

Minutes of 2nd RCHK Council Meeting 2015 / 2016
4 pm on Thursday 19 November 2015

Present:

Chairman	Anne Choi (AC)
Principal	Harry Brown (HB)
ESF Representative	Belinda Greer (BG)
Community Representative	Yat Kin Sin (YK)
Community Representative	Allan Li (AL)
Staff Representative	Lesley Harrison (LH)
Staff Representative	Katherine Evans (KE)
Secretary	Lucia Lam (LL)

Apologies:

Community Representative	Shirley Ma (SM)
Parent Representative	Jack Ng (JN)
Parent Representative	Kathleen Ahrens (KA)
Parent Representative	Whymont Lee (WL)
Staff Representative	Concettina Ventura (CV)

In attendance:

Business Manager	Samuel Hureau (SH)
Director of Advancement	Terri Appel (TA)
Vice Principal - Secondary School	Jayne Wickins (JW)

1. Welcome & Introductions

AC welcomed YK Sin as a new council member. He introduced himself and his background in working for the HKSAR government.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Para 6 – additional remarks to be included in Council Self-evaluation - gender distribution in HL Maths and Science. HB reported that a study was reported for the first time to the recent IB Heads conference:
 - i. In terms of participation, the most extreme gender variation was in HL Physics (25% girls, 75% boys) and HL Visual Arts (75% girls, 25% boys).
 - ii. In terms of 2015 IBDP exam results, there was NO discernable difference between boys and girls in Maths, Physics and Economics.

The College will be looking at past as well as present data, particularly the Diploma subject choice of current Year 11 students later this month. Subjects

with insufficient student numbers had been offered online IB courses before. HB will report back to Council on a future occasion.

- b. Para 7 – Alternative financing For Primary Block Extension – TA gave a presentation about fund raising.

Discussion continued regarding the possibility of naming rights, in the context of the College's current stage of development.

Naming Rights – first right of refusal and room for negotiation, bearing in mind the importance of protecting the institution's reputation. HB commented on the College's endowment fund set up from donations from parents whose children receive College scholarships. He is hesitant at this stage about naming rights particularly because the alumni has barely got started.

AC thanked TA for her presentation.

4. Primary Block Extension - Update

Progress proceeding as scheduled and on track, with no disturbance so far to students during this phase of underground work. Secondary classrooms could be used to accommodate primary classes as needed.

5. Principal's Report

JW presented MYP results for 2014 – 15 in the context of previous MYP results over the past 4 years and the MidYIS tests taken by RCHK and all ESF students in Year 7. (see attachment) AC thanked JW for her presentation.

HB spoke on teacher recruitment. Working with a 7 – 8 % turnover is quite typical and a certain amount of churn is welcomed. HB will be attending a number of Job Fairs.

HB also reported on Vivian Cheung's visit which focused on the College's finances, and about next week's College Fair. HB introduced LH, Bussy Malone producer to brief Council members about the production set for 9 – 11 December, involving over 100 students from Year 7 to 13. Council members are cordially invited to attend.

HB next presented the proposed College calendar for 2016 – 17, which was approved by Council.

HB next proposed to set the hardship fund from 2% to 1% of the scholarship fund. Although this was agreed in principle, YK suggested to keep 1% available for hardship as a flexibility measure in case of need not to exceed 2%. This was approved by Council.

SH spoke to the BM reported previously circulated.

In addition, SH proposed that a feasibility study be conducted on the installation of heating systems in the Sports Centre Building and the Administration Building. The approximate cost is HK\$460,000 for the professional fess and about HK\$6M for the

works. The Swimming Pool might be included in the new system. The Council approved to fund the feasibility study first for HK\$180,000. AL commented that the study should explore the option of integrating with the existing heating system and possibly the new building, and this was agreed.

6. **Committee Reports**

None

7. **School Council Report**

BG remarked that the School Council training workshops will be evaluated. Regarding the SCMP International Schools Festival, KE requested that PIS schools be invited to similar events in future.

8. **A.O.B.**

None

9. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 11 January 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm