

JORDANHILL SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING held on Tuesday 29 November 2016 in the Conference Room.

PRESENT

Mr Ken Alexander
Mr Alister Cameron
Dr Helen Kelly
Mr Kenny MacRae
Mrs Morag Munro
Ms Janice Oliver
Mr Graham Short
Ms Fiona Wishlade

APOLOGIES

Mrs Anne Fraser
Professor Kevin O'Dell
Professor Naveed Sattar

ATTENDING

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

14/16/2017 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Professor Naveed Sattar, Professor Kevin O'Dell and Mrs Anne Fraser.

15/16/2017 PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes and confidential minutes of 25 October were approved. The Rector advised the Board of a dialogue he had had with the PTA chair around their appetite to support fundraising related to the centenary. The Board was most appreciative of this, but wish to ensure that all activity is aligned to the wider fundraising strategy. The Rector undertook to convey this to the PTA.

The action plan was reviewed and the work plan discussed with future themes and dates noted.

16/16/2017 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not already on the agenda.

17/16/2017 RECTOR AND CONVENOR: ORAL UPDATE

The Board was advised that Mr Andrew Madill has been appointed as Principal Teacher of Computing and Business Education. Mr Madill joins the School from North Lanarkshire Council.

The Rector advised the Board of a donation of £1,000 from the Educational Amenities Trust to the Abernethy Trust. Our P6 pupils have been visiting Abernethy for many years and the organisation have launched an appeal to build new facilities. The Board commended the support offered by the EA Trust.

The School has received a number of complaints recently from parents about dangerous parking/driving by other parents who are dropping off or picking up pupils. The Board offered its support to the Rector in speaking directly with individual parents who behaved in this way.

It was noted that Jordanhill School was ranked number one in the Sunday Times Top 50 State Schools in Scotland as it has been since the inception of their tables.

18/16/2017 SCOTTISH EDUCATION GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Board reviewed a draft response from Jordanhill School to the above review. The response comments only on matters of relevance to the school. In particular, it was noted that the School already epitomises the principles set out in the Review. It was also noted that the application of a “simple” formula would be challenging in Jordanhill School’s context.

Mr Short shared his perspective on the Review that it dealt in summary with 3 keys themes: strengthening the middle (the middle being where you are); collaboration through collective consultation, consensus building, planning, autonomy, efficacy and impact; and finally budgets with the message here being savings. He endorsed the key points made in the draft response.

The Board approved the draft response for submission.

19/16/2017 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Bursar presented summary finances to 29 November 2016. She reported on income and expenditure streams and offered insight into some of the detail behind them. No issues of concern were identified.

20/16/2017 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016 EVALUATION

Parents and staff members on the Board reflected on the breadth of achievement in the last 12 months offered via the School Improvement Plan evaluation and congratulated all involved in the delivery of outcomes. The abbreviated version of the evaluation ‘Delivering for You’ will be communicated to parents shortly.

21/16/2017 OTHER BUSINESS

Chinese Language Centre

The Rector shared the good news that two 6th year pupils had been successful in their applications for a fully funded year of study in China in 2017-18. The students will be in Tianjin when the school trip visits in October 2017.

Board Secondment

On the recommendation of the current and former convenors, the Board agreed to extend an invitation to Mr Anthony Daye to join the Board for a period of 3 years.

22/16/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 17 JANUARY

Convenor _____

Date _____