1st Executive Committee Meeting of
Parent-Teachers Association 2025-2026:
PICT Model School
Monday, 28th April 2025

Welcoming Members:

Mrs. Abira Mishra, Principal and Chairperson**,** extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Executive Committee of the PTA of PICT Model School for the academic year 2025-2026. The Chairperson noted the attendance and marked the requisite quorum. Leave of absence was granted to members who were not present with prior intimation.

Members Present:

1.	Mr. Ajinkya Wagh	Nursery
2.	Mr. Saroj Kumar Nayak	Jr. Kg.
3.	Mrs. Deepali Lalgude	Grade 2
4.	Mr. Akshay Dongare	Grade 3
5.	Mrs. Ruchi Dwivedi	Grade 4
6.	Mr. Chinmay Malshe	Grade 5
7.	Mr. Ganesh Balwadkar	Grade 6
8.	Mrs. Supriya Prashant Abane	Grade 7
9.	Mrs. Deepa Amit Dharmadhikari	Grade 8
10.	Mr. Muralidhar Adhikarla	Grade 10
11.	Mr. Atul Mudbidri	Grade 11
12.	Mrs. Arti Sharma	Grade 12
13.	Ms. Rashpreet Kaur	Nursery
14.	Ms. Janavi Tendulkar	Jr. Kg
15.	Ms. Yogita Hampiholi	Sr. Kg
16.	Ms. Sayali Kalyani	Grade 1
17.	Ms. Vaishali Vyas	Grade 2
18.	Ms. Harshpreet Kaur	Grade 3
19.	Ms. Sangeeta Gundre	Grade 4
20.	Ms. Nupur Agashe	Grade 5
21.	Ms. Shreshtha Singh	Grade 6
22.	Ms. Manisha Ligade	Grade 7
23.	Ms. Darpana Rane	Grade 8
24.	Ms. Shridevi Jagdale	Grade 9
25.	Ms. Joyee Sur	Grade 10
26.	Ms. Kanchan Pandey	Grade 11
27.	Ms. Ritu Gupta	Grade 12

Members Absent:

1.	Mr. Yogesh Jadhav	Sr. Kg
2.	Mr. Awadhesh Vaish	Grade 1
3.	Dr. Sidharth S Chakrabarti	Grade 9

Next, the Principal tabled the agenda as circulated, along with the Notice of the Meeting, to all the members.

Agenda:

1. Welcome Address.
2. Introduction of the members of the Executive Committee.
3. Reading the Maharashtra Educational Institutions (Regulation of Fee) Act, 2011 and the Rules made thereunder.
4. Constitution of the Executive Committee.
5. Adoption of Byelaws of the PTA of PICT Model School.
6. Some achievements of 2024-2025.
7. Revisit the Policies in the Almanac- 2025-2026
8. Vote of thanks.

Introduction of the members of the Executive Committee:
The Chairperson requested all the Parent Representatives and Teacher Representatives to introduce themselves.

After the introductions, the Chairperson read out **the Maharashtra Educational Institutions (Regulation of Fees) Act, 2011, and the amendments made thereunder** with respect to the formation, rules, and responsibilities of the EPTA.

Constitution of the Executive Committee:
The Chairperson outlined the timeline for the formation of the EPTA for 2025-26. On 3rd April, Thursday, an email was sent to parent partners informing them about the initiation of the formation of EPTA. The consent forms to be a part of the school EPTA were sent to the parent partners on 4th April 2025 and were to be returned by 10th April, Thursday.

Sr.No.	Grade	Total strength as on 9th April	Received Consent	Yes	Yes %
1	Nursery	71	71	7	9.9
2	Junior Kg	73	71	10	13.7
3	Senior Kg	72	72	3	4.2
4	Grade 1	119	101	21	17.6
5	Grade 2	120	110	34	28.3
6	Grade 3	120	102	52	43.3
7	Grade 4	118	98	13	11
8	Grade 5	120	102	11	9.2
9	Grade 6	120	96	9	7.5
10	Grade 7	119	101	9	7.6
11	Grade 8	120	92	14	11.6
12	Grade 9	120	99	7	5.8
13	Grade 10	114	106	3	2.6
14	Grade 11	41	30	2	4.9
15	Grade 12	46	40	1	2.2

On the 12th of April 2025, Saturday, the Parent Representatives of the School Managing Committee, Dr. Pradnya Ahire, and Mr. Vikas Labba, came to the campus and took out the consent forms from sealed boxes, on camera. After that, calls were placed to inform the parent representatives that their names had been picked up and their consent was sought. The final list of EPTA parent members is as follows:

1.	Mr. Ajinkya Wagh	Nursery
2.	Mr. Saroj Kumar Nayak	Jr. Kg.
3.	Mr. Yogesh Jadhav	Sr. Kg.
4.	Mr. Awadhesh Vaish	Grade 1
5.	Mrs. Deepali Lalgude	Grade 2
6.	Mr. Akshay Dongare	Grade 3
7.	Mrs. Ruchi Dwivedi	Grade 4
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11.	Mrs. Deepa Amit Dharmadhikari	Grade 8
12.	Dr. Sidharth S Chakrabarti	Grade 9
13.	Mr. Muralidhar Adhikarla	Grade 10
14.	Mr. Atul Mudbidri	Grade 11
15.	Mrs. Arti Sharma	Grade 12

The Chairperson also read the list of teacher representatives:

1.	Ms. Rashpreet Kaur	Nursery
2.	Ms. Janavi Tendulkar	Jr. Kg.
3.	Ms. Yogita Hampiholi	Sr. Kg.
4.	Ms. Sayali Kalyani	Grade 1
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15.	Ms. Ritu Gupta	Grade 12

Mrs. Abira Mishra informed the meeting that the Executive Committee will be headed by the 'Principal', who is the **Chairperson of the EPTA** by default. She then called upon the parents to nominate the Vice-Chairperson and two Joint Secretaries from among the Parent Representatives.

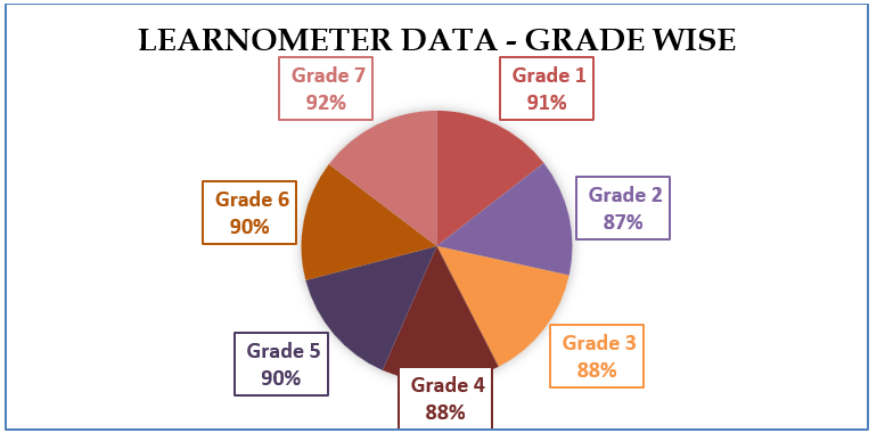
- **Mr. Muralidhar Adhikarla [Parent Representative of Grade 10]** was proposed for the position of **Vice Chairperson.**
- **Mr. Chinmay Malshe [Parent Representative of Grade 5] and Mr. Ganesh Balwadkar [Parent Representative of Grade 6]** were proposed for the position of the two **Joint Secretaries**.
- **Ms. Joyee Sur, Teacher Representative of Grade 10**, was proposed as the **EPTA Secretary.**

All office bearers were unanimously elected by a show of hands.

Adoption of Byelaws of the PTA of PICT Model School:
The Byelaws of the PTA were read out by the Chairperson, Mrs. Abira Mishra, and adopted by all members.

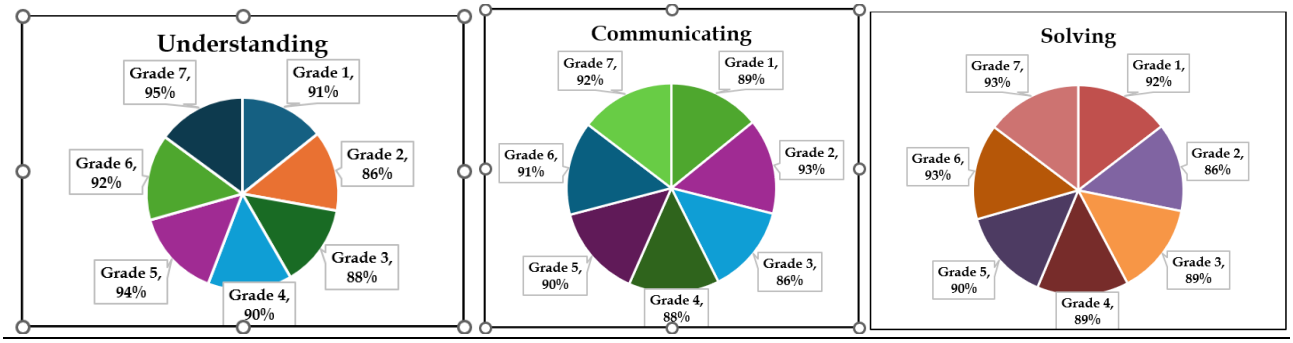
Status Report on Academic and Administrative Operations of 2024-25 Second Term:
The Chairperson mentioned that most of the activities and events had been discussed in the last meeting of the EPTA of 2024-2025. On this day, she would only focus on a few highlights of the second term and the beginning of the new session.

XSEED Learnometer:
The Chairperson presented the XSEED Learnometer results to the members present. XSEED Learnometer is an online benchmark assessment test for English, Science, and Math. Three areas that are tested are Conceptual Understanding, Applied Thinking, and English Comprehension, which lay the foundation of competency-based education. The Learnometer assessments for 2024-2025 were conducted between 4th December to 12th December 2024.
The results of the Learnometer assessment were as follows:

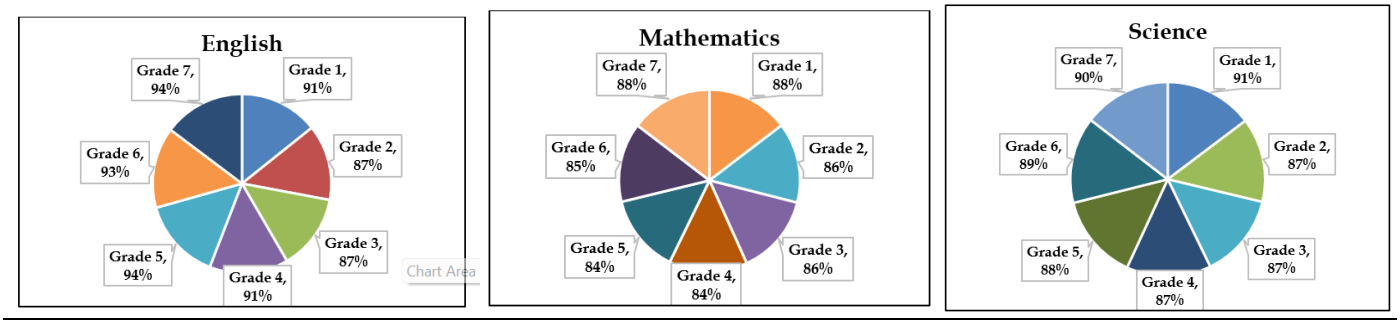


Overall Average:

Skill Wise Results:



Subject Wise Results:



The results gave an in-depth analysis of every learner while also providing insights into the class as a whole. The educators analysed the results under the guidance of the Director Principal and identified the areas of strengths and learning gaps. They planned strategies to enable learners to bridge the gaps, where required.

CELA Felicitation Ceremonies:

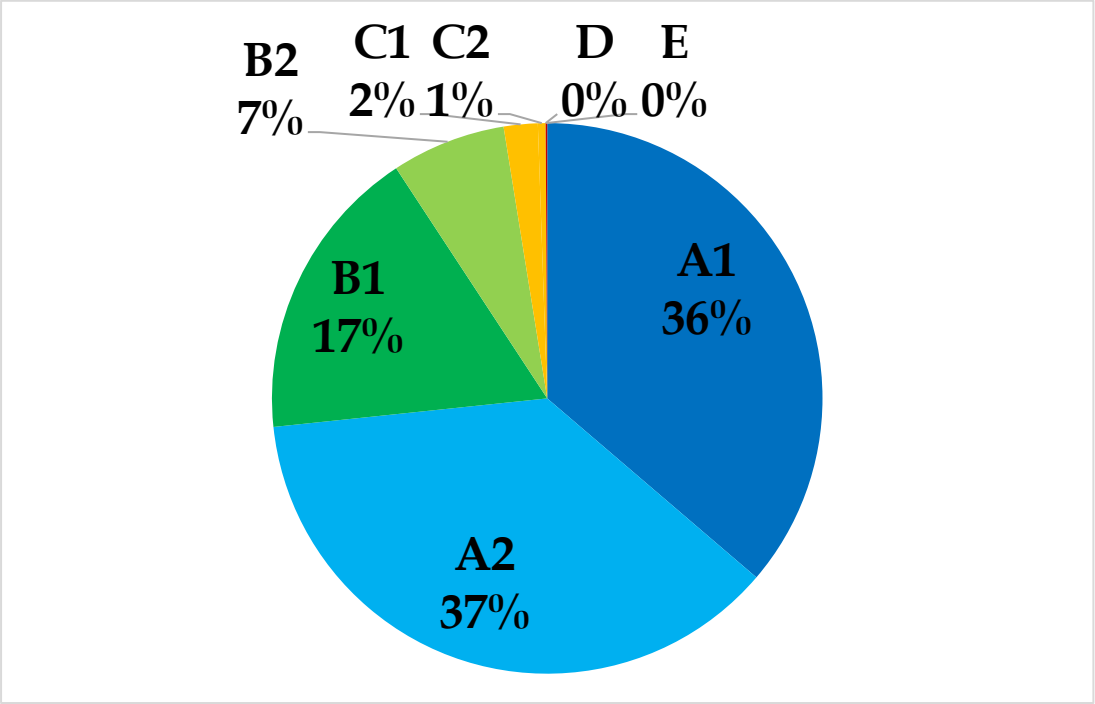
The CELA Felicitation Ceremonies for KET, PET, C1, FCE, and YLE were successfully held on 27th and 28th January 2025 at the Main Auditorium and H Block Auditorium. The events featured a welcome song and felicitation of the Guest of Honour, Ms. Namrata Majhail (Director– The Orchid School, Baner, Pune), Ms. Mrudula Mahajan (Principal – Akshara International School). Learners shared their experiences of preparing for CELA at various levels, making the events insightful. The Guests of Honour appreciated the efforts taken by the School and the learners, and the commendable results. Many of the learners scored exceptionally well and got certified for a higher level than they appeared for. The C1 level exam, which is an immigration level exam, was introduced and conducted in the school for the first time. 7 of our learners took the C1, out of which 2 qualified for C2 certification. These exceptional results were the outcome of consistent guidance and intensive training provided to the learners in the school.

The Principal added that from the current academic year [2025-2026], the school will extend the opportunity to appear for the CELA exams to learners of Grades 10 and 12. Keeping the Board exams in mind, there will be two rounds of exams instead of one. The first round will be in July, for which the fee was paid in March 2025, and the second round will be in November 2025, for which the fees will have to be paid by June 2025. The details of both rounds of exams will be shared with parent partners through the Beacon.

Term 2 Performance:

The Chairperson then presented the results of the last academic year. The year-end exam (Term 2) for Grades 9 and 11 was conducted between the 7th and 20th of February 2025. Grades 1 to 8 took the exams between the 6th and 21st of March 2025.

The analysis of the results is as follows:



The school averages for all summative assessments through the year 2024-2025 are as follows:

- PT1: 84%
- TERM 1: 82%
- PT2, PT3, & PRELIMS 2: 82%
- TERM 2: 85%

Summative Assessments were also conducted for the preschool learners between the 3rd and 13th of March 2025 to get them ready for their next level of learning. Report cards were published on the school ERP on the 25th of March 2025

Outstation Trips and Field Trips

Thereafter, the Principal talked about the most exciting event of the second term. The Outstation trips are an integral part of learners' learning outside the campus. The combination of academic insights and peer interactions makes these journeys invaluable, fostering well-rounded development and creating memorable learning experiences beyond the classroom. Learners across all grades went on their outstation trips and field trips under the mindful supervision of their educators. They had exciting trips, with many hands-on activities and adventurous outings, and came back with loads of memories and learnings. The schedule for the trips was as follows:

Grade	Date	Place of Visit
5	27th & 28th October 2024	Nashik
6	27th & 28th October 2024	Monteria Resort
7	26th & 27th October 2024	Panchagani
8	21st to 25th October 2024	Jaipur- Ranthambore
9	23rd to 27th October 2024	Jaipur- Ranthambore
10 to 12	24th to 28th October 2024	Jaipur- Ranthambore

One Day Field Trips

Grade	Date	Place of visit
4	31st January 2025	Monteria Resort
3	31st January 2025	Go Cheese Factory
2	31st January 2025	Science Park, Pune
1	31st January 2025	Katraj Zoo
Nestling	31st January 2025	Shahid Ashok Kamthe PCMC Smart Park

Best School Delegation Award at DTMUN 2024:

Continuing with the events, the Principal mentioned that on 20th January 2025, a special assembly was held to announce that our school had received the Best School Delegation Award at the Dynamic Training Model United Nations (DTMUN) 2024, Pune Chapter. Competing against 1,000+ participants from 40+ schools, our learners showcased exceptional leadership, critical thinking, and diplomacy. Ms. Tina Shah, the head of DTMUN, handed over the certificates and trophies to the learners and the Principal. Several students earned prestigious awards, reflecting their dedication and perseverance.

Next, the Principal took the parent partners through some more important events of the second term.

Art Walk and Exhibition:

On Saturday, 18th January 2025, an **Art Walk** for Grades 3 to 5 was organised, inviting parent partners to celebrate learning and creativity. The interdisciplinary **Exhibition** for Grades 6 to 9 and 11 highlighted learners' development in critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication. Under the guidance of educators, the learners showcased their projects with enthusiasm. Their hard work and innovation were commendable, and the parent partners appreciated the projects and their confident presentations.

Hands-on Robotics Workshop at CSIR-NCL:

CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) conducted a Hands-on Robotics Workshop on 18th February 2025 for Grade VI and VII students, providing an excellent learning opportunity in robotics and automation. The 1.5-hour session involved hands-on activities, including mechanical assembly, working with gears, and building an animal-like Turtlebot. Students collaborated with peers from various schools, actively engaged in discussions, and shared feedback. The workshop enhanced problem-solving skills, creativity, and teamwork, making it a valuable and enriching experience for all participants, who were selected based on merit and interest in robotics.

Science Day Celebration:

Out of the projects made for the School Exhibition, the school submitted the most innovative ones for the Science Day Project Display at IISER. A total of 15 projects were selected for display in ISSER and Science Park as a part of the Science Day Celebration on 27th and 28th February 2025, from among thousands of entries across the city. PICT learners impressed the visitors with their projects and confident explanations.

Parent Orientation Sessions:

The Principal mentioned that the School conducted a series of Parent Orientation sessions to familiarise parents with the key policies at our school, presented the plan for the new academic year, and emphasised the significance of the parent-school partnership. Parents of senior-grade students were also informed about the proposed changes by CBSE and how the school would assist their learners during this transition. The sessions were conducted as per the following schedule:

- Parent Orientation for Grades 10 & 12- [2025-2026 batch]- 22nd February 2025
- Parent Orientation Programme Grade 1 (2025-2026 batch) – 22nd February 2025
- Parent Orientation for new parents of Grades 2 to 9 and 11: 8th March 2025
- Parent Orientation for parents of Grade 11: Saturday, 5th April 2025

She emphasized the need to attend the orientation session to avoid any kind of intermittent doubts throughout the year.

Celebrating the Graduation Day of Our Sr. KG Learners

On Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, we celebrated Graduation Day, marking the culmination of our Sr. KG learners' pre-primary years. This special occasion symbolised the beginning of new adventures and newer paths of self-discovery. As our young learners prepared to embark on their new phase of learning, the parents were invited to celebrate this proud moment. The event was filled with love, laughter, and fond memories.

Indus Cup

The Principal proudly mentioned that the School started the year of Sports Achievements with a successful performance at the Indus Cup. The school was the overall runner-up in the Championship. The following were the positions that the learners secured:

Football:- Under 17 Boys – Winner, Best player of the Tournament: Kartik Marathe - 8S

Under 12 Boys - Runner up, Best Defender in the Tournament: Arnav Gunjal - 7T
Under 10 Boys - 2nd Runner up, Best Player of the tournament: Shravan Balwadkar - 4C
Tennis:- Under 12 Boys – Winner: Pranshul Pujari -5O
Under 14 Boys – Winner, Anshul Pujari: 8S

Table Tennis:- Under 14 Boys: Gauransh Adhikarla 6G – Winner: Raj Bhatane 9S - 2nd Runner up
Under 17 Boys: Divyen Khot 10G : Winner

Badminton: Dhani Zalavadiya: U - 13 Singles- Gold medal, U -15 Singles- Gold medal
Siddharth Panickar: U - 15 Single Gold medal, U - 17 Single Gold medal
Rheya Chopda: U - 17 Singles- Gold medal, U - 15 Single- Bronze medal
Rheya Chopda &Dhani Zalavadiya: U - 15 Doubles Gold medal
Siddharth Panickar & Palash Verma: U -15 Doubles Gold medal
Palash Verma- U -15 Singles Silver medal: U - 17 Singles Silver medal
Aaradhya Gavhanakar: U-15 Singles Bronze medal, U-17 Singles Bronze medal
Aaman Verma: U- 11Singles silver medal, U- 13 Singles Bronze medal

Coding at PICT:
The Principal informed the parents that the School is in the process of planning and designing a specially curated coding program for our learners in collaboration with the faculty and students at PICT College, Dhankawadi. This will be an exciting opportunity for the learners from Grades 3 to 8 to learn the basics of coding and explore the ever-changing world of software. The details will be shared with the parent partners once the program is ready for implementation.

Before School Activities:
With a strong belief in developing skills in young children, the school initiated extracurricular activities beyond school hours in 2023-2024. Based on the responses and suggestions that have been received so far, some more exciting activities have been added this year. There is also a special fitness session planned for women from all walks of life. Led by experienced coaches in a **safe and supportive environment**, the program nurtures **fitness of body and mind, discipline, confidence, teamwork, and leadership** while preparing learners to take on challenges both on and off the field. These activities will also allow the learners sufficient time to train themselves to be a part of the school teams and represent the school in various interschool tournaments.
A special program curated for mothers and daughters has been introduced this year. All these activities will be conducted thrice a week. The Chairperson also informed the quorum that the school has roped in Ms. Radhika Kanitkar, a former Olympian, as a visiting coach for tennis. The learners from Grades 6 to 12 need to bring their own racquets for tennis; however, the school will initially provide racquets suitable for Grades 3 to 5 learners for practice before they purchase their own.

Program Highlights:
- Structured curriculum tailored to different age groups
- Focus on holistic development and long-term athletic growth
- A stepping stone for students to participate in inter-school and district-level competitions—building confidence, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit.
- Confidence-building activities like team games and short treks
- Basic nutrition guidance will also be provided to support students' physical development and healthy lifestyle choices

Participants - Grades 1 to 12 & Parents			
Time – 7.00 am to 8.15 am			
	Activities (ANNEXURE 1)	**Fees INR**	**Total Fee INR**
1st Quarter – June to August	Anyone	Charges- 2500 month + 18% GST = 2950	2950 x 3 months = 8,850
Payment window – 19th May to 26th May 2025 through MCB			
2nd Quarter – September to	Anyone	Charges- 2500	2950 x 3 months = 8,850

November		month + 18% GST = 2950	
Payment window – 16th August to 24th August 2025 through MCB			
2nd Quarter – December to February	Anyone	Charges- 2500 month + 18% GST = 2950	2950 x 3 months = 8,850
Payment window – 16th November to 24th November 2025 through MCB			

Note-

- The minimum number to run an activity is 25. The fee will be configured only when the batch size is reached.
- Enrolment and fee payment will be on a quarterly basis.
- Fees, once paid, are non-refundable, and changes in sports preference will be subject to availability.

The chairperson shared the above fee structure for the Activities with the quorum. She also added that **school transportation will not be available for drop-offs before the sessions**. However, students who have opted for school transport may **avail of the facility while returning home** after regular school hours.

A wide range of physical activities for the Before School Program of 2025-2026 was shared by the Chairperson as given below.

Sr. No	Name of the Activity	Participant	Objective	Classes, Structure, & Coaches
1.	Fundamental Skill Development and Multi-Sports	Grades 1 & 2	To develop motor coordination, balance, and foundational sports skills through play-based, multi-sport exposure, laying the groundwork for lifelong physical literacy.	3 days a week Ms. Shridevi Mr. Pradeep
2.	FitHer	Grade 9-12 girls & ladies	To empower **mothers and young ladies** in structured fitness and team-building sessions that promote strength, endurance, confidence, and a supportive wellness community.	3 days a week Ms. Shridevi Mr. Pradeep
3.	Football	Grade 3-12	To enhance physical fitness, strategic thinking, and team coordination through structured football training focused on discipline, stamina, and skill progression.	3 days a week Mr. Vipul
4.	Basketball	Grade 3-12	To build agility, hand-eye coordination, and teamwork through progressive basketball drills and match-play experience.	3 days a week Mr. Touheed
5.	Cricket	Grade 3-12	To nurture technique, discipline, and sportsmanship by engaging students in age-appropriate, skill-based cricket training.	3 days a week Mr. Baridali
6.	Badminton	Grade 3-12	To develop reflexes, speed, and concentration through individual and doubles play, fostering both physical fitness and mental sharpness.	3 days a week Mr. Arbaz
7.	Athletics	Grade 3-12	To improve core strength, endurance, and overall performance through training in track and field events while instilling perseverance and a competitive spirit.	3 days a week Mr. Neeraj
8.	Swimming	Grade 3-12	To build water confidence, stamina, and safety awareness while	3 days a week Mr. Sanjay

			developing proper stroke technique in a supervised, skill-focused environment.	
9.	Yoga & Zumba	Grade 3-12	To promote flexibility, mindfulness, and body awareness through yoga, combined with the energy and rhythm of Zumba to support physical and emotional well-being.	3 days a week Ms. Nikita

Reiterating the policies in the School Almanac 2025-2026

The Chairperson then addressed the significance of reading and understanding the policies outlined in the almanac by the parent partners. The policies are thoughtfully collated and updated every year as per the needs and suggestions received from all stakeholders. The attention was drawn to the following sections:

1. **Parent Declaration Form**
2. **Personal Information Form**

Both of these have been put in duplicate in the almanac so that the parents and the school can have one copy each. Parent partners were urged to read all policies regarding transport, cafeteria, uniform, withdrawal, and assessments, besides the other information available for their convenience.

The Chairperson informed that **admission and stream selection in Grade 11** would depend on the learners' performance in Grades 8 to 10. **The choice of Mathematics in Grade 10** [between Basic Math and Standard Math] will also be decided based on the performance of the learners in Mathematics, from Grade 8 onwards. This is to ensure that the child chooses his/her subject based on aptitude and not on perceptions.

Withdrawal: The chairperson next informed the members present that the school reaches out to the parents well in advance to get an update about any plans for withdrawal and seek their consent for continuation through a Google Form. It is disheartening to see many parents wait till the school calls them regarding fee payment and later update the school about the withdrawal. This leads to many deserving siblings and learners missing out on the opportunity of taking admission. Therefore, the parent representatives were requested to note the policies that would be implemented w.e.f 2025-2026 to avoid such inconveniences.

1. **Continuation of Admission after 1st February for existing learners:** Parents who have selected **Discontinuation of Admission** for the following academic year and wish to continue with their admission after 1st February will have to go through the entire admission process yet again, and seats can be given, subject to availability. Such cases will be treated as fresh admissions, and all applicable fees need to be paid by the parents.

2. **Cancellation of admission after 1st February for existing learners:** Parents who have given their consent to **'continue'** with the admission of their wards through the new academic year, should they wish to withdraw the admission, the last date for doing so would be 1st February of the current year. Any intimation of withdrawal after 1st February shall attract an admin charge equivalent to 20% of the school's annual fee for the new academic year. Upon receiving the payment, the TC will be issued. (Reference: 1st Executive Committee Meeting of PTA 2024-2025, dated 2nd May 2024).

After the discussion on the above policies, the Chairperson intimated that all points of the agenda were discussed, and she opened the floor for any other points of discussion.

Interaction with EPTA members:

Mrs. Dharamadhikari, Grade 8 parent representative, enquired about the aptitude test conducted for admission. To her question, the Chairman answered that the prospective Grade 11 learners have to appear for the aptitude test before they seek admission for stream selection. However, for in-school learners, the overall feedback of Grade 8 onwards is also taken from the educators.

Mr. Nayak, Parent representative of Junior Kg, raised a concern regarding why the Term 2 exam answer sheets are not shared with the parents and learners. The Chairperson mentioned that Term 2 is the culminating exam of the year, and there is no time available for test wrapping to be conducted. Also, based on the performance of the learner, appropriate feedback is passed on to the respective educator of the new

grade. She further shared that based on the parent feedback, the school is deliberating the idea of how the feedback can be shared with the learners for the summative assessments of the second term.

Mr. Nayak raised another concern about the quality of the snack (shakarpara), that was provided a few days back. According to him, the food should be tasted before giving it to the learners. The Chairperson mentioned that the snack was packed while hot, which could have led to the oil smell. But upon receiving the concern, all necessary steps were immediately taken.
The Chairperson informed the parents that the food is first tasted by the School nurse and one dedicated admin staff member, before being served to the learners, on a daily basis. Also, she said that all the educators have the same food as the learners, and the quality of food is not compromised at any point. Feedback is taken from the learners daily, and the same is checked by the Director Principal and the Principal.

Next**,** Mr. Ajinkya Wagh, Parent representative of Nursery, enquired how many EPTA meetings are conducted in a year and what his role would be as a parent representative. The Chairperson clarified that there would be a minimum of three EPTA meetings in the year. First in April, next after the Term 1 exam, and the final one towards the end of the year. Besides this, if any exigent circumstance requires a meeting, the school will reach out for the same. Also, as a representative, he would be required to guide any parent to connect with the school in case of individual issues, since the school is prompt in addressing any concern.

Mr. Atul Mudbidri, a Grade 11 parent representative, asked if the buses could pick up learners from H Block, especially during the monsoons. The Chairperson informed that during monsoons, the learners are dropped and picked up from H Block after taking cognizance of the weather at the time of the dispersal. On a regular basis, the learners are dropped off at Gate 3, from where they move to the H block.

Mr. Muralidhar Adhikarla, Parent representative of Grade 10, wanted to understand whether the educators at PICT will guide the learners in structuring the answers according to the CBSE board norms. The Chairperson assured the parents that the educators have already started doing so and will intensify the training as the year progresses. The learners will be provided with enough question banks in the handouts, and the educators will constantly support and guide the learners. The Chairperson reiterated the following points for learners' support, especially for the Board-going batches:

1. Learners can post doubts on Teams during summer vacations, too, and the educators will address them accordingly.
2. Need-based support classes will be taken by educators.
3. Extra classes will be taken during post-school hours in the first term, once the weather has become more suitable. This will enable our learners to be well prepared for any changes brought about by CBSE.
4. During the study leave in January, the learners are welcomed to school and assigned a place for self-study. Also, the educators take rounds to monitor and help them when needed.

Mrs. Ruchi Dwivedi, Grade 4 parent representation, enquired about the school's association with Champions. The Chairperson informed that the model of integrated training for NEET and JEE with Champions was discontinued for Grade 11 this year, however, it is continuing for Grade 12. The school is working at reduced timings three days a week for the senior secondary learners, to enable learners to seek external help to train for professional courses.

Mrs. Deepa Amit Dharmadhikari, Grade 8 parent representative, raised a concern about the heating of the buses during dispersal. The Chairperson informed that the School has ensured that the buses are parked under the shade of the trees. Half an hour before the dispersal, the bus windows are kept open for proper ventilation. She also mentioned that the rising temperatures lead to many concerns, which we look into mitigating to the best of our abilities.

Mr. Muralidhar Adhikarla, Grade 10 parent representative, requested to review the bus route, especially Route 42, to optimise the travel time. The Chairperson assured him that she would look into it and revert.

Mr. Saroj Kumar Nayak, Junior KG parent representative, requested to consider association with scientific institutions as training partners for learners. He said that many agencies reach out to parents by mail, proposing training in STEM or AI, or Robotics. The Chairperson clarified that many such programmes are

run under the tag of elite institutes, but they hold no authenticity. The school prefers to collaborate with the genuine ones, such as IISER, PICT College, and TCS. The learners will have many opportunities within and outside the school to hone their skills.

Mrs. Ruchi Dwivedi, a Grade 4 parent representative, enquired why the PA educators are not available for PTM, to which the chairperson replied that the FSM and Brian educators are available, however, in-house PA educators are buddy educators across grades. Hence, they are engaged in their classes. The PA educators can connect with the parents on call as per their request.

All the parent representatives appreciated the support provided by the educators. They thanked the Chairperson for an open discussion on the various topics. They mentioned that this gave them an insight into the perspective of the school. The Principal expressed her gratitude for the unwavering support of the parents.

Vote of Thanks:
There being no other business, the Chairperson thanked the members warmly for their participation and presence in the meeting. She wished everyone happy vacations and an enriching year ahead, and with this, she concluded the 1st meeting of EPTA for the academic year 2025-2026.

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