

**Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council
Thursday 24 September 2015**

Present: Simon Wong, Catriona Tuimaka, Frederic Guiral, Kitty Cheng, Margaret Burnett-Hinch, Mark Beach, Pat Romano, Stephen Peaker, Chris Durbin

Apologies: Jason Edwards, Jennifer Ho, Vivian Cheung

Invited attendees: Andy Kai Fong, Susie Blomfield, Brian McCann

1. 2015 Diploma Results and University Placements

Brian McCann (Diploma Coordinator/VP) presented a detailed breakdown of the 2015 Diploma results. The DC grade average for the IB Diploma exceeded the predicted score, with the increase from 2014 (32.0) to 2015 (33.9) being double that of ESF schools in their first two years of the Diploma.

Susie Blomfield (Higher Education Counsellor) outlined the final university offers to DC students. Every graduating student now has a university placement confirmed, with almost 100% of them getting either their first or second choice.

The Council expressed their appreciation to the HEC team for organising the University Fair at Discovery College on 23 September.

2. Head of Secondary

The Council members congratulated Andy Kai Fong on his recent appointment. Andy has been appointed as the establishment principal of a new K-12 school opening in NZ in January 2017.

3. Finance and Property Sub-committee

The Foreshore – The whole area is complete. The shade cloth, drinking fountains are installed and working correctly. Shade trees all planted and staked.

The P&L accounts to 31 July were approved.

4. Student Wellbeing Sub-committee

Student Counselling – Evonne Drakousis (Student Counsellor) spoke about DC's focus on Positive Psychology. The targets in our annual plan, what's been achieved so far and our aspirations going forward. Wellbeing – positive psychology - is a specific school target. Two Student Counsellors are funded through the scholarship programme – Tracey Chitty in Primary and Evonne Drakousis in secondary. There is also one government paid Social Worker.

5. Staff Wellbeing Sub-committee

New Teacher Transition – Chris and Andy have met with new teachers to gather feedback on things that worked well/could be improved not only from ESF but also DC. New staff have reported feeling very well supported and welcomed into the College. They thoroughly appreciated the welcome packs and the Mendoza Bags, and again found The Auberge an excellent place to stay on arrival.

Head of Secondary Appointment – Andy Kai Fong has resigned after 8 years in the role of Head of Secondary. The following recruitment process was approved by the Council.

28 August	Position advertised
20 September	Closing date for applications
23 September	Long listing completed
29-10 September	Shortlisting interviews (Skype)
2-3 November	Final appointment process (DC)

6. Principal's Report

School Council Members

- Community Rep – Alfred Wong was in the role for 6 years with his final term coming to an end in August 2015, which is normally approved by ESF based on a recommendation from the Chair. Council members were asked to let the Principal know of any possible candidates for the position.
- Parent Rep – Paul McMaster will be the new Parent Representative on the DC School Council. There is no need for an election.
- The Council expressed their appreciation to Frederic Guiral for his support of the Council over the past 3 years and acknowledged that his contributions and dedication to the Council will be greatly missed. Frederic will continue to support the school on the Communications Working Group.

IB World Magazine – Susan Park, a Y12 Diploma and Art Scholarship student, won a global competition to design the cover of this month's IB World Magazine.

7. Any Other Business

Principal's Contract is up for renewal in August 2016. The School Council approved a recommendation to the ESF Board that the Principal be offered a renewal of contract. This is subject to approval at the next ESF Board Meeting.