

MINUTES OF THE LAST P.T.A MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH NOVEMBER, 2018

VENUE: THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The meeting started at about 4: 20pm. The opening prayer was said by Mrs. Ijagbemi and Mrs. Abubakar (Christian and Islam respectively). The chairperson, Pastor Victor Maduka welcomed all the parents for creating the time to attend the meeting as scheduled. He said the reason for the meeting is for the development of the school. He therefore enjoined the parents to work together with the school to make the school a better place by carrying out whatever decisions are agreed at the meeting.

Dr. Usuh, the publicity secretary introduced the EXCO members in persons of:

Pastor Victor Maduka – Chairperson
Bar. Mrs Adaobi Okoko – Vice Chairperson
Mr. Ekene Onyegbule – Treasurer
Mrs. Gbeminiyi Peters – Financial Secretary
Mrs. Ogechukwu Emeagi General Secretary
Mr. Godwin Emmanson – Assistant Secretary

Mrs. Adaobi, the vice Chairperson read the minutes of the last minutes to the hearing of the house.

The proprietress Dr. Mrs. Bunmi Oyisan said that the minutes of the meeting will be posted on the school's website. while the principal, Ms Vera Aggreh said that copies will also be emailed to parents with email contacts.

Mr. Ekene moved the adoption of the minute while Mr. Emmanuel Ogundele seconded.

Mr. Reuben complained that his daughter contracted conjunctivitis (Apollo) from the school and the proprietress promised to look into this while urging parents to keep their sick children at home.

Matters Arising

Mrs Sagee raised the issue of the school bus. The proprietress reiterated the fact that all effort is being made to improve the service. She also mentioned the futile efforts made to outsource the bus service and how no company will take it up because of the low charges. Pastor Maduka also made his own contribution to that effect that some schools pay much more for bus services.

He also reported that the EXCO met and deliberated on some issues that they feel the school needs in order to make it more conducive. They came forward with the following suggestions:

- School Environment: They feel that the fans and the playground equipment need to be improved. It was thrown to the house that the school needs ACs and this could start with 10 classes. Mr. Ekene reported that he had gone to ask for the price of 1.5 horse power AC and the cost was #112,000 each while the split unit was 135,000.
- Replacement of the school furniture. The EXCO members also reported that they had deliberated on replacing the chairs in the school. They invited parents to support them in providing more befitting furniture.

Most of the parents did not agree while the suggestion that the PTA should help provide ACs while some did. Most objections raised had to do with the cost:

Mrs Ijagbemi asked whether it is the school or the parents that will provide the ACs.

Mrs. Mercy said that most parents cannot afford to pay their ward's school fees on time not to talk of contributing to the provision of ACs.

Mr James suggested that it should be attached to their school fees.

Mr. Edet said that most schools do what we call "packaging".

Mr. Micheal said that each child should be taxed a #1000 and this could be part of their school fees.

Mrs. Mercy asked peradventure this ACs are bought, how will it be maintained considering the added bill to be incurred by running so many ACs etc.

Mr. Akuma suggested donation. He said that it would be good if parents can donate ACs to the school. Some of the parents agreed to this.

The proprietress then contributed to this issue by saying that all the suggestions made about the ACs are understandable, but her main objective is to give quality education to low income families so that the students can compete favorably with students who attend more expensive schools and other students anywhere in the world. She said that even if she had the money to provide ACs this would not be her priority. She would rather put more money on technology that will enhance teaching and learning. She equally said that education is beyond passing "WAEC". The Proprietress said that however, she has no objection if parents choses to donate voluntarily.

Mr. Falola keyed into the Proprietress's vision by saying that "Education comes first before any other thing."

The chairperson, Pastor Maduka then explained to the house that this issues of ACs was not initiated by the school rather, it was suggested by the EXCO members. He explained that this

was the main reason why he would like to encouraging the parents to join hands with the school in achieving this dream.

After further deliberation on the provision of ACs, the house agreed to keep it pending.

Mr. Reuben suggested that we start from somewhere. He said we can start with the replacement of the school furniture and most parents agreed to that.

Mrs. Sagee suggested that there should be a PTA levy or donation where parents will pay certain amount of money. Mrs. Usoh, the publicity secretary encouraged the parents to start making pledges. Mr. Reuben suggested that parents should contribute willingly. Mr. Edet suggested #2,000 per family. The house agreed on this amount and that payment should commence this term.

It was decided that payments of the 2,000 naira levy for students in the nursery and primary section should be paid to the headmistress, to Mrs. Ogechukwu Emeagi, while the the secondary levy should be paid to the principal, Ms. Vera Aggreh. The money will be in their personal account from where it will be later sent to the treasurer, Mr. Ekene Onyegbula.

The chairperson said that those who are able and desire to contribute more than 2,000 can do so.

AOB

- Some parents raised concerns because they would like the teachers to pay more attention to correcting the students' spoke grammar as well as when checking their notes. The proprietress promised to look into that. The Proprietress also enjoined parent to speak their language to the children when at home instead of speaking Pidgin English.
- Parents were enjoined to drop their Whatsapp numbers and their E-mail addresses for a better communication
- Mr. Reuben commended the school on efforts made so far in impacting the lives of our children
- Mrs. Ijagbemi complained about the quality of the school uniform, and the proprietress promised to take it up with the supplier.
- The proprietress also enjoined parents that they are free to come to the school to lay any complaints that they may have instead of waiting for a PTA meeting so that issues can be resolved as they occur.
- Ms Ajibike Makanjuola addressed the parents on counselling them about their bodies, she presented a book which she wrote.

- The proprietress also invited mothers to attend a seminar on first menstrual cycle which is being organized by one of the parents, Bar Mrs Okoroafor on the 6th of December.
- The chairperson once again thanked the parent. The meeting came to a close at about 6:30pm with a closing prayer.