



## **Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council**

**Monday 16 September 2024**

**Present:** Vivian Cheung, James Smith, Jess Worringham, Jonathan Simpson, Pushkar Sane, Ying Huang, Victor Ma (Deputizing Chair)

**In attendance:** Alice Cheng (Business Manager), Karen Shum (PA to Principal), Will Hurtado (DP Coordinator), Susie Blomfield (Higher Education Counselor), Jonny Tate (Interim Head of Secondary), Kellie Berry (Interim Director of Curriculum)

**Apologies:** Henry Wong, Mamta Mukherjee, Livia Tang, Eric Lee

### **1. 2024 IBDP Results and University Placements**

The DP Coordinator presented a detailed breakdown of the 2024 IBDP results. One student achieved a perfect score of 45 points. The DC performance is much higher than the worldwide figures in all respects. The mean point score is 35. The current approach to data-driven, targeted intervention and academic mentoring will be continued with an additional focus on enhancing assessment practices and the subject selection process. The Higher Education Counselor outlined the final university placements for DC students. The UK remains the students' top choice of higher education destination with an increase in the popularity of universities in Hong Kong and Continental Europe. Students have chosen a wide range of majors, with continuous growth in courses relating to certain professions. Top universities remain very competitive in the UK, US and Hong Kong. Congratulations to all 2024 graduates.

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

The P&L accounts as at 31 July 2024 were approved.

The School Council approved the appointments of the following service providers.

- Col Sim Photography for the 2024-27 DC Photographic Service
- Higher Ground for DC 2024-25 No Boundaries Local Camps
- Guardforce for DC 2024-27 Security Services
- ISS Environmental Services (HK) Ltd. for the 2024-27 Cleaning and Pest Control Services
- LG Swimming Pool Service Co. Ltd. for the 2024-27 Maintenance and Lifeguard Services of the Swimming Pool
- Contract extension (1 year) with Kukri for DC Cobras Sport Kit
- 4HK for the 2024-25 Marketing Services
- Eagle Trend Limited as the tender consultant for Canopy Strategic Review

The following policies were reviewed and updated with the School Council's approval.

- Finance Operating Manual
- Finance Policy on School Trips/Activities
- Fundraising Procedures

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

Based on the positive feedback last year, the new staff induction adopted a similar process that assists new teachers with seamless onboarding experiences.

Many professional development (PD) opportunities are planned for this year around curriculum, teaching & learning.

The new approach to the resignation requirements at ESF schools requires earlier resignation



notifications from teaching staff effective this academic year.

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

Admissions figures are strong and signal a good start to the school year.

Jess Worringham joins the School Council as the new teacher representative.

The recent Open Day was a great success with record participation. More admissions-related activities are planned to promote the college to the wider community.

The Strategic Objectives for 2024-25 prioritise Chinese and Curriculum, allowing a continuation of current work to establish a coherent learning programme/experience across all year levels.

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

None.