

Minutes of the 143rd School Council Meeting of KGV
Wednesday 12th May 2010 at 6.00 pm in Sarah Roe Centre 1/F Conference Room

Present:

Council Members:	Paul Varty (PV)	Chairman
	Ed Wickins (EW)	Principal (Secretary)
	Heather Du Quesnay (HDQ)	ESF Representative
	Alex Chan (AC)	Community Representative
	Prem Kumar (PK)	Community Representative
	Sarah Cook (SC)	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
	Connie Hu (CH)	Staff Representative
	Paul Tattam (PT)	Staff Representative
	Justin Lo (JL)	Support Staff Representative
In Attendance:	Michael Jia	President of Student Council
	Melissa Zhang	Head Girl
	Peggy Ng (PN)	Clerk
Apologies:	Robert McRobbie (RM)	Community Representative
	Roger Nissim (RN)	Community Representative
	Susan Sams (SS)	Parent elected Representative

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KG 143.1 **Apologies**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from RM, RN and SS.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed Connie Hu as new Teaching Staff Rep to her first School Council meeting, subsequent to Ashley Tranter's resignation. The Chairman thanked Ashley for his time on the School Council.

KG 143.2 **Minutes of the 142nd Meeting held on 10th March 2010 (SC/0910/MM3)**

- 2.1 There was no comment on the minutes of the 142nd meeting held on 10th March 2010, which were taken as approved.

KG 143.3 **Matters arising from the Minutes**

- 3.1 Mandarin
EW has taken up the issue with the parent reps.

KG 143.4 **Principal Report (SC/0910/4/1)**

- 4.1 Council received the report noted above. EW briefed the meeting.
- 4.2 Leadership Team Professional Development
It is noted that among 15 members of the Leadership Team, there are 5 members who have joined since 2007. Residential INSET training sessions will be held in June. The School Development Plan will also be finished off by then.

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- 4.3 Fund Raising Committee (renamed to KGV Development Committee)
A development brochure will be produced annually with long term and short term funding aims for the school. A school ball is planned to be organised some time during the next school year to launch the Development Fund.

This specific issue was suggested to be put as an agenda item in the School Council meeting. The next big Development Committee meeting will be held in June in the Harilela's house.

KG 143.5 **PTSA Chairman's Report (SC/0910/4/2)**

- 5.1 Council received the reports noted above. SC briefed the meeting.
- 5.2 SC thanked the students for their help with the survey of the 'hot products'.
- 5.3 There have been discussions that parent volunteers in some one-off activities such as Challenge Week activities could help to take the pressure off teachers.
- 5.4 This meeting might be SC's last meeting as she is resigning as PTSA Chair next school year. The Chairman extended thanks and gratitude to SC for her input and help over the last few years.

KG 143.6 **ESF Report – Latest Report dated 20th April 2010 (SC/0910/4/3)**

- 6.1 Council received the reports noted above. HDQ briefed the meeting.
- 6.2 HDQ told the meeting about recent ESF appointments. Ms Vivian Cheung was appointed Chief Financial Officer and will join ESF officially in August. Angela Hui appointed Development Director will start on 1 June. The replacement of the post of Education Director is underway.

KG 143.7 **Reports of Sub-Committees**

7.1 **Staffing Sub-Committee (SC/0910/4/4)**

Council received the report noted above. KA briefed the meeting and Council noted all the issues discussed in the meeting.

There was a general discussion on the recruitment in terms of a better timing of advertisements so as to attract more applications from Australia and New Zealand. Council noted that ESF had tried different ways already.

HDQ confirmed that there is no longer a pay-related Performance Management process. ESF will look at ways of updating salary packages.

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7.2 Premises Sub-committee (SC/0910/4/5)

Council received the report noted above. DG briefed the meeting and Council noted all the issues that were discussed.

The summer works issue was all sorted out by Colleen Melvin.

7.3 Finance Sub-committee (SC/0910/4/6)

The Chairman informed that PK and AC had swapped between Finance and Curriculum Sub-committee groups so that PK is taking over Finance and AC moves on to Curriculum.

Council received the report noted above. PK briefed the meeting and Council noted all the issues that were discussed.

7.4 Curriculum Sub-committee (SC/0910/4/7)

Council received the report noted above. AC briefed the meeting and Council noted all the issues that were discussed.

AC said that he had a discussion with Judy Cooper about how the Committee can help the teachers and students and the dialogue will remain open. It is also important that the Committee is updated from Departments, and the right way to do this is on the agenda. Chinese Language was also discussed.

7.5 Parent Reps Report (SC/0910/4/8)

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

Mandarin

This remains a big concern for the parents and students and Council noted that the situation is complex and there are no simple solutions to this.

CH said that the Chinese Department are actively doing things to look at ways to accommodate different requests. We had invited Chris Durbin (ESF Secondary Advisor) and Wang Xiao Ping (ESF Chinese Advisor) in to monitor our work. They were impressed with what we are doing.

Council suggested that further clarification should reach the parents so that they know how complex the issues are.

EW

7.6 Student Reps Report

MJ reported that the Student Council had had three meetings. Vertical Tutor Group for next year was the main issue on the agenda.

MZ said that there was a discussion within the Senior School about prefects' handling sanctions of younger students.

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KG 143.8 **Chairman's Business**

8.1 There was no Chairman's business.

KG 143.9 **Any Other Business**

9.1 KGV Development

HDQ announced that the ESF Board approved both the KJS and KGV Developments. ESF will invest HK\$240 M in the KGV site. The Chairman thanked John Stewart and HDQ for their work done over the last year or so.

Design plans were tabled to Members. EW made a presentation on the plans. There was a general discussion on the plans, the temporary arrangements and communication with the community. Council was very much concerned about the temporary arrangement during the construction period.

Council noted the following:

- The actual construction will start in August 2011 and be completed by the end of summer term of 2013.
- Town planning issues were dealt with already a couple of years ago. Architects are moving on to detailed construction drawings and tenders will be invited in November 2010.
- Areas such as the existing four Language classrooms, PTSA office, Canteen and Weight Room will be demolished during the next summer. There will be a temporary building in the volleyball court that would be in place of the language classrooms.
- There will be a lot of work in planning for the temporary building and the utilities changes.
- There will be a meeting with the Architects regarding noise amelioration scheme the following week.
- The Sarah Roe School is aware of plans and working with KGV.

EW

PT raised concerns on the removal of the Language Assistants' working areas. JL was concerned about whether there were any temporary arrangements for PE during the rain seasons with the removal of the Weight Room. JL suggested that the Pavilion office can be reshuffled and used for such purpose. The Chairman welcomed JL to feedback to EW or School Council or spend some time with the Architects for any more other suggestions. EW agreed to keep exploring the temporary arrangements.

EW

This news will be relayed to the school community in different channels. The plans will be shared in the school foyer, in the staff room, on the website, in the Weekly E-notices to parents, and the press release. Students will also be informed in assemblies. Open forum for parents could be held in the new academic year.

EW

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KG 143.10 **Date of next Meeting**

- 10.1 The dates of 2010-2011 meetings are as follows:
29th September 2010
1st December 2010
16th March 2011
25th May 2011

All

The dates of other Sub-committee meetings are attached with this set of minutes.

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

Peggy Ng
Clerk to School Council