

JHCA Canada TSA Team Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2023

Attendees

Kugathan Sarangapani
Raveendra Kandasamy
Buva Thirunavukarasu
Murale Periampillai
Sutharsan Sirinivasan
Wakisan Mathiyaparanam
Sathiyarayanan Saravanapavananthan
Ramesh Navaratnarajah
Sutha Subramaniam

Minutes Prepared by: Sutha Subramaniam

Note:

- As all team members agreed, this meeting minutes was prepared with new & short format.
- Meeting discussion outcomes are given in blue text.
- Discussions were continued with the same sequence as the Agenda.

1. Welcome

TSA chair welcome the team members and started the meeting with recording permission.

2. JHC Principal's Initiative – Support students to stay in hostel & study

Update given by TSA Chair/JHCAC President

- Supporting 7 students
- EC team funding for 3 students, 4 individual sponsors for rest of the 4 students
- Monthly SLR12, 000.00 per students.

- JHC maintains a Google share drive sheet where all donor information are there.
- With the school administration's permission, it will be shared with you all.

3. Potential New Project Update - New York Muthamizh Munettra Manram

Update was given by TSA chair

- Conveyed the special meeting decisions to New York MMM
- They want to do through our operational structure
- Expecting facilitation role from us
- 33 students have been selected from various areas.
- A formal meeting will be scheduled next week (Week of Feb/28)
- All team members are encouraged to join.

4. Progress Updates

a) Students monthly financial support

Update given by TSA Chair

- Currently 170 students get this support
- By the end of Dec/2022, 14 students were suspended or terminated
- Added 15 new students from Jan/2023
- Names list will be shared with all team members.
- Jan & Feb /2023 students payments summary and the signature sheets will be shared in the first week of March/2023

b) Group Students Projects ----- Narayanan & Ramesh

Update given by Narayanan, Ramesh & TSA Chair

- Formed the team
- Had couple of conference calls
- Created WhatsApp groups for each project
- More updates will be given in the next meeting.

c) Newsletter team----- Sutharsan (Arunmozhi) & Murale

Update given by Sutharsan (Arunmozhi), Murale & TSA Chair

- Formed the team
- Shared the topics to be included via WhatsApp group chat
- Team will start working on soon
- Will be initial draft/update in one or two weeks

d) E Kalvi ----- Ramesh

Decisions made

- Need to get a confirmation to restart from Nelson (Kilinochchi Coordinator)
- If continuing this project not possible, need to think about alternative project.
- Any team members can bring new project proposals

e) Mallavi Girls hostel Language Classes – Buva & Prem

Update given by Buva and TSA Chair

- Earlier this project was halted due to Covid issues
- Nowadays connectivity is the big road block
- Also currently more after hours classes are scheduled by the school teachers
- Seems like continuing this project is not practical.
- Better to start another project instead of this, like supporting student to go to skill trade or technical colleges.

f) Special Project: School supplies for upcountry students

Update given by TSA Chair

- One time giving
- Completed
- Wakisan donated the fund, thank you Wakisan's family

5. Open Discussion

a) TSA representative to give updates at EC meeting –

Chair requested to volunteer a team member who is in EC team too and has time. Sutharsan Sirinivasan volunteered and team approved.

b) SLAS & SLES Exams – Preparation class support-

- Request came recently,
- Graduates or employees who have 10 years' experience can apply for this exam.
- Team said looks like a good idea but we need to explore more
- Buva & Narayanan will get more information and share with the team.

c) Team members' status update

- Saba Guru rejoined the team as per TSA Chair's request.
- Prem Premachandra informed that he is leaving from TSA team effective immediately since he is very busy with lots of other commitments and don't have time.
Team extended the sincere gratitude for his long time support for TSA and respected his decision.

d) Workload & time commitment

TSA chair kindly requested all the team members to submit the following information

- Currently how many hours per week spending for TSA volunteer work
- In the future, maximum how many hours per week can spend towards TSA activities

- Who would like to reduce the work load or planning to leave from TSA

Also the chair said, we need this information to evaluate

- Total TSA work load
- Work load distribution amongst the team members
- To ensure where we can fit a new member, if anyone come forward to join TSA
- Recently Mr. Rajan Punniamoorthy contacted us and said he would like join with TSA team and volunteer
- Required information is important to make a decision on adding new members.
- Chair will talk to Mr. Rajan Punniyamoorthy with regards to his request.

e) Kathiraveli Help request

Ramesh asked the request status and explained the details of the request

- Team requested more details and asked to bring the beneficiaries for the meeting
- Talked about the pros and cons of bringing the beneficiaries to the meeting.
- Ramesh and chair said they will gather more information and share with the team
- Decision:
 - 1- After reviewing the full details, get the concept level approval from the team
 - 2- Then bring the beneficiary/coordinator for a meeting with all team members.
 - 3- Take a final decision.

Meeting ended with that discussion.