



Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council

Tuesday 15 September 2020

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

In attendance: Henry Wong (School Council Chair Designate), Mark Poulsum (Head of Secondary), Pat Romano (DC Business Manager), Brian McCann (DP Coordinator/VP), Marisa Jackson (Higher Education Counselor), Susie Blomfield (Higher Education Counselor), Monica Ling (PA to Principal)

Apologies: Kitty Cheng, Jennifer Ho

The meeting commenced with Brian McCann presenting a detailed breakdown of the 2020 IBDP results. Two students achieved a perfect score of 45 points. The mean point score of 35.7 is the highest result DC has ever achieved. All 4 students entering the IB Career-related Programme were successful. The cancellation of exams for May 2020, and the resulting grading process announced initially by the IBO, sparked an outcry worldwide. DC has been working very closely with ESF to raise our concerns with the IBO. The IBO has altered its grading practices over the summer, which helped to address a number of issues. In addition, an appeal request for grade review for the cohort was made by DC and aspects of this have now been successful, which has been of benefit to a number of students. Marisa Jackson and Susie Blomfield outlined the final university placements for DC students. University offers included those from prestigious universities in the UK and USA. There is an increase in interest in interdisciplinary degrees.

1. Finance and Property sub-committee

The full year P&L accounts as at 30 June 2020 were approved.

The School Council approved the purchase of a filtration system which can be incorporated into the existing air con upgrade to help ensure air quality.

The School Council also approved the Finance Operating Manual and the Finance Policy on School Trips/Activities.

2. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

The subcommittee approved the recruitment process for 2020-21. DC will participate in the Search Associates online fairs.

3. Principal's Report

The School Council ratified the Policy Control Statement which has been drafted to formalised the approach DC takes to developing and reviewing policies on an ongoing basis.

The School Council also ratified the Language Policy, the Emergency Evacuation Policy & Procedures, Emergency Lockdown Procedures and Hot Weather Procedures, all of which have been reviewed recently as part of an ongoing cycle of policy renewal.

James Smith thanked Simon Wong, Kitty Cheng and Jennifer Ho who have finished their second term of the Council for their committed service over the past 6 years, and welcomed Henry Wong who will succeed Simon Wong as School Council Chair from November.

4. Any Other Business

None