

Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council Thursday 19 November 2015

Present: Simon Wong, Catriona Tuimaka, Jason Edwards, Jennifer Ho, Kitty Cheng, Margaret Burnett-Hinch, Mark Beach, Paul McMaster, Stephen Peaker, Vivian Cheung

Apologies: Pat Romano

1. Finance and Property Sub-committee

The P&L accounts to 31 August were approved.

iPad purchase

A decision was made to purchase further iPads for Y1 and Y2, taking the ratio to 1:2 in that area. iPads are thought to be better suited for the type of learning happening in the junior classes. This will provide more laptops in the classrooms for the senior primary section (Y3, Y4, Y5). The total cost of the purchase is \$367,488.

2. Student Wellbeing Sub-committee

MYP Results

The 2015 MYP results are above world average in all but 2 subjects. 2 students achieved the full 49 points.

Secondary Wellbeing programme

It is now mapped from Y7-13 and involves all staff, including Learning Advisers, Deans, LDT (Learning Diversity Team), Student Counsellor and HK social worker.

3. Staff Wellbeing Sub-committee

The sub-committee asked Chris Barr (Head of Primary) to share his reflections on his first six months in the position.

James Smith has been appointed as our new Head of Secondary and will be starting at DC on Tuesday 3 May 2016. James is joining DC from a VP position at ESF KGV School.

Tracey and Evonne (Secondary Student Counsellor) started the journey towards the school becoming a Positive Psychology school by undertaking the Diploma of Positive Psychology and Wellbeing, as well as helping to lead a number of school-wide staff meetings. That concept has changed to aspiring to be a flourishing school community under the theme of positive psychology.

4. Principal's Report

MYP Evaluation

The 5-yearly MYP Evaluation took place over 9-11 November. The Evaluation Team are not allowed to let the school know what Commendations, Recommendations or Matters to be Addressed are included in their report, however, from the verbal feedback they gave us on departure, it is believed that DC will have a strong report with some commendations and recommendations. The official report has to go to the IB Office in Singapore to be ratified and is expected to arrive after Christmas.

School Council Member

Paul McMaster was elected as our new Parent Rep to replace Frederic Guiral.

2016-17 DC Draft Terms & Holidays

The DC School Council approved the Terms and Holidays for the 2016-17 academic year. The calendar will remain 'draft' until the gazetting of the general holiday dates for 2017 by the HK Government, which will take place in April/May 2016.

5. Any Other Business

The Principal expressed appreciation and thanks to Simon Wong (School Council Chair) and Maggie Hinch (School Council Parent Rep) for their role on the final interview panel for the Head of Secondary.