

2018-2019 Rosaryhill Secondary School PTA Chairman's Report

Good morning Fellow parents, Father Supervisor, Fathers, Principal and Teachers,

On behalf of the PTA executive committee, I would like to thank you for coming to the PTA AGM to render support. I am Monica Cheung, PTA chairperson and IMC Manager since last year. Most importantly, I am an enthusiastic old student who have never left the school in the past 40 years literally. Thank you again for the vote of confidence to the PTA and to me. We will be at your service and for sure will do our very best.

PTA communications - School News section at e-class

In the past year, I have done 3 PTA communications, plus some event-based publications, which were posted on “e-class” under the “School News” section. We would greatly appreciate that you check on that from time to time. In case you do not have the e-class installed on your smart phone, please ask your child or your class teacher to help with the installation. I have my email address posted on the PTA communications as well. Please feel free to send me emails whenever whatever you think PTA or I can assist you.

I am an advocate that the PTA and we parents should have a proactive role in facilitating school development. We are here to support Principal So and her team for bettering the learning and teaching environment. If you have any idea but want to keep yourself anonymous to school, again, please just send me an email, the PTA will raise the ideas collectively as parents’ opinion to school.

Back to the work report of the PTA, I will start from the latest one.

1. PTA’s work related to current social situation.

At the beginning of this academic year, PTA Parent exco members passed the motion of disagreeing with any form of school strike in RHSS campus. We PTA parents endeavour to maintain the school as a safe haven for our children to learn and the teachers to teach; as well as its neutral political stance. Dear fellow parents, please take this as a friendly reminder that no matter how busy we are, we should never forget to communicate with our children on a daily basis, especially under the complicated social situation currently.

2. Canteen Survey and Canteen Tender

Together with the PTAs of Primary and Kindergarten, we proactively participated in the review of canteen tenders and the decision making process for the welfare of our children.

In addition, the RHSS PTA conducted a canteen survey among our students in April 2019 with a response rate of 88%. The result had been posted in the “School News” section of the “e-class” . I would like to draw your attention to the finding that 37% of students were not having proper lunch, neither buying lunch from canteen nor packing lunch from home. They either bought snacks from tuck-shop (18%) or skipped lunch totally (19%).

There is a popular saying that we are what we eat. Dear fellow parents, please take this as a friendly reminder again that we should look into the breakfast and lunch arrangement of our children outside home, ensuring that they have healthy and nutritious meals. And students, please don't forget your lunch even if you are busy. In case any family has issues about lunch arrangement, please don't hesitate to contact me or the PTA.

3. Graduation Gown

In the past years, we had been leasing the graduation gowns for the S6 students, with a cost of \$80-90 each. Because these leased gowns were not ironed, every year, the PTA parents and teachers needed to diligently volunteer ourselves to do the ironing works.

This year, we decided to buy 80 gowns at a cost of \$180 each, such favourable price tag was attributable to the facilitation by the Kindergarten and Primary Principal Ms Anne Wong. Principal Wong took the initiative to negotiate with the supplier who has been selling grad gowns to our kindergarten and Primary for years. Our heartfelt gratitude to Principal Wong. So from this year onward, the PTA will spend that used-to-be leasing fee amounted \$80-90 for dry cleaning and ironing instead, so that the graduates will have neat and clean grad gowns for their big day.

4. Restructure the PTA scholarship

In the past years, PTA had been giving scholarship totalling \$9,000 or one-third of the annual PTA income to top three S6 students every year. In view that the recognition of the top performers are already well taken care of by the Golden Jubilee Scholarship and the OSA Scholarship, it is the PTA's decision to reorganise the scholarship coverage so that more students can be recognised and motivated. While scholarship for each student will be of a token amount, there will be two students in each class receiving awards for their remarkable efforts in improving academic performance and conduct or being the Samaritans who are always helpful to schoolmates and teachers.

5. **PTA Outing (May 5th, 2019)**

While there were 62 participants registered, we did have a fun day out, and it was such a good chance for us parents to meet with our children's schoolmates, teachers and fellow parents. Two new landmarks in Hong Kong were visited, namely Kai Tak Runway Park and the West Kowloon Cultural District. While it was a rainy day, we had a thorough tour of these new developments which are constantly talked about in the classrooms and in the news. We also had an enjoyable and relaxing seafood lunch at Lei Yu Moon, and played some fun-filled games in the restaurant. Going forward, we will make the programme even more attractive and hope to see more families participating next year.

6. **Christmas treats for students**

Christmas is a season of giving and sharing. I have the pleasure and honour to kick start the Santa Claus initiative of the PTA by giving a token donation, which was used to buy Santa's hats and pen sets for all our students. The gifts were presented to students during the school Christmas party on Dec 21st. Principal So was very kind to come to many classroom to take photos with students and Santa Claus, who was indeed my father dressed in Santa's outfit. I was so happy to see a group of student helpers coming to help pack the gifts for their fellow schoolmates before the school party, and to see many students still wearing the Santa's hats when they left the school, which showed that they really liked these small gifts. Going forward, the PTA would consider giving token Christmas gifts to students as a celebratory ritual next year, if budget allows.

7. **Thanksgiving for school personnel**

One day prior to the school Christmas Party, on behalf of all parents and funded by the PTA budget, we presented fruit to teachers, office staff, school bus drivers and janitors, to express our gratitude to them for their good work. In addition, it was such a delight that Ms Pinky Syed, a parent volunteer, came to help present the fruit.

8. **Festive Snacks at the Flower Market**

It is our School's tradition to have the "Flower Market" on the campus before the Chinese New Year holiday.

To add more flavours to the festive atmosphere at the Flower Market, this year the PTA sponsored **Chinese style snacks** at the playground during recess and lunch hour. We are grateful to Principal So and the School, who were highly supportive to this idea and offered to

sponsor half of the expenses out of the Government Grant. So our children eventually had double portions of snacks that the PTA originally planned.

Taking the students' dietary requirements into consideration, the Canteen diligently prepared four delicious snacks which were either free of pork and beef (i.e. only chicken or fish) or vegetarian food good for students who only take halal meals. We sincerely hope that all students, regardless of their nationalities or religions, could have the enjoyment and some fond student-hood memory.

9. Writing competition on 25th/28th Jan, 2019 and Prize Presentation on 25th Feb, 2019

The writing competition aims to motivate students to sharpen their logical and critical thinking as well as their creative writing skills. We have segregated the participants in the Chinese writing competition into local and Non-Chinese speaking subgroups, in order to give NCS students more motivation to improve their Chinese writing. The participation is considered as satisfactory, with 130 participants in English writing competition and 95 participants in that of Chinese, of which 60 were NCS students. We have to thank all the teacher judges, as it was definitely not easy to rate and rank such a sizeable amount of essays with remarkable quality.

10. S6 Parent Talk

While the PTA was responsible for funding this event in the past 5 years, the arrangement and organisation was led by the Social Workers from Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service. S6 students and families were advised about furthering education and career planning. Many thanks to Chloe and Jacky, our school based social workers, for their great work.

11. Active contributor in the 60th anniversary celebrations and other school matters.

The PTA had been participating in various Diamond Jubilee celebratory activities, including Open Day dated March 23, 2019, Joint Athletic Meet dated Jan 29, 2019 and Walkathon dated 25th Nov, 2018. In addition, the PTA parents were invited to talk to P6 and S1 parents in order to facilitate the admission of the P6 students to RHSS as well as the integration of our S1 students.


12. Toilet and Campus Hygiene

The PTA strives to improve the learning environment for our children. After persistent effort of Principal So and the PTA, we have new toilet paper dispensers installed in the toilets. From time to time, PTA parents conducted guerrilla check of the toilets and provided feedback to

school about the hygiene condition there. Going forward, we will continue to work diligently and proactively for the improvement of the campus environment.

Words of Gratitude

Finally I sincerely hope that we can have your kindest support to participate in various events and occasions, and to serve as parents volunteers. We will circulate the information regarding the organisation of the parent volunteer group after the first PTA exco meeting. Last but not least, I would like to thank you again for the trust and the vote of confidence. I would also like to thank my wonderful PTA team, especially Ms Rita Wong, our Teacher Vice President. All the works we had done in the past year were attributable to the diligent help and devotion of everyone of the PTA exco member plus the support from everyone of you. Please accept my sincere gratitude.



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