

TISPA – Nov 3, 2016

Head of School Report

TIS VISION – Developing a Strategic Direction

The School Improvement Committee worked on the development of the action plan for the 2016-2019 TIS strategic directions:

1. Increase the exposure and value of the TIS brand.
2. Develop systems for improving and supporting our students.
3. Increase staff recruitment and retention.
4. Further develop staff capacity.
5. Develop and better utilize our facilities.
6. Better engage the parent community.
7. Explore alternatives to existing business model.

The staff have provided valuable feedback and we would like to solicit TISPA feedback as well.

Staff Passing

We are sad to announce that Elizabeth Belmonte passed away Tuesday night. Elizabeth had been a Teaching Assistant for the past 5 years at TIS. She left TIS for medical reasons last spring. The school will be holding a memorial in the near future. Counseling is being provided for staff and students. A collection will be taken up by the staff to assist the family.

Immigration & Staffing

The immigration issues with regards to securing the work visas with the three teachers have been resolved. Their work visas have now been approved and they are back on-site to resume their positions in Grade 6, SK and Elementary PE respectively. We also welcomed a new Mandarin teacher, Katherine Li who started on October 25, 2016. Remaining issues are less critical but still being resolved.

Building Update

School tours will be scheduled for November for TISPA members and a notification will be sent to coordinate the dates and times. We are on track with the ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled to take place on January 20, in conjunction with our CNY celebrations and then a more formal opening during the Open House on Feb 18.

Run of Hope

All staff, students and parents are encouraged to participate or volunteer at the Run of Hope on Sunday, November 13. Registration forms are available in the office.

Anti-Bullying Week

The Education Act has designated the third week of November as 'bullying awareness and prevention' week. The Safe, Caring and Welcoming Committee (SCWC) is working on a number of different activities for the different divisions in consultation with VPs. The Kinder-Primary levels are focussed on 'friendship week' which will include some class activities and a presentation in the assembly already scheduled that week. For Div 3 & 4 - we're planning to send out some discussion questions/video clip(s) to use during homeroom.

澳門國際學校家長會 (TISPA) – 2016 年 11 月 3 日

校長的報告

學校遠景－發展具策略性的方針

學校優化委員會致力發展 2016-2019 年的發展方向：

1. 增加澳門國際學校的曝光率，提升本校品牌價值。
2. 開發改善和支援學生的系列。
3. 提高招聘率及留職率。
4. 進一步發展員工才能。
5. 發展及更有效地活用校內設施。
6. 更好地與家長群溝通。
7. 在既有的商業模式中探索其他可作替代之方式。

目前員工已提供有價值的反饋，而學校希望同時能獲得家長會的意見。

員工離世

很遺憾的告知各位，過去五年在本校任職助教的 Elizabeth Belmonte 於週二與世長辭。去年春天她因為健康理由已離開學校。學校已向員工及學生為即將舉行的悼念會提供諮詢，從員工及家庭所得之慰問金將交給 Elizabeth 之家屬。

移民及人員配置

環繞三位申請工作簽證的老師之逗留問題已獲解決。有關簽證已獲批，他們亦回到所屬位置，教授小學六年級、幼稚園三年級以及小學體育科。另外，我們歡迎今年 10 月 25 日新上任的普通話老師 Katherine Li。其餘問題雖不棘手，但仍有待解決。

校舍興建進度

11 月份參觀新校舍的時間表將會發送給家長會成員，通知安排的日子及時間。目前已確定 1 月 20 日慶祝農曆新年的同時為新校舍舉行剪綵儀式。2 月 18 日開放日會再進一步開放。

慈善步行

歡迎全體職員、學生及學生參與 11 月 13 日，週日舉行的樂善行活動。報名表格可於辦公室前檯索取。

反欺凌週

11 月第三個星期被定為「欺凌之意識及預防」週。安全、關愛及關顧委員會 (SCWC) 將與各級副校合作，透過不同的活動宣傳有關意識。幼稚園至小學的宣佈重點為「友愛週」，當中包括一些班級活動及早會演說。中學部的則會透過課堂進行討論或欣賞短片。