

JORDANHILL SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 in the Conference Room.

PRESENT

Mr Ken Alexander
Mr Alister Cameron
Mrs Julie Carrie
Mr Neil Francis
Ms Susan Jeffrey
Mr Kenny MacRae
Mr Gerry Sludden
Dr Helen Kelly
Mr Joseph McKenna
Mr Graham Short

ATTENDING

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

74/18/2019 APOLOGIES

Mr Anthony Daye and Professor Kevin O'Dell offered their apologies.

75/18/2019 PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute and confidential minute of 30 April 2019 were approved. The action grid was reviewed and work plan discussed.

76/18/2019 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not already accounted for in the agenda. The auditor has deferred the Board visit until August to present PwC's report and findings when they will be fully complete.

77/18/2019 RECTOR AND CONVENOR ORAL UPDATE

The Rector proposed that the additional In-service days for 2019/20 take place on Thursday 26th September and Friday 7th February and explained the rationale for this. The Board approved these dates.

The dates of Board meetings for 2019/20 were issued.

The Rector confirmed a communication to parents regarding the school flag flying at half-mast to acknowledge the passing of Ian Cameron, a former pupil who enrolled in Jordanhill School in 1925 and left in 1942. Ian served in the war and was laterally the Head Teacher at John Ogilvie High School in Helensburgh.

A brief discussion took place regarding the September AGM and conference. Some possible themes to offer parents this year include:

- iGeneration
- Improving gender balance
- Literacy
- Alcohol awareness

Board colleagues were asked to offer any further requests to the Rector.

The Bursar offered an update from CALA Homes regarding the recent fire on their site.

78/18/2019 FINAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP)

The Rector presented the final SIP. He pointed out the green flags on items completed or near completion. He talked about the outreach teaching at Broomhill Primary taking place under the auspices of the Chinese Language Centre and how this was planned now to extend down to P5 and P6 following some very positive feedback.

The partnership with the Scottish Opera was described as very strong and more performances planned for October when Mr Pan the Chinese Consul will attend. In 2020 all P5-P7 pupils will have the opportunity to perform the Terracotta Warriors.

Health and Wellbeing will feature on the Board work plan in October 2020.

The 7th secondary parents survey is being distributed to parents on 12th June for completion by end of term.

Mention was made of Eco recognition by way of the desire to make this a priority ongoing.

The SIP outlined the next stages to SCEL (Scottish College for Education Leadership) Middle Leadership Development.

The Board engaged in discussion around the SIP and confirmed its approval.

79/18/2019 BUDGET 2019-20

The Board received an update from the Bursar and Rector following a meeting they attended in Edinburgh with Scottish Government (SG) colleagues. It was a productive meeting which indicated a growing understanding of the School's context. We expect a communication shortly to offer the 19/20 recurrent grant.

The NIF 2018 had indicated that a Home School Worker would be provided to every secondary school. However, funding there is no specific funding for this. The NIF 2019 indicates that a school counsellor will be provided in every secondary school. Colleagues in SG are looking sympathetically at how funding might be provided for Jordanhill School as the national model would currently exclude us. More information to follow as soon as it becomes available.

The School highlighted, as it has previously, the lack of funding for family leave and long-term absence cover. SG acknowledged the pressures arising and will consider the matter further.

SG colleagues reiterated the need for Jordanhill School to consider 'the cost of the school day' for parents and be mindful of pressures associated with family life. The Rector confirmed the Board's desire to make sure all parents are well supported, and that no child misses out as a result of finances at home and the Trusts position to support benevolent grants. He shared the consultation around music and sports fees and trips and confirmed actions that are being led by the parent voice.

80/18/2019 OFFICE 365 – BOARD PORTAL

A short demo was offered on this new site which will be used by the Board to share papers and agendas going forward.

The Rector and staff members offered an insight into the use of Office 365 by school staff and the investment placed on this to support learning and teaching. Staff will receive training in August on this.

81/18/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2019

82/18/2019 OTHER BUSINESS

Members are asked to advise the Rector or Convenor of any additional business in advance of the meeting.

83/18/19 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Board further discussed several confidential matters.

Convenor _____

Date _____