**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2019 AT HARTZELL PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Mlambo .C MOPSE.for P.E.D Manicaland

2. Chiganga.T MOPSE S.I

3. MUDEHWE F MOPSE S.I

4. Munzara M. W MOPSE S.I

6. Makarutse A ST Barbarias Primary Head

7. Mudede E Hartzell central Primary Head

8. Madera P Chikanga Secondary School Head

9. Dzvifu M ST Joseph’s Primary School Head

10. Dhliwayo M Hartzell Primary Deputy Head

11. Gore A Nyamhuka Primary Teacher

12. Refu M Nyanga Primary

13. Chitondwe S Crossdale Primary Nyanga Teacher

14. Mutangadura M Chikanga Primary Teacher

15. Chikodzi G Hartzell Primary Teacher

16. Gwandingwa L Mutare Junior Teacher

17. Matukutu L Mutare Junior Librarian

18. Manase M Katerere Primary Teacher

19. Saruchera E Murahwa Hill Teacher

20. Kapondo E Murahwa Hill Teacher

21. Makina D Zamba Primary Teacher

22. Gahadzikwa G Chikanga Secondary Teacher

23. Samanga T St Mathias High Librarian

24. Maudzwa S Sahumani Secondary Teacher

25. Marimbita W Sahumani Secondary Teacher

26. Danai N Hartzell Primary Central Librarian

27. Mvumi D Nyajezi High Librarian

28. Kuzuwazuwa T MT Selinda High Librarian

29. Muchabveyo P Hartzell Central Primary Teacher

30. Mandeya N ST Columbas High Teacher

31. Mudehwe E Hartzell Central Primary Teacher

32. Katsidzira B Hartzell Central Primary Teacher

33. Murimba G Mt Melleray Primary Teacher

34. Chibvuri T Marist Brothers Librarian

35. Nyamanhindi B Chikanga Secondary Teacher

36. Mbutsa R St Mathias High Teacher

37. Chimuka E St Mathias High Teacher

38. Mutema I Hartzell Central Primary Teacher

39. Masvodza C Hartzell Central Primary Teacher

40. Mandipereka D Munga River Secondary Teacher

41. Charamba N Selborne Primary Teacher

42. Dodzo A Mapako Primary Teacher

43. Shumbayaonda N Premier Estates Primary Teacher

44. Chingosho A Chikanha Primary Teacher

45. Moyo P Chikanga Primary Teacher

46. Muranda A Mutare Boys High Librarian

47. Matema L Mutare Boys High Teacher

48. Mushonga L Hartzell High School Librarian

49. Bwawa S. D Murahwa Hill

50. Dodzo W. Z Kute Primary School

51. Mudede F. S Zamba Primary School T.I.C

52. Beans R Zamba Primary Teacher

53. Katenah R Zamba Primary School Teacher

54. Mubonesi S Zamba Primary School Teacher

55. Tashu A Africa University Archivist

56. Maisiri T Africa University Assistant Archivist

57. Kanombirira T Zamba Primary S.D.C

58. Nyabawa E St Joseph’s Primary Teacher

59. Matangira B St David’s High Teacher

60. Magunha G Nyakatsapa High Teacher

61. Sauramba C Hartzell Prima**ry** Teacher

62.Chibangwa P Mutare Polytechnic (event coordinator)

63.Tizirai B Mutare Polytechnic (assistant event coordinator)

64.Tarambiwa L Mutare Polytechnic (assistant event coordinator

65.Murungu N Mutare Polytechnic (assistant event coordinator)

66.Ndaiziveyi C Mutare Polytechnic (assistant event coordinator)

67.Dliwayo T Mutare Polytechnic Photographer

68.12 Students from Mutare Polytechnic music department

**N.B Total number of participants were 238 including 159 students.**

**AGENDA**

* Arrival and Registration
* National Anthem
* Housekeeping and Introductions
* Welcome Remarks
* Music Interlude
* Speech by Mutare Polytechnic Librarian
* Students Presentations
* Test monies from schools with effective school libraries
* Music Interlude
* Guest of honor speech (P.E.D)
* Response from Participants
* Formation of Consortium
* Vote of thanks

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| **1.Arrival and Registration**  9:30 a.m. Arriving of Guests and Registration by Mrs. Murungu and Mrs. Ndaiziveyi from Mutare Polytechnic | MS Murungu  Mrs. Ndaiziveyi |
| **2.National Anthem**  11:00 a.m. The meeting started with singing of the National Anthem led by Hartzell Primary School teacher followed by a prayer from Nyamhuka School teacher. | Hartzell Primary  Nyamhuka Primary |
| **3.Housekeeping and Introductions.**  The host School Deputy Headmistress Mrs. Dhliwayo gave the welcome remarks and announced the housekeeping issues to the audience and handed over to Mr. Munzara.M MOPSE School Inspector who introduced the guest of honor who was Mrs. C. Mlambo representing the Provincial Education Director Mr. Shumba. Mrs. Dhliwayo who was the master of ceremony gave a flashback on the celebrations of the International School Library month which was held last year at Chancellor Primary School. After the Introductions there was music interlude from Mutare Polytechnic music department. | Mrs. Dhliwayo |
| **4.Speech from Mutare Polytechnic Librarian (event coordinator)**  Mutare Polytechnic Librarian (Mrs. P Chibangwa) gave a flashback on the 2018 International School Library month celebrations which was held at Chancellor Primary School. She took the opportunity to thank all the invited guests for being consistent towards the development of School Libraries to enhance learning and reading culture from an early stage. She also encouraged Schools to choose a time in the month of October to celebrate the importance of School libraries since libraries play a fundamental role in society by offering services that create opportunities for learning, support literacy and education and help shape the new ideas and perspectives that are central to a creative and innovative society.  Attached is the Mutare Polytechnic Librarian’s speech. | Mutare Polytechnic Librarian |
| **5.STUDENTS PRESENTATIONS**  Mr. Chikodzi from Hartrtzell Central Primary introduced the presenters.  A total number of eight schools participated during the event. These were Hartzell Central Primary, Chikanga Primary, Zamba Primary, Mutare Boys High, Hartzell High, Murahwa Primary and St Joseph’s Primary. All the presentations were running under the theme **JUST** **IMAGINE**. However, the theme for the International School Library month for 2019 was **Let’s Imagine**, the host school felt using just imagine would suit the local situations. They decorated the event and put posters inscribed **Just Imagine**.  One of the participants from Hartzell elaborated between the two types of libraries which is paper and paperless libraries. She explains the impact of paperless library as new technology becomes available. She also elaborated how the internet is seen as a major driving force in creating a unified global community. She further explains how the internet ensures the production, distribution and use of digitized information. Most of the presentations were about how libraries enhanced education and literacy and promote reading as recreation.  Participants from Chikanga Primary presented a poem emphasizing on the importance of libraries in promoting reading culture. They also explained how the Zimbabwean literacy has dropped due to the availability of libraries that promote reading habits in children from an early stage. They further explained the importance of being able to read since it helps to expand the mind and develops the imagination.  A Mutare Boys High student in his poem explained the importance of having a consortium in Manicaland since it will go a long way in helping schools to source library resources. | Students |
| **6.Testmonies from schools with effective school libraries**  Mrs Mudehwe a teacher from Hartzell Central Primary School explained how her school had managed to come up with a library. She further explained how the school had managed to improve its pass rate due to the availability of a vibrant school library. Mrs Mudehwe also elaborated how students from her school had managed to become independent information seekers due to constant use of the library.  One librarian from Chipinge Mt Selinda High School explains the importance of having a library at every learning institution. She also explains how the pass rate of a school can be affected by not having a vibrant library. She goes on to suggest the building of one or two schools in the cyclone affected areas of Chimanimani and Chipinge. | Mrs Mudehwe  Chipinge Librarian |
| **7 Guest of Honor Speech**  The guest of honor who was Mrs. Mlambo first appreciated and thanked Mutare Polytechnic for organizing such an event. She welcomed everyone from all the districts. She also explains how librariesaround the world provide a wide range of products and services that promote and enhance educational goals. The guest of honor also explains how libraries fulfill SDGs number four which ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.  She further stressed how information enables people to make informed decisions that can improve their lives. She also takes time to explain the IFLA/UNESCO manifesto that states that the school libraries provide information and ideas that are fundamental to functioning successfully in today’s information and knowledge-based society. She ended up by encouraging schools to build libraries and employ trained staff in order to improve their pass rate. | Mrs. Mlambo |
| **8.Formation of the Manicaland Library Consortium**  The Guest of Honor announced that the formation of the Manicaland School Libraries Consortium was going to be spearheaded by the Provincial Education Directorate District School Inspectors and | Mrs. Chibangwa  District School Inspectors and P.E.D |
| **9.Vote of thanks**  Mr. B. Tizirai librarian Mutare Polytechnic thanked everyone for making the event a success. He also encourages everyone to go back and start a library be it small or big.  The meeting ended at 1.30 p.m. | Mr. B. Tizirai |

**Minuting………………………………………Tarambiwa Linda**

**Event Coordinator……………………………..Chibangwa Pretty**