



## **Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council Tuesday 11 June 2019**

**Present:** Simon Wong, Maggie Hinch, Stewart Redden, Mark Beach, Amy Freed, Kevin Rydeard, Pushkar Sane, Chris Geary, Kitty Cheng, Jennifer Ho, Jason Edwards,

**In attendance:** Pat Romano (DC Business Manager), Monica Ling (PA to Principal), Chris Barr (Head of Primary)

**Apologies:** Susie Morley

As part of the School Council annual evaluation of the DC Guiding Statements, the meeting commenced with six students: 2 primary (Talia Kiprotich and Kalen Forrester) and 4 secondary (Ginu Yang, Ruby McMaster, Alisa Lam and Richie Takasumi) who presented their experiences across the four major targets in the 2018-19 Annual Plan (Student Agency, Wellbeing, CP and College Vision).

The School Council appreciated this student voice as well as the opportunity for a question and answer session at the end.

### **1. Finance and Property sub-committee**

The P&L accounts as at 31 March 2019 were approved.

The School Council approved Option 2 of the swimming pool plant room feasibility study which requires only partial replacement, and suspension of the swimming pool for 2 weeks.

ISS cleaning tender, Guardforce security tender, LG Swimming Pool Services for the pool and lifeguard services tender were all approved for renewal from 2019 to 2024.

The School Council also approved the purchase of 65 new MacBook Air laptops to the value of \$795,275 as part of Discovery College's technology programme and 3-year ICT replacement plan.

### **2. Student Wellbeing sub-committee**

There are currently 440 DC alumni. The two alumni reunion events this year, DC Alumni Facebook group and ESF Connect create opportunities for the alumni to stay connected, and to reach out to other ESF alumni. A HK Alumni Breakfast was held on 12 June.

### **3. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee**

Teacher recruitment – all teaching positions have been filled except Head of Secondary. Welcome bags for new teachers arriving in August are being sorted.

### **4. Principal's Report**

Enrollment numbers for 2018-19 are slightly down on our budget figures but with slight improvement from April.

ESF CEO Belinda Greer will replace Stewart Redden as the CEO representative on the DC School Council in 2019-20. Elections for two Parent Rep and two Staff Rep positions on the School Council will be held in September/October 2019.

The School Council approved the meeting dates for the 2019-20 academic year.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Mark Beach expressed his sincere thanks to the School Council for their support. Simon Wong also thanked Mark Beach for his dedication and contribution as he will always be highly regarded as DC founding Principal.