

Hong Kong Scotland School Improvement Partnership (HKSSIP)

Meeting on 2 April, 2019 at James Gillespie's High School

In attendance: Archie McGlynn(founder-director),Donald J Macdonald (HT JGHS), David Dempster (HT BHS), Jeff Warden (AHT JGHS), Stephen Kelly (HT Liberton HS), Christopher Santini HT St Thomas of Aquin's), Jenell Arnott (DHT Heriot's School), Paul Fairclough (Head of Senior School, Heriot's), Ross Hunter (HT Gracemount HS), Paul Chambers (DHT RHS), Susan Cook (HT Knox Academy),.

Apologies: Neil McCallum (HT Balerno HS) Maureen Allan (HT Preston Street PS)

1. After welcome and introductions, we set out exchange dates: Scottish visit to HK - 19/20 Sept to 26/27 Sept; HK visit to Scotland 3 to 9 November

Outline provisional programme:

Friday 20 Sept	Scottish group meet for dinner (TBC)
Saturday 21	Tour of HK with Archie
Sunday 22	Freetime for cultural activities, host families collect Scottish pupils at 4 pm at Mei Ho House
Mon23-Wed 25	School partner visits**
Thur 26	Partner schools, Leaders' workshop (themes to be agreed, e.g. leadership, school governance, learning and teaching); debriefing meeting with all concerned (venue tbc) plus final dinner. Hosted pupils return to hotel accommodation after dinner
Friday 27	Visit to Ocean Park and departures -

** arrangements will be made to give leaders opportunities to visit more than one school

2. Proposed attendees:

JGHS	HT, 1 CL -Gaelic, 2 teachers - PE and Music, and 6 pupils
Boroughmuir	HT, 1 teacher-technology, and 5 pupils
Royal HS	DHT and up to 10 pupils
Knox Academy	HT, 2 Curr Leaders, and Education Officer
St Thomas	HT, 1 teacher- maths
Heriot's	DHT
Gracemount HS	HT, 3 teachers -2 languages, 1 maths
Balerno HS	TBC
Preston Street	TBC
Liberton HS	HT

Archie asked Balerno and Preston Street to confirm their arrangements as soon as possible, and before his HK visit in first week of May

3. Notes/action points

Schools to book own flights, some ideas shared at meeting, e.g. BA offering very well priced flights, and also accommodation - City View popular (Knox has secured a good deal) and Mei Ho House. Early booking essential for Mei Ho House

Archie emphasised the importance of partner schools working closely together to finalise arrangements, including number of pupils and host families. He said schools should make contact following the meeting. He would be meeting HK partners in the first week of May to go over arrangements for visit and timetables/workshop.

All HK schools likely to send pupils in November, suggested number 4 to 6 (although some partners have already made individual arrangements)

Partner of Scottish schools to email details of leaders/teachers joining the exchange along with subject/interest areas - good for Archie to have this information before his May visit to HK

Archie already has made some progress to arrange partner for St Thomas. Given timescale unlikely to set up partnership for Liberton for Sept visit but HT welcome to join the group - suitable timetable can be prepared for his visit.

4. HK visit to Scotland to coincide with week of SCEN Youth Summit (8 November), arrive 3 November depart 9 November. Details to be confirmed at Archie's meeting with HK partners in May

Meeting closed with informal sharing over tea and sandwiches. Archie thanked Donald for hosting the meeting and the school's hospitality.

Donald and Archie

4 April, 2019