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Panel on Education

Subcommittee to Study the Development of Textbooks and Teaching Materials for Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools

Minutes of the second meeting held on Friday, 29 May 2020 at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon SHIU Ka-chun
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Member absent : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP

Members attending : Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon KWONG Chun-yu

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

Staff in attendance : Miss Joyce CHAN
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Miss Mandy NG
Senior Council Secretary (4)4

Ms Rachel WONG
Council Secretary (4)4

Ms Sandy HAU
Legislative Assistant (4)4

Miss Emma LAM
Clerical Assistant (4)4

Action

I. Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, member who had the highest precedence in Council among members of the Subcommittee present, presided over the election of Chairman. Mr LEUNG recapitulated that members' views on whether candidates should be given time to present their election platforms were sought at the last Subcommittee meeting on 28 April 2020. As some members had not yet given their views, the discussion would continue at this meeting.

3. Mr IP Kin-yuen, Mr Charles MOK, Dr Helena WONG and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen considered it necessary to conduct election platforms, during which candidates should explain their proposals on conducting meetings in a fair and open manner, and meeting schedule in order to cover all the issues proposed in the work plan given the limited time left in the current legislative session. Mr IP held the view that the prevailing textbook review mechanism had been effective.

Action

The candidates should give their views on whether the Administration should tighten the control over the development of textbooks and teaching materials. Dr WONG considered that the candidates should also inform members of their relevant experience in leading the Subcommittee to discuss the development of textbooks and teaching materials for kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. Mr CHAN considered that candidates should also explain how to collect teaching materials for discussion, including whether the schools or teachers concerned would be invited to the Subcommittee meeting(s).

4. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, Ms Elizabeth QUAT and Ms YUNG Hoi-yan urged Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung to proceed directly to the election of Chairman. Mr LEUNG said he would consider issuing a letter to the Chairman of the Panel on Education to disqualify Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung from presiding the election. In view of the many complaints from parents about the incorrect and biased textbooks and teaching materials, Ms QUAT considered there was a need to review and improve the mechanisms for developing textbooks and teaching materials.

5. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen said that the Subcommittee might collect teaching materials for discussion through different means such as from the Internet, parents and schools. He enquired whether members would be protected by the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) if the teaching materials for discussion were later found to be inauthentic. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung advised that he would follow up Mr CHAN's concern with the Legal Advisor to the Subcommittee after the meeting.

6. Ms YUNG Hoi-yan said that the Subcommittee could hold a public hearing to receive views and collect teaching materials from parents and students. In her view, it might not be necessary for the Subcommittee to ensure the authenticity of the textbooks or teaching materials obtained.

7. The meeting ended at 2:29 pm.

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Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)</i>			
000421-000929	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Ms Tanya CHAN Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	Opening remarks	
000930-001832	Mr IP Kin-yuen Mr Charles MOK Dr Helena WONG Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	Discussion on whether candidates should make election presentations	
001833-002139	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	Concerns about the methods of collecting teaching materials and verifying their authenticity	
002140-003243	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Ms Elizabeth QUAT Ms YUNG Hoi-yan	Discussion on whether candidates should make election presentations Concerns about the delay in the election of Chairman	
003244-003317	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Closing remarks	