

**Minutes of the 140th School Council Meeting of KGV
Wednesday 23rd September 2009 at 6:00 pm in Conference Room of SRC**

Present:

Council Members:	Paul Varty (PV)	Chairman
	Ed Wickins (EW)	Principal (Secretary)
	Heather Du Quesnay (HDQ)	ESF Representative
	Robert McRobbie (RM)	Community Representative
	Roger Nissim (RN)	Community Representative
	Prem Kumar (PK)	Community Representative
	Robert Pendleton (RP)	PTSA Representative
	Kim Anderson (KA)	Parent elected Representative
	Michael Lintern-Smith (MLS)	Parent elected Representative
	Deborah Eaglestone (DE)	Staff Representative
	David Grady (DG)	Staff Representative
	Paul Tattam (PT)	Staff Representative
	Ashley Tranter (AT)	Staff Representative
In Attendance:	Alex Chan (AC)	Prospective Community Representative
	Peter Lau (PL)	Head Boy
	Charles Wang (CW)	President of Student Council
	Peggy Ng (PN)	Clerk

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KG 140.1 **Apologies**

- 1.1 No apologies were received.
- 1.2 The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Prem Kumar as the new Community Representative; Rob Pendleton PTSA Vice Chair standing in for Sarah Cook, Alex Chan as an observer who will be taking Simon Tsang's place as a Community Representative subject to vetting by ESF, Heather Du Quesnay as the new ESF representative. There was a brief introduction around the table.

KG 140.2 **Minutes of the 139th Meeting held on 3rd June 2009 (SC/0809/MM4)**

- 2.1 There was no comment on the minutes of the 139th meeting held on 3rd June 2009, which were taken as approved.

KG 140.3 **Matters arising from the Minutes**

- 3.1 Peace Memorial Fund
There is still an uncertainty whether the fund can be repatriated back to Hong Kong. It is hoped that we can make the award for the Speech Day even if it is not resolved. Trustees will be meeting in November.
- 3.2 Earlier Start Time
EW reported that Renaissance College had no strong views about whether an earlier start is more productive or not.

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- 3.3 Ian Leatham subsequently passed away after the last School Council meeting. The Principal represented the school and attended the funeral in UK. The memorial service organised by Arnett Edwards was outstanding.
- 3.4 The expenditure on the priorities items up to the total figure of reserves (HK\$5.1 m) was approved.
- 3.5 Dates of School Council meetings and Sub-committee meetings were circulated together with the minutes of the last meeting.

KG 140.4 **Principal's Report (SC/0910/1/1)**

- 4.1 Council received the report noted above.
- 4.2 EW explained the number on roll situation in September 2009.

4.3 **Examination Results**

The IB and GCSE examination results were shared with the Council. KGV's IB and GCSE results were impressive.

8 out of 14 ESF Diploma students achieved the minimum university entrance requirements. Some IB Students failed the IB Diploma and an analysis has been completed and showed that those students failed mostly due to the failing condition of not reaching 24 points. Re-sit examination for some will take place in November.

It is recognised that predicted grades should be more accurately done. EW to check the number of students who have gone to university and compare to 'A' Levels.

EW

4.4 **CIS/WASC**

EW gave some background about the CIS/WASC evaluation process. Much of the reflection work has been done. The visiting team is coming to visit the school in the week of 8th March 2010. A discussion on this will take place in the next School Council meeting in November. HDQ said that ESF was looking at providing guidance on School Council Self Evaluation. Council are asked to make sure that they are clear on the respective sections of the CIS/WASC report. EW to circulate again the CIS/WASC papers such as the questionnaires and results for the next meeting.

EW

4.5 **Curriculum Proposal**

Council noted that the proposed curriculum is for implementation in 2010. The student reps expressed their concerns about PSE lessons. A general discussion took place.

Papers will be published to the parents so as to convey the clearest and simplified message prior to a meeting on October 5th.

New School Day Proposal

There was a general discussion on the movement time and tutor time. Council noted that the decision on the new school day does not have to be made by November.

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There was a concern about Year 7s going to lesson 1 directly without early morning meeting with tutors. Geoff Wheeler has been doing a lot of work on this proposal and will consider this suggestion.

Council noted that students need to be given more time for consultation.

School Council will consider the Curriculum proposals again in the next meeting.

- 4.6 EW briefed the Council about recent events. Swimming Gala was great with Rowell being the Champions. Alec Reeves Cricket match was also excellent with KGV School winning against the Alumni.

KG 140.5 **PTSA Chairman Report (SC/0910/1/2)**

- 5.1 Council received the report noted above. RP briefed the meeting.
- 5.2 PTSA AGM is to take place on 29th September 2009. New committee members will be elected.
- 5.3 There was a concern on the PTSA membership fee collection. Despite the reminder from the ESF to parents, the fee collection continues to be difficult. The ESF billing system is still a problem and therefore the school's PTSA need to continue to help with the collection of fees this academic year. HDQ said that the ESF will collect the PTSA membership fee next year.
- 5.4 Night market this year is on 12 March 2010.

KG 140.6 **ESF Reports – Latest Report dated 10th June 2009 (SC/0910/1/3) and 3rd September 2009 (SC/0910/1/4)**

- 6.1 Council received the reports noted above. HDQ mentioned that there has been some progress in the redevelopment projects. ESF is hopeful that some government funding for KJS and KGV redevelopment can be obtained. However, this is not likely to be resolved until early 2010.
- 6.2 A new policy has recently been issued about the appointment of external tutors or coaches who give lessons to our students on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. EW said that this policy has been implemented and parents and tutors concerned are adapting to the new arrangements.

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Reports of Sub-Committees

7.1 Staffing Sub-Committee (SC/0910/1/5)

Council received the report noted above. PT briefed the meeting.

Council observed that there was a concern on the range of grades of the performance management for support staff. HDQ noted this. Keith Tucker Director of the Human Resources attended the Sub-committee meeting and was well apprised of all the comments arising from this meeting.

EW announced the appointments of the internal promotions. Tim Carrell was appointed temporary TLR2 Head of ICT, to fill Iain Checkland who was seconded half time to ESF. Lauren Thorpe was appointed temporary TLR3 ICT. Jessie Tu was appointed temporary TLR3 Head of Senior School Chinese.

7.2 Premises Sub-committee

RN gave a verbal report as the meeting had just taken place right before the School Council meeting.

RN briefed the Council on the progress of the redevelopment in terms of the timeline and funding. Para 6.1 above also refers.

There had been some issues with the summer works but they were finally completed recently.

RN read out a description of the history of the KGV building, which was sent from the Antiquities & Monuments Office about KGV being assessed as Grade 2 building. PN to circulate the description.

PN

7.3 Finance Sub-committee (SC/0910/1/6)

Council received the report noted above.

AT explained briefly the draft 09-10 budget. There was a general discussion on the figures. Council approved the 09-10 proposed budget without any comments.

7.4 IB / Curriculum Sub-committee (SC/0910/1/7)

Council received the report noted above. The examination results were discussed in the meeting. The IB Sub-Committee will now become the Curriculum Sub-Committee.

7.5 Student Reps Report

There was no report from students. Their main concern lies on whether enough consultation time is given to them on important issues.

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Chairman's Business

- 8.1 Business with Alumni
The KGV Alumni Association is a very active association. They will be invited to the next School Council meeting to make a presentation on what KGV Alumni does and how it integrates with the school. EW will be hosting an Alumni evening in UK while he is in UK for the annual recruitment.
- 8.2 Draft School Council meeting minutes
ESF Committee of Chairmen is keen on receiving from all schools more up to date School Council minutes. Council agreed that the draft minutes can be sent and shared with them before they are approved in the next School Council meeting.
- 8.3 The Challenge Week takes place from 12th October to 16th October 2009. EW described the Challenge Week briefly to new attendees. All students are going out for some sorts of activities during that whole week.
- 8.4 Catherine Chan resigned as parent rep and Joy Man as support staff rep. Election of Parent Rep and Support Staff Rep are in progress.

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Any Other Business

- 9.1 The KGV building is now under assessment by the Antiquities & Monuments Office as Grade 2 building. RN will be exploring whether government grants can be applied for the maintenance of the buildings. RN
- 9.2 Parents have expressed that they are not sure how to contact a parent rep. After discussion with KA, EW to work out some announcement on website and make this more prominent for parents. EW
- 9.3 Speech Day takes place on 20 November 2009. All Council members will be invited. Mike Dowie is the Guest Speaker.

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Date of next Meeting

- 10.1 The date of next meeting is scheduled for 25th November 2009 in the Sarah Roe Centre Conference Room at 6:00 pm. All

The meeting ended at 7:53 pm.

Peggy Ng
Clerk to School Council