



ROCKCITY SAHODAYA SCHOOL COMPLEX

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ROCKCITY SAHODAYA SCHOOL COMPLEX - PRINCIPALS MEET

PURPOSE: Modalities- Annual Subscription for Academic Year 2024-25, Income & Expenditure Statement, Constitution of Executive Committee, Bifurcation of Sports & Games during 2024-25, Teachers' training programs and Workshops, COE training programs, Regional Level Principals Conference - Participation of RSSC Member School Principals, Question Paper Setting for X & XII General Panel Discussion on various updates of CBSE.

VENUE: Hotel Blossoms - Trichy

Date: 7th August 2024

Time: 10.40 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.	U. Rama Lakshmi	Maharishi Vidya Mandir Thanjavur
5.	J. Jaquiline	St. James Academy
6.	Hebzibha Grace P	Sowma Public School
7.	T. S. Vijayasree	Sri Vageesha Vidyashram
8.	M. Saraswathi	Cauvery Global School
9.	Preethy Aravamudan	Care International School
10.	Dr. Jalaja Kumari	Mt. Zion International School
11.	Padma Srinivasan	Santhanam Vidhyalaya
12.	Fr. Martin Kumar	SFS Public School Kunnathur
13.	Sangeetha N	Aurobindo International School
14.	Dr. S. Mary Shanthi	Blossom Public School
15.	P. Muragadasan	SRV Public School
16.	Arockiaraja T	SBIOA School
17.	G. Sujatha	Kamalaniketan Montessori School
18.	Sr. Deepa Joseph	Sacred Heart Sen Sec School
19.	L. Sweety Irin	Tiruchy Public School
20.	J. Mumtaj Begum	Samadh Higher Sec School
21.	Olive Vincent	Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya
22.	R. Vijayalakshmi	Mahatma Gandhi Centenary Vidyalaya
23.	Aiyshwariya D	Ramco Vidya Mandir
24.	Nirmala Sasi Varier	Cauvery Global School
25.	S. Dayanandan	Sri Vignesh Vidyalaya
26.	Dr. Sivagami Valliappan	Blossom Bluebells Academy
27.	Sr. Premila	Bishop Devadass Ambrose Vidyalaya
28.	S. Mekala	Yagappa School
29.	M. Sharmila	Ramco Vidyamandir- Ariyalur
30.	R. Sabana Parvin	Awniyya Public School
31.	K. Karpagam	Cauvery International School



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32.	R. Karthik	Rajaji Vidyalaya Tennur
33.	S. Anand	Brilliant Sen Sec School
34.	R. Nagarajan	Rane Vidyalaya
35.	Usha Raghavan	Amrita Vidyalayam
36.	S. Dhavaselvi	Vidyaa Vikas International School
37.	K. Balakumar	Sivasakthi International School
38.	K. Boomapriya	Aadhav Public School
39.	Dr. Joy Thomas	Good Shepherd English School
40.	S. Anuradha	Sai Vidhyalaya Lalgudi
41.	P. Palani Samy	Hans Roever Public School
42.	C. Hari	Rajam Krishnamurthy Public School
43.	S. Kiruthika	Sri Vignesh Public School
44.	M. Jeyanthi	St. Joan Of Arc International School
45.	Rathnakumari G	SAS Vidyalaya
46.	Dr. Bro. S. Arulappan	Montfort School Aranthangi

The meeting was called to order by 10.40 am after High Tea.

*The Welcome speech was delivered by **M. Saraswathi, Treasurer RSSC**- Principal Cauvery Global School. She reinforced the mission and vision of the RSSC as that of Sharing ,Growing and Evolving Together.

*A moment of silence was observed in memory of B. Aruna- Principal, Navabharath Vidyalaya and the victims of the Wayanad Landslide.

*The formal proceedings were subsequently set rolling by **Padma Srinivasan, President RSSC**- Principal, Santhanam Vidyalaya. After a round of self-introduction by the participating Principals and representatives from the various schools, the formal lighting of the ceremonial lamp was conducted.

*Thus, the first meeting of the academic year 2024-25 was officiated. Some brief clarifications regarding some of the policies were initiated. The Affiliation process was at various stages of processing in the different schools. Schools that had successfully completed the process were handholding the other schools where the process was underway.

*A reminder regarding the payment of the Annual subscription was put forward which could be accomplished online seamlessly. The subscription amount remains same as last year- Rs. 7500/-

*In lieu of addition of new schools as members, it was decided to install an **Ancillary Executive Committee of five members**. The new Committee members were welcomed into the Council:

Dr. M. Porchelvi - Principal, SRV Public School

Sharmila M - Principal, Ramco Vidya Mandir

T.S. Vijayasree- Principal, Sri Vageesha Vidhyashram

R. Karthik - Principal, Rajaji Vidyalaya

R. Nagarajan- Principal, Rane Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School

*As envisioned in a former meeting, the bifurcation of Sports and Games into 2 zones was to be implemented at the earliest. The events would be conducted as within Trichy district and outside Trichy district.

*The logistics of the Teachers Training Workshops, COE Training were planned.



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Next, **Mr. Dayanandan- Secretary RSCC**- Principal, Sri Vignesh Vidyalaya presented the Income and Expenditure statement for the year 2023-24.

The statement would be sent to the members along with the Minutes of the Meeting and will also be published on the RSCC official website for reference.

He thanked the sponsors Exam India – Mr. Manjunathan- RSM, Mr. Antony Sami- Senior Sales Executive. He mentioned that the latter was a silent worker without coming off strongly and willing to work in tandem.

He next went on to elaborate the foci of the Sahodaya Sports and Games Integrative;

Sports Activities & Training:

*The Sahodaya Integrative had been successful in conducting several competitions and events at various schools during the previous academic year and had acquired the status of The Cluster events in terms of organisation, performance and recognition. He thanked the Principals for sending the students for participation thereby encouraging future successful participation. He remarked that most of the participants had become well trained to perform successfully at The National levels. The organising schools graciously went the extra mile to ensure a smooth conduct of the events by undertaking financial responsibility voluntarily. The certificates and awards dispensed by the Integrative has also acquired high credibility value. Now, that the responsibility of conducting the events has been shouldered by the PET fraternity, the entire process has become more streamlined and competent.

*Last year, 71 schools had registered for the Rockcity Sahodaya tournaments. It was noted that while Sports participation is almost 100%, attendance during meetings oscillates around 80%. Earlier sports events were conducted by a single school for all categories. Now it is proposed to delegate the organising of events for different categories to different schools to facilitate smooth conduct.

*The decision to bifurcate the Sahodaya Sports and Games is to minimise travel hassles for schools located outside Trichy district .

*The next proposal is to separate the conduct of the Sports events into **2 main categories- Team events and Individual events.**

*Events like Basketball, Handball, Volleyball, Football and Kabaddi shall be organised by the Sahodaya. The certificates, awards and rewards will be sponsored by the Sahodaya. The relevant cheques shall be issued along with the certificates right away.

It is being considered to raise the current allowance of Rs. 5000/ to Rs. 10,000.

*Schools are invited to undertake the organising of Individual events. They may arrange for a nominal subscription amount and organise it before the month of November. The Sahodaya will extend all kinds of allied support.

More schools are urged to come forward to conduct the Individual Sports events. They need to fill and send the relevant Google forms for registration. This move would definitely ensure more student participation. The schools can arrange for lunch and refreshments for the accompanying staff and probably organise food stalls for the participants.

Dr. Jalaja Kumari, Principal - Mt. Zion International School and Ms. K. Karpagam, Principal-Cauvery International School cited the successful conduct of Swimming and Skating competitions at their respective schools.

*A PET training session is scheduled to be conducted at Cauvery Global School on August 16th at 11 a.m. It is recommended that all member schools visit the official website of RSCC to be in track with the latest updates.



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*The operation of the payment gateway was demonstrated. The receipts could be downloaded right away and despatched through the PETs during the upcoming meeting to be filed and documented.

*It was suggested that the CEO training and workshops could be conducted in tandem with sponsors. The endeavour of Xam Idea to offer training teachers of English by a subject expert was lauded. Their publication 'Sharp Insights' for classes IX, X, XI and XII is indeed insightful and would benefit the students hugely.

*As it has come to notice that recently, there seems to be a decrease in the number of students opting for Commerce stream, it was recommended that schools could seek the good offices of Mr. Ganesh Vaideeswaran of Finspire Academy. Mr. Ganesh gives Free Orientation sessions (4 sessions - to students of class IX & X to create an awareness among the students regarding the scope of Commerce & Economics as a lucrative career option. Finspire Academy facilitates Integrated certification courses for schools. If found viable, schools could consider opting for this endeavour. An Orientation course for Teachers (Commerce & Economics) is to be held in this regard on August 17th – 3pm- 5pm.

Mrs T.S. Vijayasree- Principal, Sri Vageesha Vidhyashram related the various stumbling blocks faced by students of Commerce with Applied Mathematics – there were no rationalised textbooks available, the private publications were cumbersome and tedious. Moreover, students who have opted for Commerce Stream with Applied Mathematics are facing difficulties in securing admission in colleges. In order to address these problems, the school had represented the quandary to The Board for the sanction of calculators and this request got sanctioned while the meeting was in progress. This news was received with much exaltation by all the members.

Ms. Saraswathi, Principal – Cauvery Global School suggested that perhaps all the concerned schools could represent the predicament unanimously to the Board for some resolution.

(As there has been a decline in the number of students seeking admission to the Humanities stream- as well as a general neglect toward the learning of English- though all communication – Written and Spoken has to be undertaken in the aforesaid language, there was a proposal to take some steps in this direction eventually).

*All the member Principals were encouraged to participate in the periodic Principals Meeting organised by the CSMA and convened by the RO. The upcoming meet is to be held at Erode and the date and venue which would be duly notified. The meeting would be an opportunity for clarification of multiple issues and a significant attendance is anticipated.

*The routine workshop for setting Question papers (X, XII) would be held as soon as the sample Question Papers were released by the Board.

Mr. Dayanandan concluded his session expressing gratitude to the President RSCC and Treasurer RSCC for having initiated the proceedings. He expressed gratification that the RSCC was fulfilling the purpose of the Sahodaya project to a 't'- facilitating collaboration, synergy, sharing, learning and rising together.

Dr. M. Porchelvi - Principal, SRV Public School – Co-ordinator DTC Group addressed the gathering.

*She mentioned that as the updates and guidelines issued by the Board was continuously relayed in the group, it was hugely beneficial to access the group regularly. This group comprised of member schools (around 60 in number) within Trichy district. She listed the names of the regions that had been recently included in the group. New members were requested to update their details in the group.



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- *In case any school wanted to organise a Capacity Building Program for the faculty, they could forward an application formally through the Group and the Board would arrange for a Resource Person.
 - *It was suggested that such workshops could be conducted at 2 levels- Generic (eg: Art Integration, Cyber security, Value education...) and Subject wise for optimum benefit. Subsequently other details would be shared in due course.
 - *Queries regarding payment and other benefits could be made to the Board of Excellence.
 - *Prospective Resource persons (ref: Circular 34) could reach out to gauge the eligibility norms and other criteria. Training for Principals and Teachers could be organised. Registrations could be done for Resource Persons/ District Skill Co-ordinators by filling in the master data available in the COE website.
- Dr. Joy Josephine- Vice President RSCC-** Principal, Good Shepherd English School, in her concluding statements enumerated the necessities that every school needed to be furnished with.
- *This included sufficient number of computers, efficient Wi-Fi system and other technical support essential for seamless functioning.
 - *She brought to notice the change in textbooks of classes III & VI – especially the Social Sciences- which now was a single compilation without being split into History, Geography and Civics. Since this change would probably impact the students as they got promoted to higher classes, it was necessary that the concerned teachers pondered over this and see if it required to be addressed.
 - *Similarly, teachers need to actively participate in training workshops to fulfil the eligibility criteria demanded by the **School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF)** for attaining individual and institutional excellence. Besides, it is imperative that the updating of skills is documented.
- Ms. Anuradha –** City Co-ordinator, Principal - Sai Vidyalaya presented an overview of the purpose of the session.
- *She stated that the minutes of the meetings conducted for Principals convened by the RO was being shared regularly for reference. She mentioned that there was an upcoming Principals Conclave to be held on August 24th and extended an invitation to all the Principals on behalf of Kongu Sahodaya Complex to attend the same which would help in clarification of valid queries.
- She also invited the Principals to log in for an online meeting for Principals that was scheduled at 5 p.m later in the day. It was a hybrid meeting which was being organised in Erode.
- *Ms. Anuradha informed that newly affiliated schools should come forward to notify their affiliation status to be able to avail of the amenities ordained to affiliated schools.
 - *She emphasised that the responsibility of verifying and uploading of LOC in schools needs to be undertaken by the teachers and hence it was imperative that the concerned teachers be familiar with essential details of the process. The regular hassles faced during the procedure such as complications in spellings of the name/ initials of the candidates can be resolved by attaching relevant legal documents. However, the minutiae need to be verified beforehand. The window for minor corrections in the LOC is opened one month before the examination.
 - *The OASIS details need to be updated at the beginning of the academic year.
 - *So also, the **Kalasetu- Art Integration** project details need to be uploaded in time.
 - *The HPC- Holistic Progress Card format also needs to be implemented effectively.



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*Ms. Anuradha pointed out that the Physics and Maths questions papers have become extremely tough in the recent years. Ms. K. Karpagam, Principal-Cauvery International School also mentioned that the number of experiments to be executed during the Practical exams were time consuming. The subsequent proposal was that perhaps the schools could represent the situation to the Board together and seek revision in the difficulty level.

An extended **Panel Discussion** ensued to discuss pressing concerns and clarification of specific issues.

- * Students opting for Hindi / other languages as second language need to appear for an exam in Tamil albeit of a lesser difficulty level. Hence, the students must be tutored accordingly.
- * Learning Tamil at-least at the basic level is compulsory until the VIII standard.
- * The Holistic Progress card needs to be drafted as per Board criteria especially for students up to VIII std. The Higher Secondary students would be able to furnish the specific details on their own.

*A summary of the proceedings was presented and then **the meeting was adjourned at 1.00 pm** after the customary vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Dayanandan- Secretary RSCC.*

Topics to be discussed in the upcoming meeting:

- * Training for teachers regarding framing of Holistic Progress Report according to Board criteria.
- * Resolving Academic fee defaulters and ensuing complications.
- * Recruitment of Teachers- submission of Experience certificate and Salary statement from previous institution.
- * Steps to be taken regarding admission to class XI –A set of uniform standard guidelines may be drawn to ensure wholesome ethical enrolment of students.