Speaking at the opening of the meeting, Education Minister Misir Mardanov touched upon issues done by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in recent years to improve the education and create an effective liaison between parents and teachers. Noting the main goal of the organization is to build close collaboration and good communication between parents and teachers, the Minister highly praised the events held by the organization in the mentioned direction. He highlighted the important duties laid upon this organization to build a civil society in Azerbaijan, improve the quality of education and authority of school.

Moreover, Education Minister stressed the importance of organizing the PTA activity more effectively and underlined the appropriateness to study in this regard the practice of other countries. He underscored the strengthening and expanding of PTA activities as one of the important issues, as well as importance of strengthening the propaganda work. The Minister said that the necessary support will be given to the organization and gave his recommendations on some current issues.

Executive Director of Azerbaijan Parent Teacher Association Tarana Sharifova thanked the Minister for holding the meeting and his support. According to her, the number of members of PTA has risen and in the current year, about 100 secondary schools and preschool education institutions of Baku have applied to PTA in this regard. Speaking about the positive results of parental involvement in the centrally conducted final examinations, T. Sharifova also gave information on projects that PTA is taking part and measures implemented by the organization.

Moreover, T. Sharifova initiated the creation of affiliates of the PTA, development of mechanism to increase the sense of responsibility of parents, organization of Azerbaijan Teachers House for teachers to organize their communication and exchange of practical experience, etc. She also talked on some problems and difficulties faced by their organization.

National PTA board members - director of secondary school No. 46 of Baku Sevinj Budagova, director of educational complex No. 132 – 134 Sara Khanlarova, director of

Environmental Lyceum “Araz” No.291 Sudaba Mikayilova, director of the full secondary school No.18 of Baku Vagif Huseynov, director of XXI Century International Education and Innovation Center Vafa Mammadova, deputy director of the Kindergarten - school-lyceum complex of Baku Kamala Badalova, parent of school-lyceum No.20 of Baku Rafig Ramazanov, and director of full secondary school No.152 of Baku Gulara Verdiyeva in their speech put forward proposals for a more efficient organization of liaison between parents, teachers and schools, to enlighten parents, enhance the authority of teachers in society, etc.

In conclusion, there were made decisions on the activity of press body of the PTA, as well as to strengthen propaganda work and liaison between parents, teachers and schools to inform the society on works implemented in the relevant direction.