



Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council

Tuesday 2 November 2021

Present: Belinda Greer, James Smith, Kris Stanhope, Mamta Mukherjee, Uschi Mirus, Chris Geary, Kevin Rydeard

In attendance: Alice Cheng (Business Manager), Karen Shum (PA to Principal)

Apologies: Eric Lee, Susie Morley, Karen Kwan, Pushkar Sane

1. Finance and Property sub-committee

The P&L accounts as at 31 August 2021 were approved.

The scheduled work for the sand and water playground will be postponed to Christmas break, with recent typhoons affecting the planned construction period.

Further work will be undertaken on railings throughout the College in order to enhance safety.

2. Student Wellbeing sub-committee

An update was presented on the College's ongoing work of Visible Wellbeing, in partnership with Professor Lea Waters of the University of Melbourne.

As part of reflections on recent Secondary timetable reform, students and teachers in general expressed positive feedback; the reform is having a positive impact on teaching and learning.

James Smith shared a brief update on the development of a Supporting Transgender Students Policy, which aims to help the College support students who are transgender and support the College's approach to inclusion.

3. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

Recruitment is underway to ensure that the College is fully staffed ahead of August 2022.

Alongside reforms to senior leadership involving a greater emphasis on 'vertical' responsibilities, middle leadership reforms are also being introduced along the same lines.

Feedback points were sought to help improve and develop the new teacher induction process in future years. There are some areas for enhancement that build on what we have already done well.

4. Principal's Report

Student enrollment is stable and slightly over the budgeted target for this month.

A leadership model based on the 'horizontal plus vertical' concept is being introduced with the intention to create a more coherent, aligned and continuously-improving student experience. Colleagues in senior leadership will be taking on new responsibilities across the whole College from August 2022.

The School Council expressed sincere gratitude to Chris Geary for all his hard work and dedication to Discovery College for the past six years following his second term coming to an end.



5. Any Other Business

None.