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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARENT BUDGET MEETING HELD AT GLENSTANTIA PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2010 AT 19:00

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Mr. H.P.J. Pretorius, the Principal, welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting with a Bible reading and a prayer. He thanked all the Governing Body members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. He then handed the meeting over to Mr. D. Short, Chairman of the Governing Body.

Mr. Short welcomed everyone. He read the notice of the meeting and declared the meeting open. Before the presentation of the Budget, Mr. Short gave a brief overview of the school's financial situation and advised parents where the Governing Body was heading with the spending of the money the parents pay in the form of school fees. He advised that the school received a very small subsidy from the Government – this amount would not even pay one month's expenses. The Governing Body is therefore highly dependent on the school fees. Parents who do not pay their fees are putting the whole budget into jeopardy.

During the past year, a portion of the money raised in the form of school fees was used to:

- replace stolen computers (part of this cost was covered by insurance), and other out-dated computers had to be replaced – this is regarded as essential as computers are used as a tool not only in the education of learners, but also to assist educators do their job more effectively.
- chalkboards are being phased out with projectors and screens in certain phases – the rebate from Makro amounting to R34,275.00 was used for this.
- two photocopiers had to be replaced.
- the boiler room, garage and swimming pool storage room have been converted into OIP (optimizing individual performance) classrooms and the floor in the storage room had to be replaced to make it suitable for use as a classroom.
- an extension to the current computer network was installed, spreading to the After School Centre and the prefabs.
- as a result of a spate of burglaries, we installed razor wire to seal off access routes from adjacent properties.
- the School Communicator was set up – making it much easier for the school and Governing Body to communicate with parents.
- plans for our proposed building additions were drawn up – Mr. Alexander will address this matter in detail later in the evening.
- also as a result of the epidemic of theft and burglaries, our CCTV system was upgraded. This resulted in the apprehension of one culprit and also helps us observe activities on the school property during the day. These cameras are also monitored at an offsite facility.
- we ran out of sport storage space so a new storeroom was erected to store athletic

