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Panel on Education

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 6:00 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP (Chairman)
Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon SHIU Ka-chun
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

**Members
absent** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

**Clerk in
attendance** : Ms Angel WONG
Chief Council Secretary (4)4

**Staff in
attendance** Mr Matthew LOO
Assistant Secretary General 4

Ms Mina CHAN
Senior Council Secretary (4)4

Miss Mandy NG
Council Secretary (4)4

Miss Winnie CHENG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1

Ms Carman HO
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)2

Miss Emma CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)3

Ms Sandy HAU
Legislative Assistant (4)4

Miss Emma LAM
Clerical Assistant (4)4

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2017-2018 session

(Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(4)6/17-18)

Election of Chairman

Dr CHIANG Lai-wan, the incumbent Chairman, invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Ms Starry LEE nominated Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and the nomination was seconded by Mr LEUNG Che-cheung. Dr CHIANG accepted the nomination.

2. Mr IP Kin-yuen, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, took the chair and invited further nominations. Dr Helena WONG nominated Mr IP Kin-yuen and the nomination was seconded by Ms Tanya CHAN. Mr IP accepted the nomination.

3. As both the incumbent Chairman and Deputy Chairman were nominated, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, the member present who had the highest precedence, took the chair and invited further nominations. There being no other nomination, Mr LEUNG announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr LEUNG invited Ms Starry LEE and Dr Helena WONG who had made the nominations to oversee the counting of votes. Of the members present for voting, 21 voted for Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and 13 voted for Mr IP Kin-yuen. Mr LEUNG declared Dr CHIANG Lai-wan elected as the Chairman of the Panel. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Dennis KWOK nominated Mr IP Kin-yuen and the nomination was seconded by Mr Charles MOK. Mr IP accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr IP Kin-yuen elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 session

5. The Chairman recalled that in the last session, a member suggested holding the regular Panel meetings at an earlier timeslot because the meetings at 4:30 pm had often been extended until 7:30 pm or 8:00 pm and some members were unable to stay behind. However, due to the unavailability of an earlier timeslot, the regular meetings had been maintained at 4:30 pm. As such, subject to members' views, she and the Secretariat would identify an earlier

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timeslot (likely on Friday mornings) for holding regular meetings for the current session and consult members on their preferred timeslot vide a circular the next day. Ms Starry LEE supported the proposal.

(Post-meeting note: Members were consulted vide LC Paper No. CB(4)43/17-18 dated 13 October 2017 on their preferred timeslot. The meeting schedule was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)61/17-18 on 18 October 2017).

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(4)6/17-18)

Policy briefing

6. The Chairman reminded members that the policy briefing of the Panel would be held on Tuesday, 31 October 2017 at 10:45 am.

Regular meeting in November 2017

7. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the regular meeting in November 2017:

- (a) Injection into the Research Endowment Fund; and
- (b) Implementation of School-based Management.

8. Regarding paragraph 7(a) above, members noted that it was a financial proposal for submission to the Finance Committee in December 2017. Noting that \$3 billion would be injected into the Research Endowment Fund to provide studentships for local students admitted to University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded research postgraduate programmes with a view to incentivizing more local students to engage in research work in support of the development of innovation and technology, Dr Helena WONG and Mr HO Kai-ming were concerned whether studentships were only provided for innovation and technology-related programmes. They requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the programmes to be covered by the Fund and the number of studentships for each programme.

9. Regarding paragraph 7(b) above, the Deputy Chairman suggested that the Panel should discuss the arrangements for consultation between teaching staff and school incorporated management committees/Education Bureau. Mr HO Kai-ming said that the Administration should brief the Panel on the roles and responsibilities of the Education Bureau under school-based management.

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Items for discussion at future meetings

10. Mrs Regina IP was concerned about the implementation of the non-means-tested subsidy scheme for self-financing undergraduate programmes starting from the 2017-2018 academic year. She proposed the Panel to follow up on the impact of the scheme on student admissions of UGC-funded and self-financing post-secondary institutions.

11. Dr Helena WONG reiterated her request for discussion of items (5), (16) and (23) on the "List of outstanding items for discussion" ("the List"), namely, issues related to UGC-funded sector, handling of bullying incidents and sexual harassment in schools and safety of drinking water in schools following the incident of excessive lead in drinking water. She also suggested that the Panel should discuss the governance and regulation of self-financing post-secondary education sector, and sex and gender education in schools. Dr Elizabeth QUAT also considered it necessary for the Panel to discuss the subject of sex education in schools .

12. Ms Starry LEE, Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Dr Elizabeth QUAT were concerned about the recent spate of student suicides. To address the problem, Ms LEE proposed that the Panel should discuss the review of the education system of Hong Kong, measures to promote parent education and provision of diversified curricula under publicly-funded education sector. Dr CHEUNG and Dr QUAT considered that the Panel should follow up on issues related to student suicides as soon as practicable. Echoing Ms LEE's concern, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan and Dr QUAT agreed that the Panel should discuss the measures to be taken by the Administration to promote parent education. To foster students' positive values and attitudes, Ms LEE and Dr QUAT proposed the Panel to discuss the subject of moral education in schools.

13. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan proposed the Panel to discuss the concrete measures to better promote the vocational and professional education and training to cater for students' diverse abilities and interests and meet the manpower needs of Hong Kong.

(The Chairman directed that the meeting be extended for 10 minutes.)

14. Dr Fernando CHEUNG referred to item (2) on the List and reiterated his request for discussion of the Member's bill on special education needs. The Chairman said that to her understanding, the bill might not be introduced as it related to public expenditure. However, the Panel would discuss issues related to special education needs.

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15. The Deputy Chairman proposed to discuss the following subject matters:

- (a) student admissions of UGC-funded institutions for non-local students and students sitting for Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination;
- (b) student hostel policy of UGC-funded universities;
- (c) review of the role and positioning of self-financing post-secondary institutions;
- (d) curriculum development in Mathematics and science subjects;
- (e) measures to improve the hardware support for public sector schools and facilities at sub-standard school premises;
- (f) installation of barrier-free facilities in schools;
- (g) policy on construction and allocation of public sector school premises;
- (h) review of the teaching staff establishment and salary structure in public sector schools;
- (i) review of the number of students and classes of various types of special schools;
- (j) review of the role and staff establishment of Special Educational Needs Coordinators;
- (k) staffing ratio in kindergartens; and
- (l) the financial situation of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority and public examination fees.

16. Dr Priscilla LEUNG suggested that the Panel should follow up on the curriculum, teaching methods and materials, and assessment framework of the subject of Liberal Studies.

17. Ms Claudia MO held the view that the English Language curriculum for primary schools was too difficult for primary students, and proposed the Panel to discuss the review of the policy on the teaching and learning of

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English Language in primary schools so as to help students learn English more effectively.

18. Dr Elizabeth QUAT referred to item (21) on the List and urged for an early discussion of issues related to innovation and technology education. She also proposed the Panel to visit Finland to acquire first-hand understanding of its successful education system.

19. The Chairman said that she would reflect members' views expressed at this meeting to the Administration in her and the Deputy Chairman's forthcoming work plan meeting with the Secretary for Education.

IV. Any other business

20. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:37 pm.

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