

JORDANHILL SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING held on Tuesday 17 March 2020 in the Learning Zone.

PRESENT

Mr Ken Alexander
Mr Alister Cameron
Mrs Julie Carrie
Mr Neil Francis
Dr Helen Kelly
Mr Kenny MacRae
Mr Joseph McKenna
Professor Kevin O'Dell
Ms Margaret Orr
Mr Gerry Sludden

ATTENDING

Mr Richard Buchan
Mrs Christine Robertson
Dr Paul Thomson

40/19/2020 APOLOGIES

Mr Anthony Daye, Ms Susan Jeffrey, Mr Graham Short and Miss Wendy Grant

41/19/2020 PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of Tuesday 21 January 2020 were approved. The action grid offered no new or live items and the work plan was noted.

42/19/2020 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not already accounted for in the agenda.

43/19/2020 RECTOR AND CONVENOR: ORAL UPDATE

Coronavirus

The Rector reported that parents were being updated daily by e-mail and the school website was being updated as we received new advice from Health Protection Scotland and Scottish Government on coronavirus. All school public events, Easter church services, induction events for P7 pupils from other schools, sport, music making activities, major trips and IDL activities have been cancelled until the end of May. The Rector spoke to Scottish Government about cancelling the major trips, as financial implications were significant, and they agreed that was the best course of action. The Rector reported that we were starting to see increased rates of pupil and staff absence due to coronavirus so disruption to teaching and learning was inevitable. From Wednesday 18 March all schools in Scotland are required to make a daily statistical return to Scottish Government at 2 pm on pupil and teacher absence rates. The School received a statement from the Scottish Qualifications Authority on Tuesday 17 March stating the examination diet would take place.

Centenary Events

The Rector reported that even though the Light Show had been impacted by the very inclement weather, the school has some very good images that can be used at future events.

Community Council Local Place Plan

It was noted that Jordanhill Community Council had recently written to Glasgow City Council stating their intention to draw up a Local Place Plan. Within this they highlight their support for the school's plans to extend and refurbish the sports building.

44/19/2020 Broad General Education Toolkit

Dr Thomson presented key data from the Broad General Education Toolkit for P1, P4, P7 and S3.

45/19/2020 PARENT COMMUNICATIONS AND PORTAL

A paper on parent communications and the use of a parent portal was issued in advance of the meeting to give Board members an insight into research undertaken across Scotland.

Parent members of the Board believed that the School was advanced in this area and they were interested to hear that an additional function would be added to Ofiice365, later this year, which would send them a report on assignments due.

46/19/2020 CHANGES TO NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL FOOD AND DRINK

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

47/19/2020 BUDGET 2020 - 21

The Rector outlined the position for the Budget 2020-21 and was hopeful that Scottish Government would address costs for long term absence and maternity cover in the recurrent grant offer. He hoped to receive a letter from the Depute First Minister by the end of this term.

In the event that the recurrent grant is insufficient it may be necessary to run with one fewer fte teachers in Secondary than assumed in the budget projection.

Dr Thomson reported that Swire's have agreed to fund the School to do outreach teaching in Mandarin at the High School of Glasgow for the next 3 years. Thereafter the HSoG would assume a costs and the employment of the necessary teacher. Dr Kelly would meet with the Depute Rector at the High School of Glasgow in the near future to look at timetabling requirements for Mandarin.

48/19/2020 FINANCE UPDATE 2019-20

The Rector outlined work being done around our digital strategy, including the re-fit of an IT classroom. He noted that income from the Refectory is down by approximately £10,000 at this point in the financial year. Income on lets would also be down due to coronavirus.

Any losses from deposits from the major school trips would come from the Education Amenities Trust fund. The School would be audited over the Easter break but possibly remotely.

49/19/2020 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

A confidential item was discussed.

50/19/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 28 April 2020

52/19/2020 OTHER BUSINESS

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

Convenor _____

Date _____