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TRINITY TERM PTA MINUTES

PTA MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 19TH MAY, 2018.

Opening Prayer ----- Mrs. Orakwe

Reading of the last meeting by Mrs. Akintude.

Adoption--- Mrs. Akpode.

Seconded ---- Mrs. Nwoye.

Chairman's speech:

He welcomed and appreciated parents encouraged them to be punctual and regular emphasizing that PTA attendance is just once in a term to discuss issues that affect their children. He also requested that parents give more attention and more support to their children because they are their tomorrow and citing examples. He apologised concerning the purchase of tyres. He explained that a whatsapp message was put forth for class reps but they didn't respond, he concluded by saying sorry [apologising].

Head teacher:

She thanked all at the meeting, gave kudos to parents for the success of the last inter house sports. She went over the term's activities mentioned open day rearrangement, due to democracy holiday as follows.

- Wed 31st May -open day
- Wed-Friday of the same week mid-term break.

Prize giving and valedictory service for nursery 2 and year 6: she gave the dress code as nursery 2 girls royal blue dress, boys, white shirt with black bow tie while year6 boys should wear sky blue shirt with black suit and bow tie and the year 6 girls should wear sky blue inner shirt, black jacket and sky blue rose.

Valedictory service will begin in the morning with a combined mass for SS3, JSS3 and our Graduands. The service was only for graduands and their parents in the high school hall. The general party for pupils and parents would be on the school grounds afterwards. She also addressed the following issues;

➤ **School uniform**

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays -school uniform with black shoe and white socks. Wednesday -sportswear, she said the school would appreciate school uniform if there is any reason for a pupil not to wear sportswear instead of mufti.

Fridays - yellow tee -shirt on a dark blue jean, with white socks and white canvas or trainers. [no patches, stones or crazy jean] .

➤ **Hair do;**

Hair-do should be weaving without hair extension, no braids or beads.

➤ **Online result**

She mentioned the process of using the scratch card and that replacement for lost pin card was ₦3,000. Furthermore, she explained that the school does not generate pin because it is personal to an individual. She invited the parents to the upcoming Africa week.

Chairman: thanked the head teacher for her speech and encouraged the school to have a solid plan towards the prize giving /graduation party.

➤ **Constitution**

The chairman mentioned the adoption of the constitution. He asked if there was any addition or omission so he gave parents time to go through it and make comment if okay move for the adoption.

Mr. Collins suggested that it should be taken home to have time to read and **Mr. Jacks** moved for the adoption of the constitution and was seconded by **Mrs. Ibrahim**.

➤ **Mobile Public address system**

The chairman suggested purchase of PAS instead of hiring whenever the need arises. There was a deliberation and **Mrs. Nwoye** reminded the house about the P.A.S at the reception but was made to understand that it cannot be moved **Mrs. Chukwuma** said no to the purchase saying it won't always be in use but **Mr. Collins** made the house see the advantage above the cost as children could also use it on the assembly ground during presentation and the likes and in the long run would be less expenses for the house.

Chairman said in short term it cuts savings but for long term it doesn't and made the analysis.

Mr. Ibrahim suggested tasking the parents. The chairman asked the house to vote whether to levy the parents or take from the purse or if an individual could donate it would be appreciated and the volunteers could wait to see him after the meeting. In conclusion, the house agreed to take the money from the PTA purse

➤ **Election**

Chairman said the election of the new excos will come up in October and also new class reps would be elected. He said parents are free to go for any post and in absence of no interested candidate the house will nominate people.

➤ **Statement of account**

Mr. Collins encouraged parents to pay into the right account to make account balancing easier. He suggested PTA levy should be paid in cash. **Mrs. Akpode** suggested that the account number should be called to the house and the house responded that it's always in the bill.

Some parents agreed to pay cash. **Mr. Paul Ikechukwu**, suggested paying all fees into one account and the school sorts it out. **Mrs. Akpode** said it would not be easy and **Mrs. Nwoye** said if some children will be sent out for 1000, some parents will not pay.

Mr. Collins said anyone that wanted to pay into a bank account should pay into the right account. **Mrs. Orakwe** mentioned different tellers for different accounts which the school was giving before but stopped. **Mr. Collins** replied that tellers are expensive and that the school maybe cutting cost. The chairman asked the house whether the PTA levy should be paid cash or into the bank account.

He brought out the idea of adding the PTA levy into resource account but was not taken. He encouraged parents to make an effort to pay because they are sowing into the future of their

children and said they should always encourage others to pay. He begged them to pay into the PTA account as agreed by the house.

He commended the parents for the turn out and suggested penalty for absenteeism but most parents kicked against it. He encouraged the parents to always come and discuss, settle issues with the school instead of side talks and he made references to ascertain that anybody can make mistakes.

➤ **General**

Mr. Orakwe, mentioned issues on Africa week, she also mentioned some of the reasons why African week is observed. She suggested that the school should tell parents to contribute so that the teachers can cook or a parent can volunteer to cook for a class so that the pupils will learn. She encouraged parents not to spray money on pupils whenever they are performing so that they will not be money conscious.

➤ **Response**

Mr. Collins buttressed the points Mrs. Orakwe mentioned by saying that spraying of money has been kicked against by the federal government. **Mrs. Akpode** said it was not wrong but a way to encourage pupils, she said the money could be used to buy something for the children or the club. Chairman said it is good to guide the pupils on the right path, He said money should not be sprayed on pupils when they are performing in other not to go against the law of the land.

Mrs. Ewuzie ask why the school does not encourage year 5 pupil or those that have the intention to leave for secondary school.

Mrs. Chukwuma appreciated the school for the good job done so far, however she complained about the levy added to the bill which was supposed to be for year picture but suggested

that it should not to be compulsory.

Chairman made the house know the importance of year picture and said it was optional but the price was affordable.

Mrs. Arinze appreciated God and the parents and encouraged the parents to inculcate the habit of appreciation. She revisited the transport issue that was greatly improved upon and nobody noticed which she did and encouraged the transport department to keep it up. She implored parents to always keep to time and mentioned how important assembly is.

Mrs. Agupusi, referred to graduation gown and said that the school should look into it.

Mr. Collins encouraged parents to always get their kids ready for pick up early putting into consideration emergencies that might arise.

Chairman said wearing gown is common even among hairdressers and asked if the parents of graduating pupils could bear the cost, commenting that he doesn't see the necessity for it. He commended the transport section for the good job, he said every parent should know when the bus comes to pick their child and obey in order not to delay other children and gave instances He concluded that waiting time should not be more than 5 minutes. **Barr Mrs. Obizulu** complained about her child missing item and the cardigan not yet given.

Mrs. Okonkwo made mention of giving children lots of homework. She said ₦5000 was too much for ballet club and that the profile picture on her daughter's portal wasn't her. She had called the person in charge but nothing has been done about it. **Mrs. Zino** complained on how her child was taken care of which is not encouraging and wanted proper care.

Mrs. Arinze said being a mother is not easy and encouraged parents to be observant and not to put all responsibility on the teachers. She encouraged parents to check their children's bag

after school hours stating reasons, she also advised parents to behave themselves and be mindful of what they say in front of their children for they are watching.

Mr. Collins commended Barr Mrs. Obizulu and encouraged parents to report issues to the highest authority.

Mrs. Nwoye complained that her children don't eat their food and pleaded for lunch time extension. Mrs. Ola-k called the teachers out to show the house that they were passionate about their job. She gave instances to show individual differences when it comes to food and she said the school has two lunch hour which is 10:00-10:30 and 11:40 -12:10. The chairman said children are with different character and told Mrs. Nwoye to encourage her children to eat.

Mrs. Ola-k also said that ballet has a private instructor and it is not handled by the school, she said it was optional but the management ensures it is cheap in BLS. She also asked the parent of the child with wrong profile to come next week Monday for sorting. She encouraged parents that learning was in stages and advised that children should be given freedom to express themselves. She apologised to Barr Mrs. Obizolu and promised to sort it out. She apologised to Mrs. Zino that it might be an oversight and promised better services.

She also said the year pictures create memories that cannot be taken away from the pupils and said it

was not expensive that even when the photographer came and complained that the cost of materials was expensive, the invoices had been sent out nothing could be done about it.

African week:

Furthermore, she asked if the parents would want to volunteer to cook food for the whole class. She said, exposes children to the people around them and help them to appreciate others. By the way she mentioned common entrance that involve pupils' readiness, mentioned exam malpractice that was going on everywhere, responded to the issue on spraying of money saying that we should teach our wards to be law abiding. She said money should be given to teachers in charge, she said some things were good but unlawful and therefore there should be no spraying of money during performance. On graduation she said the school only recognizes year 6 pupils for graduation but year 4/5 was the choice of the parent.

Chairman thanked the head teacher and the parents for their patience and audience; he referred to what was said concerning parents being mindful of what they do in front of their children.

Mrs. Akpode suggested that mid-term break should remain as it was before, she mentioned the aims for midterm break and encouraged the school to graduate pupils from year 5 but the chairman said a child should endeavour to come

back and write the first school leaving certificate examination with year 6 pupils using JSS1, 1st and 2nd term result.

He said the school has their own policy.

Mrs. Nwoye moved for the adjournment and was seconded by **Mrs. Ekwugha**

The meeting ended by 1:50pm.