MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON JULY 17, 2020

A General Body Meeting was held virtually at 11.00 am on Friday, July 17, 2020. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Sudha Acharya, President, Sankalp Sahodaya.

The meeting was attended by the following member Principals:

- 1 Ms. Sudha Acharya (President)
- 2 Ms. Nita Arora (Vice-President)
- 3 Ms. Archana Narain (Secretary)
- 4 Ms. Monika Mehan (Treasurer)
- 5 Dr. Manisha Sharma
- 6 Dr. Manimala Roy
- 7 Ms. Preeti Ojha
- 8 Ms. Priyanka Bhatkoti
- 9 Dr. Rajee N. Kumar
- 10 Ms. JaishreeNawani
- 11 Ms. Geeta Kapoor
- 12 Ms. Punam Gupta
- 13 Ms. Sumana Dutta Sarkar
- 14 Ms. Shalini Arora
- 15 Ms. Malini Narayanan
- 16 Ms. Anita Khosla
- 17 Ms. Seema Behl
- 18 Ms. Sheelu Methew

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Agenda for the meeting:

-Rationalized curriculum for classes IX-XII

-Mode of assessment mid-terms and class test.

-Non-Payment of Tuition Fee.

President, Ms. Sudha Acharya welcomed all the participant members to discuss the agenda for the day. She began by stating how the Sahodaya has reached every nook and corner of India and overseas. She also announced that they are receiving a lot of praise for their tremendous work.

The following points were discussed at length:

• The CBSE has brought out rationalised curriculum for classes IX-XII where a few topics were deleted although they hold some importance in the long run. This point was put across to the Chairman of CBSE who has understood the concern of the teachers. However, though these chapters may not feature in the board exams or class tests they still need to be done through projects, discussions etc.

• In continuation of the above, the authorities also held discussion with the board conducting entrance exams to professional colleges. They put forward the request that these chapters which are being deleted by CBSE should not be tested in the entrance exams.

• The mode of assessment was discussed next. All the schools were progressing with the continuous assessment system. However, for the midterm exams following the CBSE pattern it would be for 40 marks only. Of which 50% would be devoted to MCQs of 1 mark each. When setting the MCQs teachers must base the paper on Bloom's Taxonomy which deals with testing remembering, understanding and knowledge. The President reiterated only the pattern of assessment will change and not the weightage. The next section of the question paper will be for 1 mark each for 20 marks. This second section should be based on analysis, application and synthesis. These questions would be paragraph- based answers and should test the competency of the child. However, the rubric would depend on the type of children you have in your class. This section would be for 10 marks. The third part of the paper should be

totally based on problem solving and critical thinking. This third section would be for 10 marks and would be based on analysis, application, and synthesis. Teachers can even consider group discussion which can test qualities like leadership, communication skills, intra and inter personal skills, besides knowledge. At the Junior level, however, teachers can conduct oral quizzes which are also beneficial and offers immediate self-evaluation.

• All teachers must be trained on how to set MCQs as all 4 options to a given question should be correct but the most appropriate answer of the four would be the right one.

• A request has been placed to have an expert who will give more in sight on how to frame the question paper adhering to the new pattern.

• As for getting Question Bank, the teachers of Sahodaya have been advised to create question papers following the new pattern and the same can be shared with all the Sahodaya school teachers.

• Diksha platform can be referred to frame question paper.

• Regarding the non-payment of tuition fee, it has been suggested to ask the parents to send proof of their inability to pay the tuition fee.

• A self-declaration Certificate from the parents can be obtained with Aadhar card No. and pan card details. If the parents are unable to provide the certificate only then any action should be taken.

• In spite of sending a number of reminders, if the parent does not submit the fee, then only can a child be exempted from online classes.

• In order to keep a check /vigil on the online assessment, exam. Network website is suggested.

• The timeline for the classes in the Kindergarten level need not be changed so long as the class is interactive and interesting.

• A suggestion from Ms Monika Mehan was to create e-Certificates of appreciation, which can be generated to motivate the students.

• It was suggested that Transfer Certificate along with the No Fee Due Certificate should be made mandatory documents when admitting a new child.

• For the Founders Day celebration, it has been decided that a video will be prepared showcasing the activities conducted under the banner of Sankalp Sahodaya by the schools and Sahodaya anthem sung by the students.

• For the Chief Guest for the Founder's Day celebration, it has been proposed to invite Chairperson CBSE, as per his availability.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Archana Narain, Secretary, Sankalp Sahodaya.