

Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council Thursday 8 June 2017

Present: Kitty Cheng, Amy Freed, Catriona Tuimaka, Chris Geary, Jason Edwards, Jennifer Ho,

Maggie Hinch, Mark Beach, Paul McMaster, Vivian Cheung

In attendance: Helen Van Nunen (PA to the Principal)

Apologies: Simon Wong, Susie Morley, Pat Romano (DC Business Manager)

1. Reflective Statement - Student Council Students

Nicole Woo (Y11) and Jueun Kang (Y10), two Student Council reps, gave a presentation of the Student CIS Reflective Statement to the Council Members. Appreciation was expressed to the 2 students. They were very articulate and SC members were very impressed with the way they related the information to them regarding the Guiding Statements.

2. Finance and Property sub-committee

The P&L accounts to 31 March 2017 were approved.

The Finance & Property sub-committee approved the following:

- The purchase of 30 MacBook Air laptops costing \$315,750 from Senco Masslink
- The purchase of Casper software costing \$136,520 from Senco Masslink
- The appointment of Highjump Photography for DC photographic services for the next three years from August 2017-2020

NB: Senco Masslink is the sole HK supplier of Apple products and related software

3. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

Teacher recruitment for 2017-18 is complete with all positions now filled.

Each year the School Council Staff Wellbeing sub-committee put together a welcome bag for each new teacher joining DC. Jennifer and Tom, the owners/DC family of Mendoza Bags, have very kindly donated a backpack for every new teacher each year, which we fill with goodies. The bags are usually assembled towards the end of June.

The School Council approves the appointment of a Science Lab Assistant, commencing August 2017, to be paid for from the 2015-16 accumulated surplus in the Scholarship Fund.

4. Principal's Report

School Sponsoring Body Service Agreement (SSB)

EDB has confirmed the renewal of our new SSB for 5 years from 30 May 2016 to 30 May 2021. EDB would expect us to try our best to achieve the target of 70% of students being HK Permanent Residents.

The School Council approved the revised Language Policy and the Post-60 extension of employment for one support staff.

The CIS Reflective Statements from the Principal, Students, Staff and Parents were presented. Maggie Hinch led a discussion over finalizing the School Council's statement, and will present a final draft to the members for approval.

5. Any Other Business

The School Council expressed its thanks to Catriona Tuimaka for her contributions to the School Council over 6 years as Teacher Rep. Nicole Woo (Y11) and Jueun Kang (Y10) presented a student art piece to Catriona on behalf of the school for her dedicated service to the School Council.