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Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

The Executive Committee (EC) would like to wish all of you a successful and joyful year in 2007.

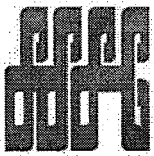
After taking up the office since the Annual General Meeting on 21 November 2006, the EC has started to plan the direction of the Council during our term of office. We know the importance of keeping our members informed of what the EC is doing, so we have planned to issue the Newsletter quarterly each year. Members may refer to Newsletter No. 2 (2006/07) for what have been done in the past two months.

We also find that it is important for more member schools to be involved in the work of the task groups. So, we are inviting you to join the task groups as Consultative Members. Please make use of the Reply Slip attached to inform the Task Group Convenor if you are interested. The Convenors will contact the Consultative Members in their respective task groups when necessary. Hope we can hear from you by the end of this month.

Enclosed please find also the Council's leaflet and a soft copy of the Members List for your reference. Please feel free to let the EC know if there is anything you would like the Council to follow-up. Thank you very much for your attention and we are looking forward to your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,

WONG She Lai Shirley (Ms.)
Chairman



Newsletter No.2 (2006/07)

A. Reports

1. Membership

This year we have a total of 355 member schools registered, covering all the subsidized secondary schools in Hong Kong.

2. Co-opted E.C. members:

Mr YING Yu-hing of CMA Choi Cheung Kok Secondary School, Mr LO Sai-kwong of The Methodist Church HK Wesley College and Mr Alex CHU Kai-wing of CCC Hoh Fuk Tong College were invited as co-opted members.

3. Courtesy meeting with Professor Arthur Li (SEM) and Mr Raymond H.C. Wong (the new PSEM) on 22 November 2006

The Executive Committee (E.C.) had raised the following issues during the meeting:

(a) Report from Committee on Teachers' Work

(b) Issues related to NSS

i. Clarification on the policy of "5 years of tolerance for surplus teachers resulted from 334"

ii. Issues related to implementation of SBA

iii. Curriculum for non-academically oriented students (those students who have difficulties in completing S.4/S.5 in the existing curriculum)

iv. Arrangement for the last cohort of S.5 students not admitted to S.6

(c) Issues related to SSPA

Time for Announcement of Admission for Discretionary Places – Aided and DSS school should be the same

(d) Flexibility versus Monitoring under Education Reform

i. Criteria for approval of 14 days of study leave for Principals and Teachers

ii. Use of funding for procurement of services (especially ECA and language instructors)

EMB agreed to arrange further meetings to discuss the various issues.

4. First Aid Training Requirement for teachers

The Council has received a request from a member school to clarify if it is compulsory for teachers leading field trips to have first aid training. The Council has sought advice from our Hon Legal Advisors and was told that teachers are not bound by law according to the Guidelines, but that "value of such documents are to be assessed carefully because, unless there are cogent reasons for not following them, negligent claims may be given rise to and grounded upon occurrence of similar / identical accident" and that "the guidelines will be relevant when the Court is considering the legal liability of a school". Both Legal Advisers have reminded the schools to have insurance coverage.

5. Follow-up work on the Report from the Committee on Teachers' Work

With the release of the report from the Committee on Teachers' Work, the EC will discuss with the EMB about their response towards the recommendations, particularly Recommendations No. 6, 11 and 16.

B. Announcement

6. Invitation to join the Task Groups as Consultative Members

Principals from member schools are invited to serve as consultative members in the following task groups. Interested members could contact the respective convenor by completing the Reply Slip attached.

HKSSSC (06-08) Task Groups

Task Group	Convenor	Areas of Interest
Copyright	Mr CHOY Ko-leung	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copyright issues related to schools
Curriculum & Assessment	Dr LAM Chi-hung	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondary school curriculum – development, designs, implementation, etc• Assessment issues such as public examinations, TSA, SBA, etc.
Inclusive Education	Ms CHAN King	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusive education in secondary schools• Matters related to SEN students
Professional Development	Ms POON Suk-han	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional development of principals and teachers• Professional conduct• Staff appraisal
School Administration	Mr LIU Ah-chuen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class organization and staff establishment• School Finance matters• Student safety
School Premises and Safety	Mr CHUNG Chiang-hon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Repairs and Maintenance for both estate and non-estate schools• School Safety & Crisis Management
SSPA and Language Policy	Ms YAU Oi-yuen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSPA• Language Policy

7. The Commerce and Industry Branch of the CITB is conducting the public consultation on “Copyright Protection in the Digital Environment”, member schools are welcome to contact the Copyright Task Group if they are interested to join the discussion.
8. The Hong Kong Examinations & Assessment Authority has made a new proposal for the implementation of School-based Assessment (SBA) after the 3rd round of consultation. The EC agreed in principle with the new proposal but understand that members’ views are needed to discuss the details. The Curriculum & Assessment Task Group will follow-up the issue.

May the coming Chinese New Year bring you and your family peace, happiness and good health.

Invitation of Members to join the Task Groups as Consultative Members

REPLY SLIP

(If you are interested to serve as a consultative member, please complete this Reply Slip and send it to the relevant Task Group Convenor by fax.)

To: *(Please tick in the appropriate Box)*

	Task Group	Convenor	Fax No.
	Copyright	Mr CHOY Ko-leung St. Francis of Assisi's College	26779759
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	Inclusive Education	Ms CHAN King SKH Li Ping Secondary School	24850734
	Professional Development	Ms POON Suk-han C & MA Sun Kei Secondary School	21916601
	School Administration	Mr LIU Ah-chuen Christian Alliance S W Chan Mem. College	26763870
	School Premises and Safety	Mr CHUNG Chiang-hon TWGHs Lui Yun Choy Mem College	27024592
	SSPA and Language Policy	Ms YAU Oi-yuen Shatin Pui Ying College	26020411

I am interested to join your Task Group as a Consultative Member.

Name of Principal: _____

Signature of Principal: _____

Name of School: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Email: _____