

## SUMMARY NOTES OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ESF BOARD MEETING

ON 17 NOVEMBER 2011

### 1. Election of Members to the Offices of the Board, Standing Committees, Non-Statutory Committees and of the members ESL Educational Services Ltd.

Ms Sophia Kao was elected as Vice Chairman.

Mr Robert Gazzi was elected as Treasurer/Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dr PM Kam was elected as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Mr Michael Dowie and Ms Elizabeth Boshier were elected as new members of the Finance Committee.

Mr Robert Bennett was elected as a new member of the Major Building Projects Committee.

Ms Amy Wong, Mr Simon Osborne and Ms Kim Anderson were elected as new members of the Communications Working Group.

Mr Mike Dowie, Mr Robert Bennett and Ms Katie Keenan were elected as members of ESF Educational Services Ltd.

### 2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman provided an update on discussions between ESF and EDB relating to the issue of the subvention.

### 3. CEO Report

The CEO proposed that the Strategic Plan for 2012-15 should be drawn up between January and May 2012.

A large increase in applications for places for year one students was reported.

The Finance Committee will oversee a cost review exercise.

### 4. Board Handbook

The handbook now includes the following statement:

“The Board must have the appropriate contextual knowledge, especially on educational aspects, to make informed decisions on all strategic issues.”

The Chairman also drew attention to the inclusion of a paragraph stating that the success of the Board is dependent upon mutual respect, trust and collective responsibility.

**5. Review of Admissions**

ESF will review its admissions policy.

**6. Applied Learning**

A paper was presented by The Director, Education to demonstrate progress on the provision of Applied Learning. It was noted that students had been extremely successful in this pathway.

A total of 10--15% of students are currently considered to be suitable for this mode of study.

**7. Curriculum 11-16**

The School Development Adviser, Secondary presented a position paper written by senior leaders of secondary schools including mission statements and values.

Two additional booklets were distributed on the matters of Applied Learning and the ESF Chinese curriculum.

**8. University Entries**

The numbers, destinations and subject areas of school leavers were presented.

**9. For Information**

The Board has been joined by three new independent members: P M Kam, Michael Dowie and Alex Chan and six new parent members: Kim Anderson, Robert Bennett, Mark Clifford, Vincent Ho, Simon Joyce and Simon Osborne.

Appointment of School Council Community Representatives effective 28 October 2011:

- Glenealy School Council – Judy Vas (replaces P McCowan)
- Kennedy School Council – Martin Franks (replaces Bridget Lindsay)
- Kowloon Junior School Council – Mathew Tam (will fill a vacancy)
- Clearwater Bay School Council – Karin Broeksmit retrospectively in August 2010 (replaced Peta McCauley)

Heather Du Quesnay  
Chief Executive Officer  
21 November 2011