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SUMMARY NOTES OF THE FOURTH ESF BOARD MEETING ON 20 JANUARY 2009

1. Student Enrolment

Enrolment figures in both primary and secondary sections show no significant change from 2007-08. There are waiting lists for primary and secondary. A close watch on enrolment will be maintained.

2. Funding of Kowloon Junior School/King George V School Redevelopment – Cash Flow Implications

Planning of funding could be established only when the Education Bureau's contribution was known. ESF Centre continued to prepare a range of funding models.

3. Strategic Plan 2009-2012

The Board was invited to consider how members might wish to contribute to the strategic plan. The wording of some sections of the plan would be adjusted to reflect the current context.

4. Media Strategy and Coverage

A small working group reported on their deliberations on media strategy. It was agreed that a more comprehensive view of media relations together with a more informed and consistent strategy would be beneficial. The proposal that media training for schools and PTAs would prove to be an effective addition to the overall strategy will be looked into.

5. Greenfield Sites for International School Development

The Centre is following up on its expression of interest. Site visits and briefings for interested parties are now taking place. The Board will receive information from the briefings at its meeting in February. The site in question is zoned for a maximum of 1,200 students in a through-school with a boarding element.

6. ESF Staff Compensation

A report was given on Remuneration Planning 2009-2010 for information. An overview was given of the progress on initiatives to date, the decision making process, and market forces. The Board will be required to approve salary positions for 2009-2010 in due course : this would be later than usual because of the uncertainties in the economic environment.

7. School Fees

A presentation was given on a range of considerations relating to ESF school fee levels, arising from development needs and the unpredictability of the overall economic situation and its possible effects. Decisions would inevitably be later than usual this year.

8. Teacher Recruitment and Retention

By close of applications on 19 January, 2,578 teachers had registered and 1,111 applications had been received. The total of teachers who had retired or resigned was 81 while a further 36 new positions were also to be filled.

ESF had participated in a number of recruitment fairs. Interviews would be held in London and Hong Kong during 1-13 February 2009.

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