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Report on the 14th January 2015 Island School Council meeting

Council Committees

The Council approved new terms of reference for its Committees which are posted [here](#). It also agreed on a work plan including a process for progressively reviewing the school's policies over the next three years, which is posted [here](#).

Andrew Nowak was appointed as Chair of the Buildings Committee as Malcolm Gibson is leaving for Australia. Andrew is the Development Director for HK University of Science and Technology Estates Management Office where he oversees construction of its new buildings.

Matters considered

1. **Design work on the New Island School Building.** The Concept Design for the new building was approved and, subject to its receiving ESF Board approval, Detailed Design will now start. The school community will be involved in the detailed design process leading up to the Legco's Public Works sub-committee endorsement of the Government's share of the funding about April 2016 and decanting at the end for the 2016/17 school year.
2. **Decant schools.** The Government has nominated two school buildings in Tai Wai for our decant. Planning for this decant will now start. Formal approval for using these school buildings is expected in April 2016 when the Legco's Public Works sub-committee endorses funding for the new Island School building.
3. **ESF Stakeholder Survey results on Island School.** The results of this May 2014 survey were reviewed. It was gratifying that students gave a very positive result for 'My school is a welcoming and friendly place' while parents gave a similar response for 'My child enjoys school'.
4. **Committee and Principal reports:** It was noted:
 - a. The School satisfactorily passed audit by the ESF Internal Auditor.
 - b. The PTA, students and staff are to be congratulated on a successful Winter Fair.
 - c. Year 13- University applications are in progress and some students have been accepted to very good universities.
 - d. Michael Lok is now the Chair of the Alumnae committee. There will be a London reunion on 28 March which the Principal will attend.
 - e. Continuous Professional Development (CPD) had great speakers such as Lance King, Debra Kidd and Phil Wood

J Robert Gibson; Island School Council Chair