To: Principals of All Member Schools

Newsletter No.2 (2012/13)

The Executive Committee (EC) would like to wish you all a smooth & more successful academic year ahead. We would like to present here a brief report on what the EC has done and to announce some of the forthcoming events.

I. Reports

1. Membership

This year we have a total of 345 member schools registered, covering almost all the subsidized secondary schools in Hong Kong.

2. Annual General Meeting (2012/13)

The AGM (2012/13) was held on 26th November 2012 with an attendance of 179 member school principals. After the AGM, we were pleased to have Mr. Eddie NG Hak-kim, SBS, JP, Secretary for Education, EDB to share with us his view on “Education & the Future of Hong Kong”.

3. Co-opted Executive Committee members

Mr. Kwok Man-leung of Buddhist Yip Kei Nam Memorial College, Ms. Michelle HO Miu-chun of Tuen Mun Catholic Secondary School & Ms. Cheung Wai-yin of Po Leung Kuk Ma Kam Ming College have been invited as co-opted members.

4. Survey on the Early Retirement Scheme

A letter from EDB was received in response to the Council enquiry on the Early Retirement Scheme for Subsidized Secondary School teachers. In order to solicit the views of member schools, a simple survey on this issue was conducted in April 2013. Members can refer to the letter attached.
5. Meetings with EDB

(a) 13 December 2012: Meeting with Mrs. Cherry TSE LING Kit-Ching, PSED on recent educational issues. The following issues were discussed: (1) SEN, (2) Early Retirement Scheme, (3) Release results of S1 applications earlier, and (4) Pilot Project on Revised School Complaints Handling Arrangement.

(b) 29 January 2013: Meeting with Mrs. Betty Ip JP, Deputy Secretary (Ed). The meeting was mainly on the discussions of Integrated Education.

(c) 27 February 2013: Meeting with Mrs. Michelle WONG YAU Wai-ching, Deputy Secretary (Ed). The following issues were discussed: (1) A New “Entitlement Checking System”, (2) The work of Commission on Poverty, (3) Reduction of S1 Allocation: follow-up arrangement and related policies, (4) LT, WT and IT Teachers, (5) Pilot Project on strengthening Schools’ Administration Management Phase II, (6) Insurance for IMC, (7) GM ratio and teaching staff resources, (8) Tendering and Purchase procedures, (9) Warning Letter to Teachers, (10) Use of Time-defined Contracts and (11) Review on Through train school policy.

II. Announcements

1. Professional Sharing Session

Date: 6th May 2013 (Monday)
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Venue: Lecture Theatre, 2/F, SKH St. Mary’s Church Mok Hing Yiu College, 1 Hoi Lai Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
Theme: Deployment of Resources in response to the Declining Student Population

Please refer to our invitation letter and remember to fill in the reply slip for your attendance.
2. General Meeting

Date: 7th June 2013 (Friday)
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Venue: Assembly Hall, 4/F, North Tower, YMCA of Hong Kong, 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
Guest Speaker: Dr. Philemon CHOI Yuen-wan (蔡元雲醫生) SBS,JP
Hon. General Secretary of Breakthrough
Vice-chairperson of the Education, Employment and Training Task Force of Commission on Poverty
Lunch: 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Please mark both dates on your diary and further details will be sent to you in due course.

Thank you for your continuous support and participation. Attached please find the Council’s Leaflet and a DVD-ROM of the HKSSSC Member List 2012/13 for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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