

JORDANHILL SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING held on Tuesday 17 January 2017 in the Conference Room.

PRESENT

Mr Ken Alexander
Mr Alister Cameron
Mr Anthony Daye
Mrs Anne Fraser
Dr Helen Kelly
Mr Kenny MacRae
Mrs Morag Munro
Professor Kevin O'Dell
Ms Janice Oliver
Professor Naveed Sattar
Mr Graham Short
Ms Fiona Wishlade

ATTENDING

Mr Richard Buchan
Miss Wendy Grant
Mrs Christine Robertson
Dr Paul Thomson

23/16/2017 APOLOGIES

No apologies.

24/16/2017 PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of 29 November were approved. The action plan was reviewed and the work plan discussed with future themes and dates noted.

25/16/2017 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not already on the agenda.

26/16/2017 RECTOR AND CONVENOR: ORAL UPDATE

Staffing Update

The Board was advised that Mr Andrew Madill started as Principal Teacher of Computing and Business Education on 5 January. Mrs Karen Waugh is providing maternity cover in P4 for Mrs Caroline Beaton from 16 January.

Interviews for a vacancy as pupil support assistant in Secondary will take place on 20th January while interviews for a replacement science technician will take place in early February. The school facilities team and refectory team also have vacancies at present. The School's Educational Psychologist finishes at the end of January and we are still looking to recruit to this one day a week role.

27/16/2017 BROAD GENERAL EDUCATION (BGE) LEVELS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

The Rector delivered a presentation on the National Teacher Judgement Survey results published in December 2016. Some inconsistencies in the national data were noted. It is anticipated that the introduction of Scottish standardised tests in 2017 will alter the pattern of results. The school will continue use PTE, PTM and CAT tests until the usefulness of the new tests is established and will continue to monitor its assessment of pupil progress against relevant national benchmarks.

28/16/2017 OUTLINE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Board reviewed the Outline School Improvement Plan for 2017 most of which had already been discussed or shared in some form. Key themes include the BGE phase, Modern Languages 1+2, STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) subjects, Senior Phase careers and pathways, Our People and Investors in People and the Digital Strategy.

It was noted that the latest PISA Report indicates that 23% of Scottish 15 year olds are interested in progressing into a STEM career after School while in Jordanhill our UCAS statistics show 53% actually go on to study STEM subjects.

29/16/2017 UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Housing Development and Sports Pitch Management Plan

The Rector presented a comprehensive paper highlighting key statements within the Campus Plan 2 and the granting of Planning Permission in Principle by Glasgow City Council and comparing these to the Master Plan published recently by Cala Homes. The paper highlights where Cala diverge from the key principles established in Campus Plan 2 and the granting of PPP.

Dr Thomson reported that he had attended a very well attended meeting of Jordanhill Community Council (JCC) on 9 January at their invitation and provided an update on past dialogue with the University. It was noted that a representative group has been set up chaired by Pat Chalmers with members from JCC and other community groups. While the school was not a member of this group, Dr Thomson had offered to meet with them to explore topics of mutual interest.

Pupil safety and the transport plan for the site is a key issue for the school both during and after the construction phase. It was noted that the proposed scale of building on the Garden Wall and University House sites would impact on the school and contradicted the basis of PPP. The school also has a keen interest in seeing the development of a coherent and sustainable Sports Pitch Management Plan.

30/16/2017 ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW

The annual review of School policies had been issued to the Board and discussion ensued on recent updates to existing policies and those that would be reviewed in the coming year including

- Safeguarding
- Digital Learning Strategy
- Equalities Mainstreaming Report
- Workforce Equalities Monitoring: Equal Pay Statements
- Admissions
- Freedom of Information Update

The Depute Rector outlined updates to Safeguarding and Child Protection policies which had been shared with our link HMIE. The Board were directed to links to policy documents and In Focus leaflets on the School website and invited to identify any area upon which they would like a further briefing.

31/16/2017 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Bursar presented summary finances to the end of Dec 2016. She reported on income and expenditure streams and offered insight into some of the detail behind them. The School is receiving most of its grant income as expected and is spending as per budgeted allocations. Further discussion is underway with the Scottish Government regarding the level of recurrent grant available to the School this and next financial year. She advised further increases the living wage effective April 2017 – rising from £8.33 to £8.45.

32/16/2017 DIGITAL LEARNING STRATEGY

A paper on IT infrastructure developments required to deliver the national Digital Strategy had been issued for information, perusal and reflection. The Rector advised that the paper would form the basis of any recommendations. In the interim, any feedback would be welcomed from the Board.

33/16/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 21 MARCH

Convenor _____

Date _____