

Durham Chinese School Newsletter

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There has been an ad hoc meeting on Sunday 6 May 2012 2:00-4:00pm involving members of Durham Chinese School Committee (Hu Jinlin, Philip Cordery, Mamty Sunuodula) and Yang Lisong, Wang Huijuan and Hou Yanhua representing the parents. Following are the summary of what has been agreed and discussed at the meeting:

1. An inclusive working group is to be formed with immediate effect to address issues faced by Durham Chinese School.
2. Current membership of the Group includes: Hu Jinlin, Philip Cordery, Yang Lisong, Wang Huijuan, Hou Yanhua and Mamty Sunuodula.
3. Membership of the group is not exclusive and other parents may be called upon when addressing specific issues where they have particular interest or raise a particular issue.
4. The Working Group will draft and finalise a formal letter and future plans to be presented to Durham Johnston School (DJS), taking into consideration all the information and feedback from parents gathered so far to the fullest extent.
5. The formal letter and future plans will include options to minimize the cost of using the current DJS venue by the Chinese School by reducing the space, hours of use and other charges that can be reduced. It will also include information about the current financial status of Durham Chinese School, fee information and activities other than teaching Chinese. It will also propose what and how the Chinese School will contribute (both soft and hard) towards its maintenance and future development as well as other contingency plans.
6. The Working Group will communicate with DJS and other parties on the Chinese School community's behalf in order to steer Durham Chinese School from its current difficulties.
7. The Working Group will communicate with Durham Chinese School community about significant developments and will endeavour to ensure that the community's views are properly considered and fed into the decision making process.
8. A School e-bulletin will be launched and issued on a regular basis, at least once a month, updating the community of any developments, issues and news.
9. The Working Group will set up a communication channel with Durham County Council in order to gain wider support.
10. Governance structure of the School will be examined at a future meeting and clarification of duties, such as coordination of teaching, etc. will be discussed.
11. The Working Group will actively establish contacts with alternative organisations which are interested in hosting Durham Chinese School, while negotiations continue with Durham Johnston School with a view that it is the preferred partner and venue for Durham Chinese School.
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