



Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council

香 港 津 貼 中 學 議 會

General Meeting

On 3 June 2009

Chairman's Report

1. Work of Executive Committee (EC)

1.1 EC Meetings

The Executive Committee 2008-2010 (EC) has held 6 meetings on 26 November 2008, 9 December 2008, 14 January 2009, 11 February 2009, 18 March 2009 and 6 May 2009 since the Annual General Meeting on 19 November 2008.

1.2 Medium of Instruction (MOI)

1.2.1 Attending the forum on MOI issues organized by Hong Kong Association of Heads of Secondary Schools on 5 December 2008 with Chairman speaking on behalf of the Council to reiterate the stance of the Council based on the last two surveys of MOI.

1.2.2 Meeting with SED as well as the representatives from other school councils on 8 January 2009 to discuss on the proposal of "Fine-tuning of the MOI Policy".

1.2.3 Attending the LegCo meeting of the Panel on Education on 15 January 2009 and to present a paper on the views on MOI on behalf of the Council (LegCo Paper No. CB(2)696/08-09(04)).

1.2.4 Soliciting views of member schools by conducting a survey by questionnaire in early March; and reflecting the results of the survey to the EDB in the meeting with the SED on 2 March 2009.

1.2.5 Meeting with SED as well as the representatives from other school councils on 29 May 2009 to learn about the final proposal of "Fine-tuning of the MOI Policy".

1.3 Class Organization & Class Size

1.3.1 The EC is very much concerned about the decreasing trend of student enrolment in secondary schools. Hence, the EC conducted a survey by questionnaire in mid-January 2009 to seek members' views on strategies to tackle the problem. The EC discussed the survey results with the Secretary for Education on 2 March 2009.

1.3.2 A focus meeting was held by the EC on 20 January 2009 with 15 school principals from various districts to discuss the impact of the decreasing trend of S1 enrolment and class reduction in their schools. A meeting with Mrs. Betty Ip, Deputy Secretary and other EDB officials was arranged by the EC on 17 March 2009 for these principals to reflect their concerns and difficulties.

1.3.3 A sharing session was held by the EC for the principals of all member schools on 1 April 2009, and about 50 school principals attended and shared their views and

experiences in tackling the problems.

1.3.4 A meeting with Mrs. Betty Ip, Deputy Secretary and other EDB officials was held on 5 May 2009, and about 50 school principals attended and expressed their worries and concerns on staff establishment in the coming academic year. The following three issues that we discussed in the meeting were settled in late May: (1) the calculation of toleration of surplus teachers for schools with decreasing number of classes; (2) the toleration of surplus time-limited contract teachers within the staff establishment; and (3) the arrangement of workshop teachers.

1.4 New Senior Secondary Education (NSS)

1.4.1 The EC members attended the Opening and Signing Ceremony of the 1st “334” Symposium – “Partnering for Excellence in Education” held by the Hong Kong Institute of Education on 6 December 2008 and the Chairman signed the Joint Declaration of Partnering for Excellence in Education under “334” on behalf of the Council. We shared our concerns on the 334 transition from secondary schools to universities.

1.4.2 The EC members of the 334 Task Group had a meeting with Dr. K.K. CHAN, Deputy Secretary on 17 December 2008 to discuss the problems related to 334.

1.4.3 All EC members had a meeting with Assistant General Manager Mr. WAN Tak-wing, General Manager Ms. Christina LEE and Senior Manager Mr. LO Ka-yin of the Assessment Development Section of the HKEAA on 14 January 2009 to discuss the recent development of the School-based Assessment (SBA) in the HKDSE including administrative arrangements, assessment requirements, workload issues, submission of SBA scores, fairness issues and quality assurance.

1.4.4 20 EC members and principals attended the 2nd “334” Symposium – “Admission to the Universities under the 334 Transition” held by the HKUST on 25 April 2009. We shared our views on the university admission requirements.

1.4.5 As the smooth implementation of 334 in the forthcoming academic year is the main concern of all secondary schools, the EC conducted a survey by questionnaire in late March on the “Areas of concern of 334” to solicit views from member schools. The results of the survey were reflected to Dr. K.K. CHAN, Deputy Secretary on 14 May 2009.

1.5 Prices of School Textbooks and Development of Electronic Learning Resources

1.5.1 Attending a meeting with members of Hong Kong Educational Publishers Association Ltd. on 6 December 2008 together with other school councils to share views on the pricing of textbooks, teaching resources and electronic learning resources.

1.5.2 The chairman attended an interview together with Dr. CHEUNG Kwok-wah, Principal Assistant Secretary for Education, in 「政經星期六」 of Hong Kong Commercial Radio on 11 April 2009 discussing the issues related to the prices of school textbooks and development of electronic learning resources.

1.5.3 Attending the LegCo meeting of the Panel on Education on 11 May 2009 to

present a paper on the views on “Prices of school textbooks and development of electronic learning resources” on behalf of the Council (LegCo Paper No. CB(2)1552/08-09(01)).

2. Documents sent to members / uploaded to HKSSSC Website

- 2.1 Survey Questionnaire on Class Organization was sent to member schools on 16 January 2009 with responses from 226 members constituting a return rate of 65%. Results and report of the survey have been submitted to the EDB and uploaded to the HKSSSC website on 2 March 2009.
- 2.2 Survey Questionnaire on MOI Policy was sent to member schools on 13 February 2009 with responses from 216 members constituting a return rate of 62.07%. Results and report of the survey have been submitted to the EDB and uploaded to the HKSSSC website on 2 March 2009.
- 2.3 Survey Questionnaire on Areas of concern of 334 was sent to member schools on 23 March 2009 with responses from ? members constituting a return rate of ? %. Results of the survey have been submitted to the EDB on 14 May 2009.
- 2.4 Newsletter No. 2 (2008-09) was sent to members and uploaded to the HKSSSC Website on 18 March 2009 with contents on:
 - Annual General Meeting (2008/09)
 - New Senior Secondary Education (NSS)
 - Medium of Instruction (MOI)
 - Class Organization & Class Size
 - Professional Development
- 2.5 A CD ROM with the Members List (2008-2009)
- 2.6 Two short letters were sent to members and uploaded to the HKSSSC Website on 18 May 2009 and 25 May 2009 respectively with contents on some current educational issues/information.

3. Meetings with EDB and other Educational or Related Bodies

- 3.1 13 February 2009: Meeting with Professor LEE Wing-on, Vice President (Academic) & Deputy to the President of HKIEd together with the other school councils to share views on the development of HKIEd in the coming decade
- 3.2 17 February 2009: Education Commission Meeting, discussing the “fine-tuning” of the MOI policy
- 3.3 19 February 2009: Principals’ Liaison Meeting on 334, discussing the SBA issue
- 3.4 27 February 2009: Briefing session on the Extension of the Early Retirement Scheme for Aided Secondary School Teachers
- 3.5 3 March 2009: Meeting with Ms NG Mei-mei, Executive Director of Hong Kong Education City Ltd. to share views on the development of education resources in Hong Kong Education City
- 3.6 17 March 2009: Meeting with 中聯辦教科部董翠娣副部長 and Mrs. Betty Ip, Deputy

Secretary together with the representatives from the other school councils to discuss the organization of 「內地—港澳中小學校長論壇」 with the theme on 「廿一世紀的教育變革與校長領導」 to be held on 22 May 2009 and the Chairman was appointed to chair its working group

- 3.7 23 March 2009: Briefing session on the Third Report on Teachers' CPD
- 3.8 26 March 2009: Hong Kong Organizing Committee Meeting of 「內地—港澳中小學校長論壇」
- 3.9 20 April 2009: Hong Kong Organizing Committee Meeting of 「內地—港澳中小學校長論壇」
- 3.10 21 April 2009: Education Commission Meeting, discussing the Third Report on Teachers' CPD
- 3.11 27 April 2009: A focus group discussion on educational services organized by the Central Policy Unit
- 3.12 29 April 2009: The "I.T. Seeds Project & E-leader Training Programme" Annual Meeting organized by Youth Work Experience & Training Scheme of the Labour Department
- 3.13 14 May 2009: Principals' Liaison Meeting on 334, discussing the OLE and SLP issues

4. HKSSSC has agreed to co-organize or to serve as supporting organization of the following activities:

- 4.1 「第二屆《法制先鋒》全港法律常識問答比賽」 organized by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong
- 4.2 「第一屆數碼教學資源獎勵計劃」 organized by the Hong Kong Education City with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen to serve in the final adjudication panel
- 4.3 第三屆「善言巧語：學生口語溝通大賽」 organized by the HKIED
- 4.4 「2008/2009 中國中學生作文大賽—永隆文學之星」 organized by the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture (香港中華文化促進中心) with Ms. Kelly CHENG Ka-lee representing HKSSSC on the organizing committee
- 4.5 The 10th Anniversary Concert of the Hong Kong Principals' Choir
- 4.6 「中學誠信大使計劃」 organized by ICAC with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen representing HKSSSC on the organizing committee
- 4.7 「香港教育界慶祝國慶籌備委員會常設委員會」 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen representing HKSSSC as the Vice-chairman of the organizing committee

5. HKSSSC sent representatives to attend the following activities:

- 5.1 Recruitment of Native English-speaking Teachers for EDB in Hong Kong, Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand and U.K. with Ms. CHAN King, Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai, Ms. TSANG Enian, Mr. CHU Kai-wing and Dr. YANG Anson to serve in the Interview Boards
- 5.2 Consultation session for educational sector on the Review of the Control of Obscene & Indecent Articles Ordinance on 20 November 2008 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as

representative

- 5.3 「神舟七號」載人航天飛行代表團與香港學生真情對話 organized by the Education Bureau on 8 December 2008 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 5.4 「資訊科技教育研討會：淫褻及不雅物品管制條例之檢討」 organized by Hong Kong IT Joint Committee and HKACE on 12 January 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as a guest speaker
- 5.5 第三屆「善言巧語：學生口語溝通大賽」 organized by HKIEd on 17 January 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 5.6 「財富與人生」錄像短片創作比賽頒獎典禮 organized by ICAC on 6 February 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen and Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representatives
- 5.7 「香港和台灣中等教育改革與學校發展的議論和挑戰」學術研討會 organized by the Faculty of Education of The Chinese University of Hong Kong on 12 February 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as a guest speaker to share his views on 「香港中學在"3+3+4" 學制改革中的挑戰和機遇」
- 5.8 Sharing session of HKBU Secondary School Principals' Day 2009 organized by Hong Kong Baptist University on 25 February 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as one of the guest speakers on the main theme 「334 新人類」
- 5.9 Selection Committee for Good Customer Service Award Scheme with Ms Kelly CHENG Ka-lee as representative
- 5.10 Open forum for parents organized by VTC and Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups on 29 March 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as a guest speaker of 「向新高中出發」
- 5.11 「2008/2009 中國中學生作文大賽－永隆文學之星（香港賽區）比賽」頒獎禮及授旗禮 on 9 April 2009 and 「2008/2009 中國中學生作文大賽－永隆文學之星」頒獎禮 on 9 May 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 5.12 「如何善用資訊科技，提升香港教育效能？」 IT & Education Round-table Seminar organized by the Office of the Hon. Dr. Samson TAM on 21 April 2009 with Mr. Joseph YUEN Tze-lam and Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representatives
- 5.13 Selection interview for student-delegates of Japan – East Asia Network of Exchange for Student & Youth Programme 2009 on 29 and 30 April 2009 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai and Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representatives
- 5.14 Final adjudication for the 「第一屆數碼教學資源獎勵計劃」 organized by the Hong Kong Education City on 7 May 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 5.15 Selection panel for the 「香港青年協會黃寬洋青少年進修獎勵計劃」 on 16 May 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 5.16 「第一屆數碼教學資源獎勵計劃」頒獎禮 organized by the Hong Kong Education City on 30 May 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative

6. Work of Task Groups and Representatives

- 6.1 Meeting of Steering Committee on Prevention & Control of Non-communicable Diseases, Food & Health Bureau with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative

- 6.2 HKEAA meetings on Task Group on Special Examination Arrangements for Candidates with Specific Learning Disabilities and Committee on Special Needs Candidates with Mr. Tyrone CHOY Ko-leung as representative
- 6.3 Meetings of Careers Advisory Board of The University of Hong Kong on 17 November 2008 and 6 April 2009 with Mr. Joseph YUEN Tze-lam as representative
- 6.4 Meeting of Steering Committee on Review of IMC on 26 November 2008 with Mr. KWOK Man-leung as representative
- 6.5 Meetings of SSPA Advisory Committee on 26 November 2008 and 11 March.2009 with Mr. CHUNG Chiang-hon as representative
- 6.6 Meeting of Advisory Committee on "P.A.T.H.S. to Adulthood: A Jockey Club Youth Enhancement Scheme" on 2 December 2008 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representative
- 6.7 Meetings of China Light & Power Education Fund Advisory Committee on 12 December 2008 and 25 March 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 6.8 Meeting of the Vocational Educational and Training Advisory Committee (VETAC) on 17 December 2008 with Mr. AU YEUNG Ka-keung as representative
- 6.9 Meetings of SSPA & Language Policy Task Group on 18 December 2008 and 5 February 2009
- 6.10 Meetings of Advisory Committee on Anti-drug Measures in School Setting under the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse on 6 January 2009, 23 January 2009 and 31 March 2009 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representative
- 6.11 Meetings of Class Organization & Staff Establishment Task Group on 8 January 2009 and 5 February 2009
- 6.12 Meeting of 334 Task Group on 8 January 2009
- 6.13 Meeting of Careers Advisory Board of The Chinese University of Hong Kong on 12 January 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 6.14 Meetings of Advisory Committee on the Education Development Fund on 16 January 2009 and 28 April 2009 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representative
- 6.15 Meetings of Board of Control for Subsidized Schools Provident Fund on 28 January 2009 and 25 May 2009 with Mr. KWOK Man-leung, Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai, Mr. Joseph YUEN Tze-lam and Mr. Tyrone CHOY Ko-leung as representatives
- 6.16 Meeting of Community Sports Committee on 4 March 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 6.17 Meeting of Copyright Task Group on 11 March 2009
- 6.18 Meeting of ICAC 「中學誠信大使計劃」 Organizing Committee on 7 April 2009 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as representative
- 6.19 Meeting of HKEAA Advisory Group on Examination Administration System in the HKDSE on 17 April 2009 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representative
- 6.20 Meeting of HKEAA Advisory Group on SBA Implementation in the HKDSE on 4 May 2009 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representative

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