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Report on the 21st June 2016 Island School Council meeting

Language Policy

The Council approved the update to the school's language policy which has been developed by a team lead by Julian Reed. This covers:

- English language throughout the curriculum: How English language skills are developed in the teaching of all subjects. For example how subjects like history help with essay writing.
- Language development in the English curriculum. How English language and literature lessons improve student's literacy.
- Support students who are not native English speakers.
- The Chinese curriculum including consideration of the needs of students who may need Chinese to work in Greater China.
- The Foreign Languages curriculum
- Mother Tongue development

The policy reconfirms and clarifies what is needed for language teaching. There will be ongoing work on how to better deliver it.

Relocating Island School while rebuilding takes place

The design of both the new building for Borrett Road and the arrangements for the premises Island School will relocate to are virtually complete. Government approvals are still pending so that, while we expect the relocation to go ahead in Summer 2017 as planned, we cannot yet be certain of this.

Spirit Fund

The Trustees of the Island School Trust have authorised expenditure of \$582,500 on enhancing education at Island School next year out of the funds raised by Spirit Fund. There is also \$200,000 for the IS Trust scholarship fund. The Council is grateful for the generosity of the Island School community in providing the money.

School Development Plan

The Council reviewed the school's plans for improving teaching and learning at the School next year. One important area is introducing ESF's new assessment system. It is planned to use this in the 2016/17 for Year 7 students and work by other students on tasks which earn school merits. It should spread to be used by all students in later years. Another initiative is providing more assistance for teachers to assist each other reflecting on their teaching practice.

J Robert Gibson; Island School Council Chair