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## **Report on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Island School Council meeting**

### **Council Membership**

The Council thanked Stuart Miller and Betty Tsu who both stepped down at the end of their terms as School Councillors. Also Michelle Wong and Ravi Mulchandani supported by James Debnam and Sophia Rommel who will shortly complete their year as student representatives on Council. It welcomed Rebecca Yip as Support Staff representative and Michael Lok as a Community Member. Michael is a former pupil of Island School and his joining Council provides a closer link with our alumnae. Michael is the chair of the Alumnae Association.

An election will be held to fill the vacant Parental seat on the Council.

### **Curriculum**

ESF secondary schools currently have different curricula for Years 7 to 11. ESF has now chosen the International Baccalaureate Organisation's 'Middle Year Programme' as the curriculum to standardise on for Years 7 to 9. The change is likely to be made over a number of years depending on the circumstances of each school. Island School is well positioned for the change as its Island Time curriculum is closer to the 'Middle Year Programme' than the previous ESF syllabus.

Island School is currently reviewing its policy on languages. Most of this is complete but further study is required of the Chinese language needs of our students. The review will be completed by the end of this academic year. The MYP structure for languages should help with this.

### **School Accreditation**

Next month, visitors from the Council for International Schools (CIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will make a short, routine visit to follow-up to the report which was done on Island School five years ago.

### **The Spirit Fund**

The Council was pleased to note the imminent launch of the Spirit Fund for enhancing education in Island School.

**J Robert Gibson; Island School Council Chair**