

SWISS MODEL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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PRINCIPAL WORDS

It is believed that education plays a vital role in our society. Unfortunately Pakistan is one of the countries where more than half of the population is deprived from it due to not having awareness of its benefits or lack of its resources. The average number of members in a family is 7. It is hard for parents to send their children to school as the country is going through high inflation.

Many children go to work with their parents like for example mothers who work at homes as a servant or in factories. In this situation if one gets the opportunity to get a good education he has to struggle or fight against the hurdles, which rebuke him to continue his education. I personally observed that some students were not sent to school regularly by their parents or didn't help them to come to school on time. A child has many responsibilities at home as well.

SWISS MODEL HIGH SCHOOL is the school in Lahore (Pakistan) that provides opportunities to get an education for those who cannot afford it due to limited means or for those who are drop outs for various reasons. The school has a rented building with a capacity for 200 hundred children. There is co-education. In this school 262 children have been studying. There are 50% Muslims and 50% Christians. There is English medium from K.G to Class 6 and Urdu medium from grade 7 to grade 10. We try our best to use modern techniques in teaching and to build a good and friendly relationship with the children in order to get to know their problems better.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

This project started in 1999 with a small group of children belonging to families who could not afford paying school fees for their children, but with the efforts and help of Dr. Dorothea Roth (Swiss Lady) and Mr. Quraishi (Pakistani) who went from door to door visiting many families and convincing them to send their children to school instead of a working place. In 1999 they succeeded to gather 35 children and started a school with K.G class. This school was opened for all casts and religions. The school provided books, uniforms as well as food for all students.

For a smooth running of this project, an organization called SEPP was established in Switzerland. The first president of SEPP was Dr. Dorothea Roth. SEPP has some Swiss people as Board members who are in charge for the collection of funds. It is an honor to have Swiss people as part of this project, as they help to make this project stay alive and give hope for those children who would otherwise become victims of child labor due to their parents' ignorance.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF SMHS

- *To give awareness to the parents regarding scope and the impact of education.*
- *To provide free quality education having potential to step with time and demands of a new era.*
- *To provide qualified and trained staff along with a completely equipped educational environment.*
- *To help and support children in vision building and carrier choice after completions of education at SMS*
- *To have trained and qualified teachers who offer good quality education.*

STAFF OF 2009

1	Mrs.Shazia Basharat	Principal (present)	9	Ms. Shalla Muntazar	Teacher (present)
2	Mrs. Tabasum Amjad	Teacher (present)	10	Ms. Shakeela Aaj	Teacher (left)
3	Mrs.Josphine Rafiq	Teacher (present)	11	Hr. Haroon gill	Teacher (left)
4	Ms. Nousheen	Teacher (present)	12	Mr. Basharat Gill	Teacher (present)
5	Ms.Ameena Cathrine	Teacher (present)	13	Ms. Salma Toqeer	Teacher (present)
6	Ms.Sangeeta	Teacher (present)	14	Ms. Raffit Khokhar	Teacher&office Assistant
7	Mrs.Sardees Arshad	Teacher (present)	15	Ms. Noshaba Naseem	Teacher&office Assistant
8	Mrs.Komal Shahzad	Teacher (left)	16	Mr. Rafiq &Ms.Niagat	Cleaning man

ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR 2009

Examinations

Four examinations took place throughout the year in order to assess students. All these examinations are taken internally. Class 9 appeared in Lahore on the examination board. It was the group of 11 children and first badge of students of the school.

The board results were as follows,

	Students Name	Results
1	Farzana Naz	Pass
2	Kiran Kayani	Pass
3	Hina Sadaf	Pass
4	Azmi allahDitta	Pass
5	SulmanShahzad	Pass
6	Shahid Tanvir	Pass
7	Ayaz Khan	Less %age in Maths (has reappear in examination for this subject)
8	Raiz Khan	Less %age in Maths (has reappear in examination for this subject)
9	Ijaz Khan	Less %age in Maths (has reappear in examination for this subject)
10	Amjad Hamid	Less %age in Maths and Bio (has reappear in examination for these subject)
11	Amber Roohi	Less %age in Maths and Bio (has reappear in examination for these subject)

School Activities

On every last Saturday of the month, students had the day off and this day was utilized for staff meetings, planning of lessons and other activities for teachers.

Last Saturday in January	Ms.Komal and Ms.Shala delivered model lessons. The principal conducted staff Meeting. In which tentative planning was discussed. Planning about SMS day was done.
Last Saturday in February	Teacher's recreational trip out of city. (Mangla dam).
Last Saturday in March	To celebrate the SMS, the principal and project manager conducted day staff meeting. Planning and strategies were made with the staff.
Last Saturday in April	Question papers for forth coming examinations were prepared by the principal and staff in the last week of April. The teachers planned Holiday homework for summer vacation at same time.
Last Saturday in May	Papers were marked and result was made ready.
Last Saturday in September.	Summer Holidays homework was marked.
Last Saturday in October	Staff meeting. Mr. Asher discussed evaluation criteria with staff.
Last Saturday in November	Principal held meeting regarding Christmas program.
Last Saturday in December.	Christmas holidays
Last Saturday in January.	Meeting by Mr. Asher about evaluation of teachers.
Last Saturday in February.	Results were discussed of all classes. List of books and copies were prepared to give those who got promotion.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SWISS MODEL SCHOOL

SMHS has completed its 10 years on 1st of April 2009. Students and teachers celebrated this special day on 1st of April by having a variety of colorful performances. Parents were invited. Mr. Sohail Mirza from Switzerland was the chief guest. The students presented traditional dances, Drama, Skits, and sang national songs. Welcome words by the principal were given. Mr. Sohail Mirza delivered a speech on behalf of the SEPP Board president Urs Fischli. Project Manager Mr. Asher Moon Bhatti said thanks to all the people significant for the project and special thanks to the Swiss people. Lunch was provided for the staff and the chief guest.

PARENTS –TEACHERS MEETING

The teachers had given parents educational report of their children. Other matters regarding students were also discussed. There were two formal meetings in a year.

Teachers also organized informal meetings according to the teacher's need. First formal meeting was on 17th of April and second meeting was on 4th December 2009.

The attendance of parents in various classes was as follows:

	Attendance of Parents.	No of students' parents who came on 17 th April 2009	No of students' parents who came on 4 th December
Classes	Total Students		
K.G 1	17	17	17
K.G2	23	23	23
1	22	20	20
2	35	32	32
3	23	24	20
4	29	28	28
5	20	20	20
6	17	14	16
7	28	28	21
8	14	15	14
9	15	14	13
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ACHIEVEMENTS

In_2009_the first badge of SMS students who passed appeared in Lahore on the examination board. It was a group of 11 students, 9 students of this badge are (Frazana, Kiran, Hina, Sulman, Shahid, Ayaz, Raiz, Ijazand, Amjad) who were with us from class K.G. Raiz, Ijaz, Amjad and Ayaz are the students who also did labor after school through out their schooling. They are first in their families who got an education. So we feel very happy and are very proud of our big achievement.

NEWSLETTER

The Urdu Department took the initiative to start the quarterly newsletter “Udaan”. This contains the writing of students, teachers and other activities of the school.

FORMATION OF CRICKET TEAM

Two cricket teams were formed and named ‘**Asher Eleven**’ and ‘**Gill Eleven**’. Friendly matches were played between these two teams.

DEBATES COMPETITION

The Urdu department organized a debate competition for students in 6th to 10th grade. The topic was “A pen has more effect than a sword “. 8 students spoke against it and 8 spoke for it. Ms. Ameena and Ms. Josephine were judges. In the end resolution was passed and prizes and certificates were distributed to the position holders.

POSITION HOLDERS

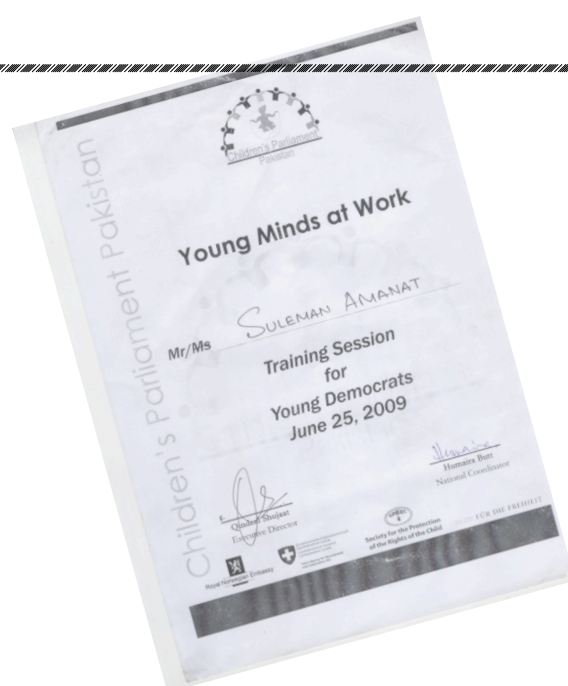
Hina Sadaf	class 9	1st position
Sana Aslam	class 7	2 nd position
Nisha_Asharaf	class 8	3 rd position

The Society for the protection of the rights of the child (SPARC), working in Pakistan exclusively on child related issues since 1992, organized a speech competition on 11th.of December for students of many schools. The topic was “Role of school, society, Government and parents in the for protection of child’s right.” Two students of SMHS Hina Sadaf and Sulman Amanat were nominated to participate. Sulman won the consolations prize.

SPARC handed out various

certificates to our students





CONSTRAINTS

BUILDING

To own only two congested building, many students were refused for admission, as there is only space for 20 children in a class but try our best to adjust 25 to 30 students in it. The building is better suited for a residential place and not for a school, as the noise coming from the classrooms is easily heard and may be so disturbing that students as well as teachers lose their concentration.

LOAD SHEDDING

Continuous load shedding creates problem of light and water.



SUGGESTIONS

- Unless the school has its own building, three rooms should be constructed on the terrace for class K.G and Class 10 for laboratory.
- A generator should be bought to surmount electricity problem.
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LEARNINGS

In 2009 our students appeared in external exams, which reflected our work and gave us the opportunity to see in which area we have to focus more academically.

After discussing the results, we stated the following criteria:

Weaknesses	Reasons	Steps taken to improve
Students were weak in mathematics	In the past we did not have permanent Math teacher.	Two Math teachers were hired. Ms Salvia, Mr. Kelvin. Ms Salvia teaches class 3 to class 7 while Mr. Kelvin teaches class 8 to class 10.
Need to make subject specialist in school.	Every year teacher's timetables are changed due to new teachers and according to teacher's specialty.	Good teachers are hired by giving attractive salaries so they stay in school for a long time .It is decided that timetables will not change every year a teacher will be hired according to the timetable.
Lack of Strategies planning for achieving aims and objectives.		Strategies are planned for year 2010.In, which most staff was involved.

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