

**Minutes of 5th RCHK Council Meeting 2016 / 2017
4 pm on Thursday 18 May 2017**

Present:

Chairman	Anne Choi (AC)
Principal	Harry Brown (HB)
ESF Representative	Belinda Greer (BG)
Parent Representative	Eric Wong (LEW)
Parent Representative	Jack Ng (JN)
Staff Representative	Lesley Harrison (LH)
Staff Representative	Concettina Ventura (CV)
Secretary	Lucia Lam (LL)

Apologies:

Staff Representative	Katherine Evans (KE)
Community Representative	Shirley Ma (SM)
Community Representative	Yat Kin Sin (YK)
Parent Representative	Kathleen Ahrens (KA)

In attendance:

Business Manager	Samuel Hureau (SH)
Vice Principal – Primary	Stephanie Howdling-Lang (SHL)
Vice Principal - Secondary	Geoff Wheeler (GW)

1 Welcome & Introduction

HB welcomed GW and SHL to the meeting to co-present on work done at the College on student well being and positive education.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were confirmed.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 Para 3 Primary Block Extension additional financing – none received.

4 Primary Block Extension Update

Council members visited the primary block extension site.

HB updated. ESF proposes to apply for the Occupancy Permit for the building in two parts – for the undercover area & 4 stories first, and the rooftop garden next. The best timeline projected by ESF is to move in this coming October, subject to good enough weather for construction work to proceed. After returning in August a specific date can be confirmed. The rooftop is expected to have the Occupancy Permit and open in late December.

5 **Principal's Report**

GW and SHL delivered a powerpoint presentation (attached) on how RCHK supports students under stress through PSE programme, parental education and other strategies. RC's positive education approach is based on positive psychology research on how to provide the tools for students and staff to flourish, was explained:

Five important values – relationships, health, appreciation, a sense of accomplishment, environment.

Five Constructs – Character Strengths, Mindfulness, Positive emotions, Resilience, Growth Mindset.

HB stated that the College will be hosting a Positive Education conference in November.

HB spoke to his report which was previously circulated.

New Head of Secondary – Natasha Williams spent a day at RCHK in April, meeting colleagues over tea.

College Community Activities

HB invited all to attend the activities/events in May and June as listed in his report. On 24 June RCHK is hosting Sha Tin College's graduation ceremony as their school hall is not available.

Business Manager's report – SH spoke to his report which was previously circulated.

6 **Committee Reports**

None.

7 **ESF School Council Report**

BG spoke to the ESF report. Highlights included International SOS, appointment of Principals and ESF's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

8 **AOB** – SM has tendered her resignation as Community Representative. AC invited Council members to suggest suitable persons to serve as community representatives next year. A vote of thanks was passed to LH for her contribution to the Council for the last 3 years.

9 **Date of Next Meeting** - LL will email dates

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm