

SIR ELLIS KADOORIE SECONDARY SCHOOL (WEST KOWLOON)

PARENTS-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

1. Aims

The Parents-Teachers' Association (PTA) was formed with an aim to:

- promote close liaison between school and home;
- discuss matters of mutual concern in a concerted effort to improve students' welfare and studies.

2. Representatives on the School Management Committee

Two PTA parent-members were representatives on the School Management Committee to help shape school policies and plans.

3. Annual General Meeting

The 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Friday, 24 November 2006 in the School Hall. Four parents (Mrs. Kanakalatha Gopalakrishnan, Mr. Eddy Fok, Mrs. Ann-Marie Parkes and Ms. Suan Thompson) were elected to join the four existing parent-members on the committee. Four executive committee meetings were held in the school year 2006-2007.

4. Activities initiated by the PTA in the school year 2006-2007

Date	Activity	Approximate number of participants	Evaluation
24 November 2006	PTA Donation Drive	Approximately 30 parents made voluntary donations to the PTA	The donation drive raised \$5,160 for the PTA
December 2006-February 2006	PTA Logo Design Competition	1 student	1 st prize awarded: \$250 cash prize
22 December 2006	Dress Casual Day for the PTA	S1-S5 students & teachers	\$4, 878.50 was raised for the PTA

28 April 2007	PTA Outing to Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre <i>(conducted with funding from a \$5,000 Home-School Co-operation Grant and participation fees)</i>	75 parents, students & teachers	Successfully conducted. Participants found the outing good value for money and most felt that it provided an opportunity to enhance home-school cooperation.
May – July 2007	13 th Parents-Also-Appreciate-Teachers' Drive	S1-S4 students & parents	Each parent received three postcards on which to write messages of appreciation to teachers of their choice. Certificates of appreciation were presented to each member of the teaching staff during assembly on 11 July 2007.

Interest Classes

(Conducted by parent volunteers)

Date	Activity	Approximate number of participants	Evaluation
8 March 2007	Friendship bracelets	35 parents & students	Very successful. Good response from participants.
2 April 2007	Chinese cakes	18 parents, students & teachers	Enjoyed by participants.
30 April 2007	Chinese mini egg puffs & waffles	60 students & teachers	Very successful. All participants thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the activity.
4 May 2007	Friendship bracelets	40 parents & students	Very successful. Appreciated by all.
4 May 2007	Chinese and S. E. Asian Food & Drink	70 parents, students & teachers	This activity provided an occasion for participants from all racial groups to sample food and drink from other countries.

			Good response from participants.
10 May 2007	English poetry	6 students	Students enjoyed the session and found it beneficial.
15 May 2007	Author visit	All S1-S3 Chinese classes	Very successful. Students found the author's talk engaging and motivating.
18 May 2007	Indian Cooking	25 parents, students & teachers	Successful and enjoyable. Participants found the end product delicious.
9 July 2007	Flower Arranging	25 parents, students & teachers	Successfully conducted. Enjoyed and appreciated by participants.
<p><u>Promotion of Reading</u></p> <p>(PTA subsidies for prizes, awards and activities; parent volunteers conducted PTA-led reading sessions)</p>			
7 – 20 May 2007	Readathon for the PTA	49 participants from 10 classes	Amount raised: \$1,908 Minutes spent reading: 9,679
11 May 2007	Capoeiera	12 students	Participants found the session interesting and instructive.
18 May 2007	Matching headlines and pictures	12 students	The session aroused student interest and provided them with an opportunity to guess the meanings of new words in context in a non-threatening situation.
15 May 2007	Author Visit	S1-S3 Chinese students	Local author, Ms. Wong Yin-ping delivered an inspiring and engaging talk.
School year 2006-2007	English Extensive Reading Scheme & Reading for Fun Award	S1 – S5 students	\$1,000 subsidy for the purchase of prizes.

May 2007	The Most Widely Read News Competition	S1 – S4 students	56 entries. 8 prizewinners.
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5. Sub-committees

(i) Interest classes sub-committee

The interest classes sub-committee comprising four parents and one teacher convened to draw up a table of activities. With funding from a \$5,000 Home-School Cooperation Grant, the interest classes were all successfully conducted. They were not only enjoyable but also helped to enhance home-school cooperation.

(ii) Lunchbox sub-committee

The lunchbox sub-committee was created to explore ways to improve the lunchbox catering service. Comprising nine parents and teachers, the sub-committee held several meetings and a tasting session (attended by approximately 50 parents, students and teachers) during which the lunchbox caterer, Lunch Republic, for the school year 2007-2008 was selected.

(iii) School uniform sub-committee

The school uniform sub-committee comprised four members who met to determine the new style winter uniform for S1 girls in the school year 2007-2008. Samples were made up and evaluated by the Executive Committee. Feedback was conveyed to the teacher in charge of liaising with the school uniform suppliers. The new winter uniform for girls will be compulsory for all S1 girls in the school year 2007-2008 and optional for all other girls.

6. PTA Newsletter (Issue No. 15)

The PTA published its 15th annual newsletter with funding from a \$3,840 Home-School Co-operation Grant and a \$960 PTA subsidy. Parent and teacher members of the Executive Committee contributed articles for publication. They included Mrs. Gopalakrishnan, Mr. Fung Kam-cheung, Mrs. Patricia Mein Smith and Ms. Suan Thompson.

7. School Management Committee Parent Representative Election, 24 November 2006

For the second time, the PTA successfully conducted the SMC Parent Representative Election. Mrs. Kanakalatha Gopalakrishnan was elected to join the existing parent representative, Mr. Eddy Fok, on the SMC.

8. Parental Involvement in School Functions

(i) Orientation Day, 30 August 2006

The PTA sponsored the purchase of beverages and lunchboxes.

(ii) Parents' Night cum AGM of PTA, 24 November 2006

The PTA sponsored the purchase of refreshments.

(iii) Annual Speech Day, 8 December 2006

The PTA sponsored part of the refreshments.

(iv) Learning Celebrations, 8 March 2007

The PTA sponsored lunchboxes for the student helpers.

PTA parent members prepared dishes of international cuisine, which were served as part of the refreshments.

9. Purchase of Hindi and Urdu Books

The PTA assisted the school with the procurement of Hindi and Urdu books from India and Pakistan.

10. Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

The PTA sponsored 50% of the entry fees of the students who participated in the 58th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival held in November and December 2006.

11. Academically Most Improved Students' Award

The PTA sponsored the Academically Most Improved Students' Award in July 2007. Students who had shown great academic improvement in the Annual Examination 2006-2007 were nominated to receive the award.

12. Subsidies for sports and dance teams

The PTA provided subsidies to fourteen school sports and dance teams to cover travelling expenses and refreshments.

13. Donation of library books

The PTA donated 54 new books to the school library.