

Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council
Thursday 4 June 2015

Present: Simon Wong, Alfred Wong, Catriona Tuimaka, Jason Edwards, Jennifer Ho, Kitty Cheng, Margaret Burnett-Hinch, Mark Beach, Pat Romano, Stephen Peaker Vivian Cheung

Apologies: Frederic Guiral

1. Finance & Property
50-year Maintenance Plan

EC Harris presented the final report of the 50-Year Capex Plan to the Council members with the following points discussed:

- The standard inflation rate used for the model followed the Tender Price Index. The model used an inflation of 5% per annum over the 50-year period
- When comparing same assumptions, the ES Harris report shows a \$2M shortfall per annum against the ESF report, which is within our current financial projections
- The School Council and ESL will need to review the NBL for 2016-17 to take into account the costs and inflation going forward
- A large proportion of on-going costs will relate to scaffold access and decoration and maintenance of the complex roof system
- Several build defects could be pursued through company material warranties
- The EC Harris report will be sent to ESF for comment

Summer works 2015

Resurfacing of the lower ground floor play area will be carried out over the summer, with preliminary work happening from early June. The EPDM surface has reached the end of its useable lifespan.

2. Staff Wellbeing Sub-committee Report

We have 14 new teachers joining us at the beginning of the next school year. Of the 13 confirmed appointments:

- 7 are arriving from overseas
- 6 are already based in HK
- 3 of the new teachers have children, and all of the children are current DC students
- Of the HK based teachers, 4 are either working or have worked at DC previously in other roles or as supply teachers
- All overseas teachers have been matched with a buddy to assist with their transition to HK and DC
- All of the others have been matched with a buddy to support their move to DC
- The overseas teachers are all arriving into HK between the 20-26 July

3. Principal's Report
Y13 Graduation

Our senior students completed their Diploma exams on Friday 22 May, and had their formal graduation on Wednesday 3 June. This was a wonderful occasion and the theatre was packed with family, staff and supporters. A further social and dinner is planned for Friday 5 June.

Foreshore Development

The Foreshore was handed over the school on Tuesday 19 May, with all elements completed apart from the shade cloth, storage shed and some minor finishing touches.

A low-key opening of the Foreshore was held on Wednesday 20 May. This involved the staff and students and a few parents who took the opportunity to be present. The purpose of the opening was to celebrate the completion of the project and the first day of use. With the foreshore opening, there are already many requests for both internal DC and external bookings, including over weekends.

Update to 2015-16 Terms & Holidays

The HK Government is proposing to designate September 3, 2015 (Thursday) on a one-off basis as a special holiday to facilitate community participation in various commemorative activities to mark the 70th anniversary day of the victory of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression.

The Bill will be published in the Gazette on May 22 and introduced into the LegCo on May 27. As our terms and holidays for next year have all been approved and published, ESF is still waiting to hear what the impact on this additional public holiday will be on our requirement to be open for instruction for 185 days.