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Report on the 21st June 2017 Island School Council meeting

Relocating Island School while rebuilding takes place

We hope to shortly receive confirmation that the two schools in Tai Wai will be made available for us to decant to in December. The ESF Board has approved the budget for fitting out these schools and included the Island School Principal Designate and Chair of the Island School Buildings Committee in the tender board authorised to award the contracts.

Review of school policies

The Council has a programme to review each of the school policies at least once every three years. The current meeting agreed updates to policies covering:

- Responsible use of computers
- Homework

It also noted improvements which have been made in the policy of on Continuing Professional Education.

School Development Plan

As part of the school's annual routine the Council reviewed the draft School Development Plan for 2016/17/18. The final plan will be agreed at the start of next term. This year's plan focuses on:

- How do we support students to '*Own their own learning.*'?
- Enhancing support for students which find some core areas of the education we offer challenging.
- Moving further from 'assessment' by teachers to teachers and students collecting evidence of the students' achievement. Part of this is ensuring conversations between teachers and students about the students' work are effective.
- How do we encourage all students to willingly contribute to our Island School community and the wider communities of which we are part?
- How does our business model facilitating achieving our educational vision?

Farewells

After the School Council meeting the Council and PTA held a dinner to bid farewell to four of our leaders who are leaving at the end of this term: Chris Binge, Carol Boag, Trudy Lant and Jennie Wathall.

J Robert Gibson; Island School Council Chair