

Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council Tuesday 14 September 2021

Present: Belinda Greer, James Smith, Kris Stanhope, Mamta Mukherjee, Uschi Mirus, Chris Geary, Susie Morley, Karen Kwan, Pushkar Sane, Kevin Rydeard

In attendance: Mark Poulsum (Head of Secondary), Alice Cheng (Business Manager), Brian McCann (DP Coordinator/VP), Marisa Jackson (Higher Education Counselor), Karen Shum (PA to Principal)

Apologies: Henry Wong, Eric Lee

The meeting commenced with Brian McCann presenting a detailed breakdown of the 2021 IBDP results. Two students achieved a perfect score of 45 points. The mean point score of 36 is the highest result DC has ever achieved. Over 25% of students received 40 points or above. New approaches have been looked at to further enhance the overall performance. Marisa Jackson outlined the final university placements for DC students. The UK remains the students' top choice of higher education destination with a huge increase in popularity in Europe and Hong Kong. Students have chosen a wide range of majors, with particular growth in courses relating to certain professions.

1. Finance and Property sub-committee

The P&L accounts as at 31 July 2021 were approved.

All scheduled campus maintenance works were completed over summer, with a Sand and Water Playground project to be commenced over the mid-term break

The School Council also approved the Finance Operating Manual and DC Fundraising Protocol.

2. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

All new teachers are settling well at DC under the coordination of ESF and the induction arrangements at DC.

The subcommittee approved the recruitment strategy for 2021-22.

James Smith has presented an update on developments in leadership at DC and CPD plans for 2021-22. These initiatives allow the College to deliver on the 5 DC Outcomes more effectively and ensure professional learning happens effectively and coherently on a College-wide basis.

3. Principal's Report

Student enrollment is slightly over the budgeted target.

The high vaccination rate of our staff and stringent Health & Safety measures in place put DC in a strong position to continue full-day on-campus learning for all students and to allow for limited co-curricular provision.

Three strategic objectives have been established to be the focus of improvement in 2021-22. Working groups have been formed to lead improvement in the areas of "Chinese", "Feedback" and "Wellbeing".

4. Any Other Business

None.