



Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council

香 港 津 貼 中 學 議 會

General Meeting

On 27 May 2008

Chairman's Report

1. Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee 2006-2008 (EC) has held 6 meetings since the Annual General Meeting on 13 November 2008 and has resolved to submit the following in the name of the EC:

- 1.1 responses to EDB on 17 December 2007 agreeing to maintain the Secondary Six Admission Procedure unchanged for Year 2008 and to admit students holding alternative Chinese Language examination results;
- 1.2 responses to LegCo on 31 January 2008 to reiterate our views on the Third Strategy on Information Technology in Education [LegCo Paper: CB(2)959/07-08(05)];
- 1.3 views on the Development Blueprint of HKIEd to the University Grants Committee on 7 April 2008 to support HKIEd to become a university; and
- 1.4 views to LegCo to support the exemptions provided under Clause 26(2) of the proposed Race Discrimination Bill.

2. Documents sent to members / uploaded to HKSSSC Website:

- 2.1 Survey Questionnaire on MOI Policy was sent to member schools on 3 March 2008 with responses from 250 members constituting a return rate of 70.82%. Results and report of the survey have been submitted to the EDB and uploaded to the HKSSSC website on 13.March.2008.
- 2.2 Newsletter No. 2 (2007-08) was sent to members and uploaded to the HKSSSC Website on 17 March 2008 with contents on:
 - Annual General Meeting (2007/08)
 - The Third Strategy on Information Technology in Education
 - Unsolicited Electronic Message Ordinance (UEMO)
 - GM/CM Ratio and 12 Years of Free Education
 - Reduction of Class Size
 - Medium of Instruction (MOI)
 - Professional Development
- 2.3 A CD ROM with the Members List (2007-2008)

3. Activities arranged for Member Schools

- 3.1 Professional Talk on Financial Management in Schools on 30 January 2008
- 3.2 MOI Forum on 19 February 2008

4. Meetings with EDB and other Educational or Related Bodies

- 4.1 13 November 2007: Meeting with EDB together with other school councils to discuss the implementation of the 2nd phase of External School Review
- 4.2 28 November 2007: Meeting with Joint PTA Associations organized by Home-School Cooperation together with other school councils to discuss the MOI issues
- 4.3 3 December 2007: Meeting with Mr. CHEUNG Man-kwong, Chairman of Professional Teachers Union to share views on the policies on medium of instruction
- 4.4 12 December 2007: Meeting with LSCD representatives together with other school councils to discuss the feasibility of opening the school premises for cultural activities
- 4.5 18 December 2008: Meeting with EDB together with the other school councils to share views on the implementation of the increase of GM/CM ratio and additional VP post in primary schools
- 4.6 21 December 2007: Meeting with the Secretary for Education to reiterate the views of the HKSSSC on the review of MOI policy.
- 4.7 22 January 2008: Courtesy Meeting with PAS (School Administration & Support) to share views on GM/CM ratio, support for SEN students, and the collection of Tong Fai after the provision of free education at senior secondary levels.
- 4.8 24 January 2008: Meeting with the Secretary for Education together with the other School Councils / Principals Associations to discuss issues related to class size in secondary schools
- 4.9 18 February 2008: Meeting with EDB together with the other School Councils / Principals Associations to discuss issues related to the NSS implementation including the funding arrangement of the Diversity Learning Grant, the implementation of Applied Learning and the arrangement for laboratory technicians / workshop teachers
- 4.10 26 February 2008; Meeting with the Secretary for Education and the Permanent Secretary for Education together with the other School Councils / Principals Associations to discuss the MOI issue
- 4.11 30 April 2008: Meeting with the Permanent Secretary for Education to discuss the MOI issue
- 4.12 6 May 2008: Meeting with Mr. Howard SOU, CCDO, EDB, to share views on the curriculum framework of Applied Learning
- 4.13 7 May 2008: Meeting with ACTEQ together with other educational bodies to share views on the Induction Tool Kit for beginning teachers planned to be launched for all schools after piloting the kit for two years.

5. Requests from member schools for follow-up actions:

- 5.1 Request to seek blanket approval under the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance (UEMO)

Some member schools asked if HKSSSC could conduct the exercise of seeking consent from all member schools and the EC decided to conduct the exercise when calling annual membership subscription in the next academic year.

- 5.2 Request to ask the HKEAA to have the Examination Question Papers of different languages and levels printed separately so students would not have to pay for those parts that they do not want.

This issue had been discussed before with HKEAA and was considered not feasible due to the high cost of printing.

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

- 6.1 「兒童及青少年精神健康 – 跨界別研討會」 organized by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- 6.2 《法制先鋒》常識問答比賽 organized by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong
- 6.3 「2007/2008 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
- 6.4 「改革開放三十周年專題研習獎勵計劃」 organized by EDB
- 6.5 “On Your Mark 齊起步“全港學界迎奧運大行動” organized by Wofoo Foundation with Ms. SO Man-wan representing HKSSSC on the organizing committee
- 6.6 「《尊重版權「郵」你參與》郵票設計比賽」 organized by the Hong Kong Reprographic Rights Licensing Society
- 6.7 “Video Competition Project for Secondary Schools (中學生錄像短片創作比賽)” organized by ICAC with Ms Shirley WONG She-lai representing HKSSSC on the organizing committee
- 6.8 Hong Kong Principals’ Conference 2008 organized by HKIEd with Ms. Halina POON Suk-han, Mr. KWOK Man-leung and Ms. Kelly CHENG Ka-lee representing HKSSSC on the organizing committee

7. HKSSSC sent representative to attend the following activities:

- 7.1 The selection panel for the 「第十屆公民獎勵計劃」 organized by Yan Chai Hospital with Mr. YING Yu-hing as representative.
- 7.2 The adjudicator for 明報校園記者第十一屆專題報導比賽 with Mr. CHU Kai-wing as representative
- 7.3 Workshop on 「在學校內推廣國民教育」 organized by the Commission on Strategic Development with Mr. CHU Kai-wing as the representative
- 7.4 「預防及支援輟學學生跨專業交流會議」 organized by the Guidance and Discipline Section of EDB on 19 December 2007 with Miss Shirley WONG She-lai as representative.
- 7.5 「兒童及青少年精神健康 – 跨界別研討會」 on 19 December 2008 with Ms Shirley WONG She-lai and Ms. SO Man-wan as the representatives
- 7.6 Visit to HKEAA Lai King Assessment Centre on 19 December 2007 with Mr. YING Yu-hing as representative.

- 7.7 「青少年濫藥問題專責小組會議」 organized by the Narcotics Division on 15 January 2008 with Mr. YING Yu-hing as the representative.
- 7.8 Opening ceremony of 「《尊重版權「郵」你參與》郵票設計比賽」 on 22 April 2008 with Mr. LIU Ah-chuen as the representative.
- 7.9 「全港學界迎接北京 2008 年奧運會 100 日倒數活動：〈動感之都迎奧運〉」 on 30 April 2008 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representative
- 7.10 Selection panel for the 「香港青年協會黃寬洋青少年進修獎勵計劃」 on 10 May 2008 with Ms. Shirley WONG She-lai as representative.

8. Work of Task Groups and Representatives

- 8.1 Meeting of MOI Task Group on 25 January 2008 to discuss the actions to be taken on the MOI issues.
- 8.2 Meetings of JSEA Committee on 31 January and 12 March 2008. It was noted that the Committee was in the process of discussing the allocation mode in 2009 for the new cohort of NSS students.
- 8.3 334 Liaison Meetings on 31 January, 18 February, 19 March and 26 May 2008 to discuss various issues related to the implementation of 334.
- 8.4 Meetings of the Vocational Educational and Training Advisory Committee (VETAC) held on 15 February 2008. It was noted that an eight-year plan was drafted with the following proposal: (i) all colleges, institutes and college centres to be clustered under one administration; (ii) S.3 leavers were entitled multi-entries with all S4 to S6 courses free; (iii) the discipline-led curriculum was institute-based; (iv) 3 levels of certificate would be awarded and qualifications would be rectified according to the requirement of the Mainland so as to enable graduates to work in China.
- 8.5 Meetings of the Steering Committee on Review of the Additional Time-limited Capacity Enhancement Grant with the conclusion that the grant had served its purpose and a final report would be compiled in May 2008
- 8.6 Meetings of SSPA Advisory Committee on 5 March.2008
- 8.7 Meeting of Committee on Respect Our Teachers Campaign. It was noted that the ceremony would take place on 12 September 2008. Ms. Halina POON Suk-han would represent HKSSSC to sit on this committee in the coming school year.
- 8.8 Ms. Kelly CHENG Ka-lee was elected to be one of the members of the 香港教師中心諮詢管理委員會 under the category of “School Sponsoring Bodies and School Councils”
- 8.9 Meeting of Board of Control for Subsidized Schools Provident Fund on 28 January and 26 May 2008
- 8.10 Meetings of Special School Education Working Group
- 8.11 Meeting of the Curriculum and Assessment Task Group on 22 April 2008 to discuss the expected workload of students and teachers with the implementation of the NSS curriculum.