



The HANDING-OVER of a refurbished Pholela High School

The Central Committee of the Alumni Association would like to take this opportunity to report to Alumni on the event of the KZN Government as arranged by the KZN Department of Education in collaboration with the office of the Premier, for the handing-over of a refurbished Pholela High School on the 8th of October 2021 at the school.

It has to be noted that the Alumni Association was represented by four members of the Central Committee and convenors of the Events and Organising Committee, the Academic Excellence Committee as well as the Fundraising Committee. The Events and Organising Committee had planned to have a meeting on site in preparation for the upcoming AGM.

We were pleased to see Professor Zulu in attendance, and we appreciate his undying commitment and support to the Alumni Association. We are aware that there would have been many more members of the Alumni who may have wished to be present at PI on the day. However, Alumni will have a perfect opportunity to see the new-looking PI on the day of the planned AGM to be held on the 30th of October 2021.

The handing-over event was well attended by all stakeholders that were invited by the Government which include, among others, community leadership, local and district municipal leadership, school principals within the district, etc. The event was also graced by the presence of the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma who also delivered an inspirational speech encouraging society in prioritising education and training in order to equip our country with the necessary depth and breadth of skills.

It is noteworthy that Alumni received a great deal of recognition in terms of its existence as well as its efforts and determination to champion the restoration of Pholela to its former glory. Furthermore, the Government of KZN, through the Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala, recognised the role that Alumni played at various stages culminating in a successful delivery on the construction project.

The RESTORING PHOLELA HIGH SCHOOL TO ITS FORMER GLORY initiative was highlighted in Premier Zikalala's speech as he was quoted saying:

"Today we handover a refurbished Pholela High School to celebrate the attainment of the dream of a few, which through the agency of many, is now set to benefit generations to come.

On the 27th of October 2018, Premier Willies Mchunu addressed the reunion of the former pupils of Pholela High School in Durban under the theme: Restoring Pholela High School to its former glory.



This initiative sought to bring together the collective power and wisdom of the Pholela alumni to drive the process of restoring this institution to its former greatness.

The 2018 reunion was the work of the Pholela Alumni Association headed by Mr Siyabonga Mdubeki and his dedicated committee members, and that of the many stakeholders who came together to the aid of this school. Working together with the provincial government, these key stakeholders – business, the local community, former pupils and the current pupils – today join in the realisation of this dream."

The Premier went further to say:

"We are grateful to uMacingwane and members of the Pholela Alumni Association who were deeply troubled when they witnessed the deterioration of the once glorious Pholela High School.

We applaud the Pholela Alumni Association for their sterling job of facilitating the return of Pholela to its former glory and dignity."



Lastly, it is also noteworthy that the MEC for Education, Mr Kwazi Mshengu, expressed his appreciation of the positive impact of the existence of the Alumni Association as well as the plough back determination demonstrated by Alumni towards Pholela High School.

THE SCHOOL WAS OFFICIALLY RE-OPENED ON THE 8TH OCTOBER 2021!



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