



Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council

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To give member schools a better understanding of the work of HKSSSC, the Executive Committee has decided to release subsequent issues of Newsletters more frequently in electronic format on the HKSSSC website to report the progress of work of the Council.

A. Reports

1. “Nine Measures to Support Teachers” announced on 27 March 2006

The Executive Committee (E.C.) has agreed to support the measures under the following rationales:

- (a) HKSSSC will play the role of a professional council to fight for the provision of a better learning environment for all students on behalf of its member schools;
- (b) Enhancement for provision for education should be a continuous process and should be for students of all abilities;
- (c) Skewed provision of resources for particular groups should be the beginning of a stage-wise provision process for all;
- (d) All schools should have class size of 35 students as proposed in Education Commission Report No. 5;
- (e) Provision to schools should continue until a school decides to stop operation of its own accord.

2. Copyright issues

- (a) The Chairman will sign an agreement on copyright with the Hong Kong Reprographic Rights Licensing Society Ltd. on behalf of all member schools.
- (b) Copyright for using TV programmes produced by RTHK
Member schools should note that RTHK will allow some of its programmes to be on loan to schools for educational purpose, but RTHK does not have the total ownership of all parts in its programmes because some of the programmes may include other sources with copyright but permission for use granted in the programmes. The Council is requesting the EMB to arrange a meeting with RTHK to follow up on the issue.

3. Occupational Safety Ordinance

It came to the notice of the Council that a school was being warned by the Labour Department for not performing any risk analysis in relation to the Occupational Safety Ordinance. Member schools are reminded to comply with the requirements of the Ordinance, the relevant information of which can be found on the Labour Department Homepage.

4. Car-park issue for estate schools

A meeting with the LINK had been arranged. The Housing Authority and The Link Co. agreed to provide free parking spaces to Estate Schools as in the previous years. A maximum

of 8 free parking spaces will be provided to each estate secondary school and 4 to each estate primary school. The arrangements of using monthly tickets, passes or daily tickets vary with different car park contractors. The Link Co. will review the situation to see if further simplification can be made possible.

5. Issues related to 334

(a) Class Structure for NSS (3+3)

A number of issues needed to be addressed, such as whether asymmetrical schools should remain unchanged or become symmetrical, how to handle surplus teachers if schools need to change from asymmetrical to symmetrical, whether mainstream schools should operate 24-class structure, etc. A survey on the views of member schools will be conducted before HKSSSC proceeds its discussion with the EMB.

(b) MOI for Liberal Studies

The E.C. is in the process of requesting the EMB to announce the MOI for Liberal Studies as soon as possible.

6. Workshop on English Enhancement Scheme

Together with the Association of Hong Kong Chinese Middle Schools, the Association of English Medium Secondary Schools, the Hong Kong Association of Heads of Secondary Schools and the Association of Heads of Government Secondary Schools, HKSSSC had co-organized a workshop on English Enhancement Scheme on 25 March 2006 at Pui Ching Middle School with over 600 participants.

7. Survey on School-Based Assessment for English Language and Chinese Language in HKCEE

The survey was done upon the SEM's announcement on 27 March 2006 that simplified SBA measures would be decided in April and EC was requested to make suggestions to EMB on the issues. The analysis of the responses to the survey had been completed and member schools can refer to the report on the HKSSSC website.

8. Response to "Career-oriented Studies" Consultation Paper

After collecting the views of member schools through a questionnaire, the response to the consultation paper will be uploaded to the HKSSSC website.

9. Teacher Workload

The E.C. at first planned to conduct a survey on the issue but decided to abandon the plan after knowing that the Teacher Workload Committee set up by the EMB would conduct a survey on the same issue.

B. Announcement

10. General Meeting – 1 June 2006

The coming General Meeting will be held on 1 June 2006 (Thursday) at Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road during 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please reserve your time and mark it on your diary. Details will be announced in due course.

11. An ad hoc Task Group on Inclusion Education convened by Ms. CHAN King would be set up. Principals from member schools are welcome to join the task group by contacting Ms CHAN King.