



Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Present: Simon Wong, Belinda Greer, James Smith, Kris Stanhope, Mamta Mukherjee, Andrew Miller, Chris Geary, Susie Morley, Pushkar Sane, Jennifer Ho, Kevin Rydeard

In attendance: Pat Romano (DC Business Manager), Monica Ling (PA to Principal), Vivian Cheung (ESF CFO), Anne Chan (ESF Senior Executive - Financial Control)

Apologies: Kitty Cheng

1. Update from ESF

ESF has been working closely with the DC Principal and other ESF Principals during the class suspension since Chinese New Year to ensure the continuity of student learning. The focus is not just about learning, but also about learning intentions and the outcome of learning.

2. Finance and Property sub-committee

The full year P&L accounts as at 31 January 2020 were approved.

A number of major property projects including the swimming pool plant upgrade and canopy repair will take place over the summer.

The 2020-21 budget was approved. The School Council has worked closely with ESF in order to utilize the Scholarship Fund in order to keep a zero percent fee increase for the 2020-21 academic year. The college is predicted to achieve another balanced budget for next year.

3. Student Wellbeing sub-committee

Impacted by the class suspension due to the ongoing political unrest and the Covid-19 outbreak after Chinese New Year, student participation data shows a decrease in participation.

Teachers are doing their very best to support and motivate the students in different ways. James Smith is in constant contact with parents and sharing their feedback with teachers.

In recent International Schools Assessment (ISA) testing, overall DC students scored at the mean or above the mean of the ISA standard.

4. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

Teachers Recruitment for 2020-21 is completed with all teaching positions filled.

At the subcommittee meeting, Chris Barr (Head of Primary) and Mark Poulsum (Head of Secondary) presented an update on staffing initiatives.

5. Principal's Report

The college has been planning across a range of scenarios responding to government announcements related to Covid-19.

A variety of forms of support are being provided to students, especially to the Y13 cohort who will take IBDP exams this year.

The School Council ratified the proposed amendments to the Language Policy.

AOB - None.