Preface

I am Mst. Toyesh Jaiswal, the Deputy Environment Minister of the school student council for the academic session 2022-23. It has been almost two months since I am formally elected. I would like to express my campaigning experiences and state about the positive experience.

Since my first learning about the nomination, there has been no turning back. While campaigning I had to deliver a speech on my symbol in every class, this made me nervous. However, I was motivated by the Teacher in-charge Mrs. Nazia Pinto.

With clear goals, guided by the right values. I am going to make any actions great, with values and moral lessons. With that it is my great honor to pay sincere gratitude to the Chairman Sir, Managing Director Madam, Headmistress and all my teachers.

Declaration of Elections

We as students were encouraged to participate in the school council election process whether it be as a candidate or voter. The declaration of the council post for the session 2022-23 was done by the school principal on 7th June 2022. Students form grade 8 onwards were allowed to apply for the portfolio of the school council by submitting his/her name and nomination form to the in-charge teacher.

The criteria to apply for the post of school council were as follows: maintaining academic score of 90% or above, having minimum 75% attendance, reporting to school on time and in proper school uniform, not having any past record of indiscipline, mischief etc.

The students from grade 6 onwards were allowed to vote. The ballot voting process was scheduled on 10th June 2022. The result was announced on 14th June 2022. The Investiture Ceremony for the newly elected school council ministers was scheduled on 18th June 2022.

Invitation of Application

Candidate nomination took place on 6th June 2022. I was asked to fill an application form. The application form required information about my basic details and achievements which were filled and submitted on 7th June 2022. It also required three teachers’ signatures indicating their recommendations for my nomination.

On 8th June 2022, my filled form was collected and I was asked to sign an undertaking to verify the information given. The nomination form included details like my name, grade, date of birth, parents name and my achievements.

After submitting all the information in the nomination form, I wrote an undertaking form stating ‘I hereby declare that the information filled by me is authentic and true to my knowledge. If chosen as a member of the school council, I promise to put in my best effort and abide by the rules and regulations of the school.

School Council Questionnaire

After getting nominated for the post of Environment Minister, I was asked to give a written test which included around 6 Questionnaire.

The following Questions were asked:

1) What quality do you possess which may be useful in the role of a student council member?

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2) What previous experiences do you have which may help you to serve as a member of the student council?

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3) How do you represent your responsibilities, if elected as a part of the student council?

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4) What were the strengths and drawbacks of previous school council? How will you overcome it?

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Campaigning

The part, after nomination was campaigning. The in-charge teacher asked us to choose a symbol that represents the qualities one may have. I chose my symbol as A Vulture, because I wish everyone to help others.

After choosing our symbol we were asked to prepare a speech about it and speak something ourselves in every class. The teachers motivated us a lot. Campaigning was scheduled on 8th and 9th June 2022. Each and every candidate tried their best. I was nervous but also exited.

On 9th June 2022, I went to every class delivering my speech to the students. After going to a few classes I became confident. Each and every candidate tried their best. After the campaigning of all students was done, it was time for voting.

Voting and Declaration of Results

The students from grade 6 onwards were involved in the voting process held on 10th June 2022 in the school premise. Every student as well as teachers were invited to vote. Everyone was asked to put their votes in the ballot box. After everyone was done with voting, the votes were to be counted. After the voting everyone was eagerly waiting for the declaration of the results.

The day of declaration of votes arrived. On 14th June the school council ministers were going to be elected. At the end of the school morning assembly the Headmistress was supposed to announce the results. I was praying for my name to be announced.

I was nervous but at the same time exited. At last, the Headmistress announced the post of Deputy Environment Minister and she took my name, that was a very precious moment and I will remember it forever.

Student Parliament Composition

On 14th June, our school’s Headmistress announced the names of the elected council members and house captains A.Y. 2022-23

The following are the names and designation of the School Student Council:

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of Ryan International School for A.Y. 2022-23 was held with lots of zeal and zest in the special assembly and the ceremony. To help the students feel the responsibilities, all the newly elected council members took an oath to perform the duties with best of the abilities and passion.

The occasion was graced by esteemed Guest Ms. Neha Dubey (Advocate) and Mrs. Zsuzsanna Salda (Social Worker). The Guests appreciated and congratulated us and extended a supporting hand for the students Council for the smooth running of the school.

The Scarf and badges were put by the Guests and the Headmistress, who made the occasion on more memorable. Lastly, the students proposed the vote of thanks and acknowledge the wishes to our Respected Chairman Sir ‘Dr. A.F.Pinto’ and Managing Director Madam ‘Madam Grace Pinto’.