



Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council Tuesday 6 February 2018

Present: Kitty Cheng, Jennifer Ho, David Whalley, Mark Beach, Amy Freed, Jason Edwards, Maggie Hinch, Kevin Rydeard, Paul McMaster

In attendance: Pat Romano (DC Business Manager), Monica Ling (PA to Principal)

Apologies: Simon Wong, Maggie Hinch, Chris Geary

1. Finance and Property sub-committee

The P&L accounts to 30 November 2017 were approved. The College remains in a strong financial position for the current academic year with a net surplus higher than forecast. This is due to our continued high student enrolment numbers.

The School Council approved the updated Emergency Evacuation Policy and Procedures. Emergency Evacuation signs are now in the process of being revised.

Moulsecoomb Engineering has been appointed to conduct a feasibility study into the College's air conditioners and chillers. The study will check the efficiency of the current systems and investigate what replacements are required.

2. Student Wellbeing sub-committee

The sub-committee reported that the DC CE/CAS programme will continue to explore different options to raise the level of engagement from students, parents and teachers.

The sub-committee will review the Terms of Reference and discuss how to measure the effectiveness of the DC Vision Statement (Guiding Statements) as per the Evaluation Timeline at the next meeting.

3. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

Teacher recruitment – the lowest ever teacher turnover with just 6 new teachers starting in August 2018. All teaching positions are now filled through recruitment and internal promotions.

The feedback from teachers who completed 2016-17 ESF Exit Survey was extremely positive, with teachers appreciative of the school and of ESF.

The sub-committee decided to evaluate the effectiveness of CPD based against Grow. Discover. Dream., by looking at longitudinal data of CPD and the effect on student achievement.

4. Principal's Report

Enrollment numbers for 2017-18 remain well above our predicted roll.

The revised Guiding Statement Evaluation Timeline was approved. It now includes the impact of property improvements on students in November and student participation data in April.

With the confirmation of the ESF-wide CPD Day and DC CPD Days, the 2018-19 Calendar has been updated. The revised version was approved by the School Council, although it makes no substantial difference to the one already published to the DC community. The final version will be announced after a decision is made regarding The Buddha's Birthday.