

### **17 Parents attend PTA meeting**

Only 17 of the parents of the 750 students of St John's Grammar School showed up for the Parents Teachers Association meeting initiated by the SJOBA's Academic Excellence Committee.

A report by the committee adduced the low attendance to the fact that most of them are grandparents of parents involved in illicit matters or jobless.

Worried by the poor attendance, the meeting decided that the absentee parents be served letters warning that it shall no longer be business as usual and students whose parents miss PTA meetings will be punished.

Other observations of the committee include:

- There is complete breakdown of discipline in the school
- Admission and promotion of students are regulated by the government without any input by the school authorities
- 25 percent is the pass mark for examinations thus encouraging mass promotion of unqualified students;
- Trading by students sponsoring themselves is distracting other students
- Most of the prefects are weak.