



Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council Tuesday 29 January 2019

Present: Simon Wong, Susie Morley, Jennifer Ho, Stewart Redden, Mark Beach, Amy Freed, Jason Edwards, Kevin Rydeard, Pushkar Sane

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

Apologies: Chris Geary, Maggie Hinch, Kitty Cheng

The meeting commenced with the Council welcoming Pushkar Sane, the new parent representative.

1. Finance and Property sub-committee

The P&L accounts as at 31 October 2018 were approved.

2. Student Wellbeing sub-committee

The school is reshaping No Boundaries for next year, aiming to develop longer-term sustainable relationships with communities and stronger connections with the project, e.g. offering students the opportunity to re-visit the same community.

3. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

Teacher recruitment – this year sees the equal lowest teacher turnover since the school opened in 2008. All teaching positions except LDT teacher are now filled through recruitment and internal promotions.

This year, professional learning opportunities in Primary have been intentionally planned to impact student learning outcomes. Likewise, Secondary CPD is focused on visible learning and visible wellbeing.

4. Principal's Report

Enrollment numbers for 2018-19 are slightly down on our budget figures but Y1 enrolment numbers for 2019-20 have been strong. The DB Marina closure has had some impact on the roll.

ESF approved our 2019-20 school calendar, with all students commencing on Monday 12 August 2019.

The School Council appointed Simon Wong (Chairman), Maggie Hinch (Parent Rep) and Jason Edward (Staff Rep) to sit on the Principal interview panel. Susie Morley will be the back-up.

The school received the final report from CIS/WASC. The results were very positive and impressive. The Visiting Team raised the school's rating from Met to Exceeded to 10 of the standards, 5 of which were in the Governance & Leadership Domain.

5. Any Other Business

The 5th annual alumni dinner was held in London on 26 January 2019 with 40 ex-DC students attending.

KGV and DC will be the first ESF schools to launch an online alumni network platform called "Graduate". This will be rolled out before Easter, and will connect DC alumni and give them access to the full ESF alumni network.