for two years, the pandemic having caused the indefinite delay. She thanked Mr. Dayanand's efforts in the setting up of the website.

She touched upon:

- Challenges like filling up of LOC in schools, how it was important that the staff of schools be familiar with the process of uploading of the same. She mentioned that the members of the Executive committee have been relentless in guiding the various schools regarding the same.
- Sports and Games events being hosted by various member schools.
- Renewal of recognition of schools.
- Meeting with the RO -organised by the CBSE School Management Association with Principals on September 23rd 2023.
- How it was imperative that a smooth rapport needs to be sustained between the Management, the Principals and the various stakeholders.
- Granting of admissions without submission of TC from the previous school.
- Establishing norms regarding Employee agreement to ensure fulfillment of work ethics
- Adhering to age criteria with regard to admission in Primary section according to NEP .
- Application for Enhancement of sections in proportion to student strength.
- Maintaining student - Teacher ratio in the face of increase in sections.
- Enrollment of Direct Admissions and associated dicta.
- Minutiae regarding GST norms and taxable- non taxable facilities.
- Compilation of Question Papers for classes X & XII according to latest CBSE pattern.

11 a.m.: The RSSC website was formally launched by Mr. Dayanand.

After appreciating the underlying unity among the members, he went on to explain in detail the various eligibility criteria for membership and features of the website.

- The website being integrated with the official account platform now facilitated online enrolment, subscription payment- both registration as well as renewal.
- The School membership, details of school emblem, Principal's name and image, location and other details would be clearly displayed on the website.
- Important information regarding meetings, academic trainings, schedules of Sahodaya Sports & Games would be regularly updated on the RSSC website.

- The website will soon be furnished with details of Prize winners of various participating schools .
- Certificates issued by Sahodaya which is equivalent to Inter district level shall be available with QR code.
- Mass increase of participation might lead to the Sports & Games being hosted at Split Zone levels in the future.
- Sahodaya Certificates design format could be shared with the multiple participating schools, and the respective schools could generate on site certificates to motivate the students.

11.30 a.m. - Tea break

11.50 a.m. : Session resumed after tea break

Brainstorming and addressal of pressing issues:

*Granting admissions to students without submission of TC - this practice has been causing innumerable hassles at various levels.

After much discussion, the resolution was passed that every member school would unanimously enforce the strategy of insisting submission of Transfer Certificate and other testimonials from the previous school within a stipulated period (31st March- 31st August).

Failure to do so would mean that the student is granted only provisional admission and his/ her name would not figure in the attendance rolls.

*Direct Admission - may be granted after thorough scrutiny of authenticity of intention.

(The school could ensure smooth transition by forwarding the prescribed pro-forma, enclosing the DD for the higher scale to the Board within 7 days).

Special consideration to be extended for admissions due to Government transfers and for students from places like Manipur in the current scenario.

* Anticipating full-fledged enforcement of NEP regarding admission in Primary section, parents need to be informed that their ward may have to repeat a year in case of early admission.

However, final decision has been deferred for the time. A unanimous resolution shall be arrived at after conferring with sibling Sahodaya Complexes before January 2024.

It is imperative though, that awareness regarding NEP protocols need to be disseminated among parents.

*Adherence to the mandate regarding number of floors permitted in building construction.

*Language policy: Attempts are being made to bridge the disparity between the NEP and the SEP policies in a conducive manner. Students coming from other states have the option of choosing any other regional language, get basic training in Tamil, attend a functional level exam in the same.

Schools may opt to offer more than 2 languages till class VIII, tweaking the level of difficulty appropriately.

Plus 2 students may opt for additional language if they wish.

***Procedure of acquiring Recognition:**

The schools need to apply for recognition, affiliation , renew the existing status well in advance by furnishing all the necessary documents and fulfilling other criteria as is expected.

Application for additional sections need to be made in advance.

***Implementation of GST : - Not required for Curriculum Delivery.**

However applicable for all other additional facilities : eg : Co- curricular, Hostel/ Canteen services/ Integrated Coaching programmes.

The schools may employ external entities for such facilities and entrust them with the ensuing mandates.

***RSSC Workshop:** It has been decided to conduct a Subject wise workshop for generating Sample Question Papers according to the latest syllabus and pattern at the earliest. The venue of the workshop is to be Cauvery Global School.

Meeting was adjourned at 1.pm.

The Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Joy Josephine- Vice President.

Topics to be discussed in Upcoming Meeting:

Drafting of Annual Calendar

Decision regarding age criteria for admission to Primary Section