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Panel on Education

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 11 October 2018 at 6:00 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon IP Kin-yuen (Chairman)
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH (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 Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, 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
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
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
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon AU Nok-hin

**Members
absent** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

**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 Carmen 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 2018-2019 session

(Appendix III to LC Paper No. CB(4)5/18-19 -- Terms of reference of the Panel

Appendix IV to LC Paper No. CB(4)5/18-19 -- List of Government advisory bodies relevant to the Panel)

Election of Chairman

Dr CHIANG Lai-wan, the incumbent Chairman, invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Ms Tanya CHAN nominated Mr IP Kin-yuen and the nomination was seconded by Mr SHIU Ka-chun. Mr IP Kin-yuen accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Dr CHIANG Lai-wan declared Mr IP Kin-yuen elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

2. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan nominated Mr Vincent CHENG and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Regina IP. Mr Vincent CHENG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Vincent CHENG elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2018-2019 session

3. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session would continue to be held on the first Friday of each month at 10:45 am. As 5 April and 7 June 2019 were public holidays, members agreed to reschedule the meetings to 29 March and 14 June 2019.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)35/18-19 on 12 October 2018.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(4)5/18-19 -- List of outstanding items for discussion

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Appendix VI to LC Paper No. -- List of follow-up actions)
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Policy briefing-cum-regular meeting on 2 November 2018

4. Members agreed that the policy briefing-cum-regular meeting would be held on 2 November 2018 from 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. Apart from receiving a briefing by the Secretary for Education on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address, the Panel would discuss the item "Two 30-classroom primary schools at Queen's Hill, Fanling" proposed by the Administration.

Items for discussion at future meetings

5. Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Education Bureau ("EDB") should brief the Panel on the development of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ("STEM") education, and schools should be invited to share their experience in promoting STEM. Dr QUAT also proposed the Panel to consider making a visit to Finland to gain an understanding of its education system. Dr Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should study the gender education in Northern European countries during the visit.

6. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen considered it necessary for EDB to clarify its stance on the use of Putonghua as the medium of instruction for teaching the Chinese Language subject ("PMIC") in schools, and brief the Panel on the progress of and way forward for the implementation of PMIC. Dr CHENG Chung-tai concurred that EDB should brief members on the findings of the review on PMIC, if any.

7. Dr Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should follow up with the review conducted by the Task Force on Review of Self-financing Post-secondary Education, particularly in respect of the binary system of sub-degree education. Dr WONG also considered that representative(s) of the Research Grants Council should be invited to brief members on its policy on funding support provided to the University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions and measures to foster the conduct of local research studies when the proposed injection of \$20 billion into the Research Endowment Fund was discussed. Further, the Panel should discuss the employment situation of contract teachers in primary and secondary schools as well as post-secondary institutions.

8. Mr SHIU Ka-chun proposed to discuss the provision of school social workers in kindergartens ("KGs") as well as primary and secondary schools, and implementation of homework policy in schools, including the feasibility

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of setting homework time ceilings. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan concurred that homework policy should be discussed within the current session.

9. Dr Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss issues related to special education and integrated education, including support for students with special educational needs ("SEN")/students with disabilities in post-secondary institutions; and education support for ethnic minority ("EM") students. In addition, he requested EDB to provide a paper on the details of the new initiatives for SEN students as announced in the 2018 Policy Address.

10. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan urged for early discussion of the review of New Senior Secondary ("NSS") curriculum and assessment, parent education, and review of the implementation of vocational and professional education and training ("VPET").

11. Mr Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the measures to enhance KG and primary school students' interest in learning English Language; review of KG and primary education systems, including the teaching philosophy and curriculum; support measures for EM students to learn Chinese; review of financial assistance schemes for primary and secondary students; and measures to enhance cross-departmental collaboration in undertaking education-related initiatives, such as provision of after-school care service, reading promotion in the community, etc.

12. Dr CHENG Chung-tai and Mr AU Nok-hin urged for discussion of admission of students to UGC-funded institutions through the Joint University Programmes Admissions System ("JUPAS") and non-JUPAS routes. Dr CHENG also considered it necessary for the Administration to review NSS academic structure, which had been implemented for about 10 years.

13. Ms Starry LEE expressed concern that students were under great pressure, and requested the Panel to follow up the related issues with the Administration.

14. Dr Priscilla LEUNG reiterated her request for discussion of the curriculum and assessment framework for the Liberal Studies subject. She also suggested discussing measures to enhance teachers' quality and curriculum design to better meet societal needs and expectations.

15. Mr Steven HO considered that the Administration should review the implementation of moral education in schools.

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16. Dr Junius HO was concerned about the effectiveness of life planning education and urged for early discussion of the review of the implementation of life planning education.

17. The Deputy Chairman proposed to discuss the establishment of a salary scale for KG teachers; measures to ease students' heavy homework load and student pressure; review of the implementation of VPET; and education support for EM students.

18. The Chairman said that he had prepared a list of proposed discussion items, which included the demand for and supply of primary and secondary school places in different school nets, admission policy of UGC-funded institutions for non-local students, introduction of a salary scale for KG teachers, etc. The Chairman also requested the Administration to provide a paper on the progress of the reviews on eight key areas of education.

19. The Chairman said that he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Secretary for Education to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the current session. Members who would like to propose further items for discussion could contact the Secretariat.

IV. Any other business

20. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:27 pm.

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