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Dear Parents,

SUB: GGS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL- NOMINATION PROCESS

Purpose:

The need to introduce a proactive advisory group has been rising consistently and interactions with the parent body/parents has only strengthened our belief that a collaborative alliance is the call of the day. Reflecting on these interactions, we have come forth with the idea of having a **GGS School Advisory Council (SAC)**. In all the years of its existence, the school was settling, finding firm ground to launch into a growth phase. With growth, came untold challenges and the need to put in a concerted effort directed towards the benefit of our students, who will also face the challenges, as joint stakeholders. The **GGS School Advisory Council** is a formal step towards it.

The **GGS School Advisory Council** is based on the premise that collaborating partners have some common basis for action and a sense of affinity that supports their joint ventures. GGS Management, Teachers, Students, Staff and Parents have a common need for coming together as one body – the need to create a positive learning environment for our learners, conducive to their overall development. As a collaborative group we can work towards the betterment of our learners

Composition and Structure:

This collaborative group partnering with the Students, Teachers, Parents, Staff and Management will have the opportunity to exchange views, work together and to develop mutual trust and confidence. Some key attributes such as warmth, sensitivity, nurturance, consistency, having the ability to listen, being unbiased, possessing a sense of efficacy and also effective interpersonal skills will form the basis for leading the group per grade level. The SAC representative will need to foster in self, a strong sense of open mindedness and wide vision to accommodate inputs from the larger parent body and not restrict it to personal need. The SAC will work to share ideas and advise school decision making, it will not hold any decision-making authority in school operation but will provide management with well thought out and diverse points of view.

Chair Person: SAC will be Chaired by one parent member who will be selected via election within the SAC during the last meeting of each academic year with the new chair holding the position for the next academic year.

Secretary: one parent will be designated via volunteering to act as secretary of the council. Minutes will be kept and posted on the school website for the school community.

We aim to make the **GGS School Advisory Council** a vibrant collaboration by engaging in joint learning activities, supporting each other in our respective roles, conducting collaborative projects in the classroom and outside of it; integral to these are the various parent and teacher roles and behaviours that make for successful partnerships. The role of the SAC will emerge after deliberations within the group. The SAC will act as an advisory council and does not have decision making authority.

Process:

GGS management will invite parents to become involved in this process. Depending on the number of parents interested a draw for membership will take place on Annual day. Representation from each division is the goal. Similarly, the Staff and Teachers will elect their representatives for the SAC. The student representatives would be the Head Girl and Head Boy, who have been already elected by the student body.

If YOU are interested in becoming a member of this important body, please submit your nomination on the link <https://forms.gle/GqLdpMvdLPWZbktm7> by Oct. 20.

Should you wish to nominate another parent for this Council, please submit the nomination on the link <https://forms.gle/TnVbtREbCUGSPYkF7> by Oct. 20.

Members will be selected by lucky draw on the Annual Day on 24th October 2019.

Best Wishes

David Brazeau
School Director