

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the Education and Welfare Committee in 2019

Date : 10 January 2019 (Thursday)
Time : 10:00 am
Venue : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Ms LAM Chung-yan (Chairman)	DC Member	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger (Vice-Chairman)	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr HO Hau-cheung, SBS, MH	DC Chairman	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	"	10:00 am	10:05 am
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr CHIU Man-leong	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	10:09 am	10:14 am
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	10:04 am	10:14 am
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH, JP	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	10:01 am	10:14 am
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	10:04 am	10:14 am
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	10:01 am	10:14 am
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	"	10:02 am	10:14 am
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	10:03 am	10:14 am
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr YIP Wing	"	10:00 am	10:12 am
Mr YIU Ka-chun, MH	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	10:00 am	10:14 am
Mr MOK Man-lok, Mannix (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 1 / Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Ms CHAN Lai-na, Laura

Ms CHIANG Lam

Mr CHUNG Chun-fei, Jeffrey

Mr CHAN Ping-ching, Roy

Ms CHENG Siu-ling, Katy

Ms NG Suk-min

Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

TitleHousing Manager (Tai Po, North and Sha Tin 1) /
Housing DepartmentSenior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 5 /
Education BureauSenior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 3 /
Education BureauAssistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sha Tin) 1 /
Social Welfare DepartmentChief Liaison Officer /
Sha Tin District OfficeSenior Liaison Officer (East) /
Sha Tin District OfficeSenior Executive Officer (District Council) /
Sha Tin District Office**Absent**

Mr SIU Hin-hong

Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny

Title

DC Member

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(No application for leave of absence received)

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Action

The Chairman welcomed all members and representatives of government departments to the first meeting of the Education and Welfare Committee of this year.

Application for Leave of Absence

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had not received any application for leave of absence in writing from members.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8 November 2018

(EWC Minutes 6/2018)

3. Members unanimously endorsed the above minutes.

Matters Arising**Responses of the Relevant Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

(Paper No. EW 1/2019)

4. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) illegal parking at the proposed location of the primary school of Shui Cheun O Estate was serious and related departments had stated in the paper that 2 inter-departmental meetings had been convened for discussion on feasible and practical solutions. He asked whether members could be informed of any progress at present. The main reason for illegal parking was the lack of parking spaces in the district and he asked how this could be handled;

- (b) after the School Net 91 was full, students of Shui Cheun O Estate were allocated to School Nets 88 and 89. Problems would arise if additional trips from Shui Cheun O Estate to Ma On Shan could not be arranged in the morning. Therefore, he asked whether the Transport Department (TD) and bus companies could be requested to arrange for the trips of Route No. 89S from Wong Nai Tau to Ma On Shan to depart from Shui Cheun O Estate instead, with a view to facilitating students of Shui Cheun O Estate to go to Ma On Shan by bus, as well as improving the operational condition of Route No. 89S;
- (c) it was stated in the paper that sponsoring bodies would also actively encourage their staff and students to gain access to schools by means of public transport or by school bus/nanny van. He asked whether the Education Bureau (EDB) could include terms in service agreements, requesting sponsoring bodies to encourage their staff and students to gain access to schools by means of public transport or by school bus;
- (d) the construction of Shui Cheun O Primary School started after the intake of Shui Cheun O Estate. He asked the EDB whether it could make proper projection of the number of school-aged pupils before completion of new housing estates, so as to avoid building schools only after the intake of housing estates; and
- (e) the inaccurate estimation of school place provision of School Net 91 was caused by the closure of 2 “matchbox-style” primary schools in Sha Kok Estate due to various reasons, and the unavailability of new school premises. In view of the intake of Shek Mun Estate Phase 2, Yan On Estate Phase 2, Chun Yeung Estate, as well as other new housing estates under the House Ownership Scheme, the number of school-aged pupils would definitely increase, but there was not a corresponding increase in the number of school places. Meanwhile, the original 2 primary school premises in the Ma On Shan District would be used by tertiary institutions. The EDB had to conduct an appropriate review on the number of school places or otherwise, students could not study in their home district.

5. Mr Wilson LI hoped that the EDB and the TD would actively follow up the transport issues raised by Mr Michael YUNG. There were 3 School Nets in the Sha Tin District and he hoped that the EDB would enhance the implementation of small class teaching instead of closing down schools.

6. Ms CHIANG Lam, Senior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 5 of the EDB responded that regarding illegal parking at the proposed location of the primary school of Shui Cheun O Estate, the EDB had convened 2 inter-departmental meetings for discussion on feasible and practical solutions. The EDB would continue to maintain close contact with related departments and to follow up the issue, and provide related information for District Council Members’ discussion.

7. Mr Jeffrey CHUNG, Senior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 3 of the EDB responded that limitation in population projection was inevitable, but the EDB would continue to study how the planning mechanism could be improved. In this regard, the EDB would strengthen the communication with related departments in order to, as far as practicable, keep abreast the latest information, including the latest arrangement of major housing development

projects and the timing of intake, so that the population projection of school-aged pupils could be updated. The purpose was to help determine whether construction of new school premises was necessary, and if yes, the related construction plan could commence in time.

8. The Chairman opined that if there were insufficient school places in School Net 91, it would not be ideal when small class teaching was turned into big class teaching. She therefore hoped that the EDB would have a proper assessment. She asked the EDB and the TD to provide supplementary information on issues that they were unable to give responses to members just now.

9. Members noted the above paper.

Information Paper

Number of Children Referred to Public Sector Primary and Secondary Schools in Sha Tin District Provided by the Education Bureau
(Paper No. EW 2/2019)

10. Members noted the above paper.

Date of Next Meeting

11. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 10:00 am on 7 March 2019 (Thursday).

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
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