

ACE Report for 2010

Date: March 12th – 13th

Venue: Canadian International School of Hong Kong

Meeting opened: 8.30am Friday

Meeting closed: 4.00pm Saturday

Last years minutes were presented and discussed.

Business arising:

Communication was again the main issue. We used a wiki last year for much of the earlier information sharing. However, it became clear that some found it difficult to use the communication features of the wiki. As the year progressed I moved most of the information to a regular site and this seemed to work better – however user contribution becomes limited to blog entries.

There were many very successful events last year. The energy and commitment of some of the member teachers is outstanding. We want to recognize the achievements of the organizing teachers, schools and most importantly the students through supporting Kate Landau's request for a brief report being submitted to her soon after the event being concluded. Emailing her with a brief written report and including some photos is probably the best way at the moment. Other solutions will be investigated with in the group to compliment this.

Several presentations were made to the group including the outstanding event organized by Shane at Dulwich in the Forbidden City.

New event initiatives:

Several new ideas for events were muted, offered and discussed. The information relating to these events will be made available in due course.

Job a like:

Presentations in music and community service took place and were appreciated by all there.

Major recommendations:

Reduce the number of High school Cultural Conventions to 1 instead of 3

Rationale: many of the events have been cancelled at the last moment. There is a distinct feeling that schools are overreaching themselves and have to cancel. Any school is eligible – first come basis for registration.

MS Cultural Conventions will be organized on a southern and northern basis, with the same rules for registration as above.

Place all school breaks on the ACAMIS calendar if possible. It was felt this would aide everyone in making plans for events.

The coordinator position be extended to a 2 year position from a yearly electable position. (or yearly If the position is vacated) This was felt necessary to provide stability.

Schools must send an ACE Rep to the AGM, this is essential for the organization of events. Sending one person to cover both meetings has not been successful. There have been numerous examples of problems due to this. Too often the meeting is unable to fulfill its function due to schools not being represented. This is proving frustrating to the Reps who are there.

Schedule a meeting with the heads and the ACE Coordinator towards the end of the Spring Conference to look at the events schedule and solve problems there and then. I suspect many schools that could not send ACE Reps in the past used this opportunity to have input. This used to be a meeting that took place; it was removed from the regular agenda a couple of years ago. Looking back many difficulties had their beginnings at around this time.

Events:

The events have a greater variety than for many years. This updated list placed on the ACAMIS web site is the official version.

Events to date:

Events:	Where	Date
Art on The Go!	All Schools Steven_Hickey@istianjin.net	All year
Chess Central	Suzhou Singapore International School joannerodriguez@ssis-suzhou.net	26-27/11/2010
Chess North	Dulwich College Beijing, graeme.salt@dulwich-beijing.cn	13/11/2010
Chess North	Beijing City International School rina.tamayo@bcis.cn	12/3/2011
Community Service	Suzhou Singapore International School joannerodriguez@ssis-suzhou.net	8-9/4/2011
Creatives United *	Beijing City International School richard.todd@bcis.cn	All year
High School Cultural Convention	Dulwich College Shanghai	20-24/10/2010
Kids Read	Western Academy of Beijing trish_mcnair@wab.edu	14/1/2011
Mac Users Network *	All Schools Steven_Hickey@istianjin.net	All year
Middle School Maths Olympiad North	Beijing City International School phil.clark@bcis.cn	3/11/2010
Middle School Maths Olympiad South	TBD	TBD
Middle School Model United Nations Central	Nanjing International School chrisallen@staff.nanjing-school.com	25-26/2/2011
High School Model United Nations	Xiamen International School	22/4/2011
Middle School Model United Nations North	Dulwich College Beijing Shane.O'Shea@dulwich-beijing.cn	10-13/2/2011
Middle School Model United Nations South	TBD	TBD
Middle School Chess South	QSI International School of Shekou john-kenealy@shk.qsi.org	5/2/2011

Middle School Speech and Debate Festival	Western Academy of Beijing marmstrong@wab.edu, mhalpin@wab.edu	13/11/2010
Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament	Beijing City International School mark.lombardo@bcis.cn	28/5/2011
Middle School Cultural Convention	Suzhou Singapore International School joannerodriguez@ssis-suzhou.net	20-21/5/2011
Public Speaking *	Suzhou Singapore International School	22-23/10/2010
Science and Technology Challenge*	Beijing City International School phil.clark@bcis.cn	10/11/2010
Students Can Help High School Conference*	Dulwich College Beijing Shane.O'Shea@dulwich-beijing.cn	27-28/11/2010
Teams Mathematical Challenge	Western Academy of Beijing marmstrong@wab.edu, mhalpin@wab.edu	21/5/2011

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