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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is John Chin and I work alongside Sarah Cornelius as Tech Coordinators at Korea International School, Jeju (KISJ) in the Elementary School. I am writing to recommend Sarah for your school. She is a passionate educator who is constantly looking for the best resources for her students and fellow teachers.

Sarah started in KISJ's 3rd year. That year, she researched and convinced ES admin, teachers and parents to implement a 1-to-1 iPad program. Many had hesitations but she was willing to sacrifice her time and energy to get it pushed through because she really believed that it would help with student learning. Even though it wasn't her responsibility, she initially imaged all 200+ iPads by herself.

She further helped teachers by looking at the grade levels' curricula and then went into their meetings with different ideas and apps that they could use to accomplish those goals. She has done this every year since and this year alone, she introduced apps such as Raz-Kids, Speakaboos, Book Creator, Toontastic, ShowMe, Explain Everything, Google Drive and Gmail (to name a few) to Pre-Kinder through Grade 2 classrooms. This has led to students being able to express their creativity in many different ways and has increased student learning and engagement.

She has also given many Nearpod demonstrations so teachers can present lessons where students can give immediate feedback on their learning in multiple ways and keep the flow of the lesson. Aurasma is a resource that she showed to me which I then taught to Grade 4 teachers who then used it for a big project with their students. She even used Aurasmas in our yearbook last year which was a big hit.

She has helped streamline our ordering process and saved the school money by coordinating website subscriptions from all the grade levels so we can get group discounts and have consistency between grades. She has promoted tech conferences such as the iPad Conference and EARCOS to teachers and has even presented at conferences. She has organized a Sphero (robotics) club for the dorm students and highlighted their skills and accomplishments by having a full school assembly for the Sphero Olympics where those students were put into teams and competed against each other.

As a tech teacher, she is very detailed with her UbD plans and keeps her website up to date so students, parents and teachers can be aware of what she is doing. She plans her lessons months in advance to make sure the learning progresses at the right pace and lines up: this can be a double-edged sword at times as our school is in its 6th year and there are still many kinks to be worked out.

If you want to hire someone who is a passionate educator, super hard working and talented but also has some edge to her, I highly suggest Sarah. She will absolutely push your teachers and learning forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Chin'.

John Chin