

**Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council
Thursday 9 May 2013**

Present: Charles Wong, Ernest Lin, Marcello De Guisa, Vivian Cheung, Kimberly Whiley, Frederic Guiral, Pat Romano, Robert Chaytor, Mark Beach

Apologies: Elspeth Shaw, Catriona Tuimaka, Alfred Wong

1. ESF Board Report of 19 March 2013

The process for the appointment of a new CEO to replace Heather du Quesnay is underway, with a number of candidates shortlisted for interviews in HK in mid-May.

2. Finance & Property

The School Council approved the Profit & Loss accounts to 31 July, noting that there has been a significant shortfall in income for the 2012-13 year due to the lack of Nomination Rights sales and the loss of income from the NBL being approved from April 2013 (instead of September 2012).

The costs and providers for the various No Boundaries Trips in November 2013 were approved.

Li Ling was approved as the contractor to complete the work on the DC Wellness Centre.

3. Personnel & Staffing

Approval was given to the sub-committee to provide a welcome basket for all new DC teachers starting at the end of July 2013.

A letter will be sent to the ESL HR Director, requesting that consideration be given to allow the School Council to offer one-off, 1-year contracts to senior staff at DC should the College find itself with several of the leadership team leaving at the same time.

The remaining three scholarship funded positions for 2013-14 were approved (LDT EAs and Wellness Coordinator).

4. Student Welfare & Learning

The sub-committee, by June 2013 meeting, will draft a statement around student welfare for consideration for inclusion in teacher job descriptions.

5. Principal's Report

Preparation for the CIS/WASC accreditation visit in October/November is well underway. M Beach asked the School Council to be prepared to block out a period of time (to be determined) to be present at the College to meet with the visiting team.

Peter Lasscock (Deputy Head of College) will be seconded on a 0.5 basis by ESF to lead a review of the ESF IT systems. The review will be from November 2013 to June 2014.

6. DC Finances

A long discussion was held regarding the DC financial situation, including feedback from the parent meetings held to date. The School Council discussed the various measures suggested with regards to minimizing the effect of the cost increases, and reiterated their stance that the ability to lengthen the DOA (requested by the School Council in 2011 and again last year) and utilise some of the scholarship funds would have the most significant effect.

A variety of financial models must be considered, including the ideas above. The School Council asked that ESL also look at the implications of fixed and floating interest rates.

Vivian to take the School Council's thoughts back to the ESL Directors.