

JORDANHILL SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING held on Tuesday 17 January 2023 in the school conference room.

PRESENT

Mr Russell Davidson
Mrs Heather Hamilton
Mr Kenny Hastie
Mrs Deborah Hughes
Ms Giuliana Ifarate
Mrs Emma Miller
Ms Margaret Orr
Mr Kelvin Scobie
Mr Graham Short
Mr Gerry Sludden
Mr Andrew Tinkler

ATTENDING

Mr John Anderson
Mr Dougie Brown
Mr Richard Buchan
Miss Wendy Grant

VISITING

Ms Clare Morley
Mr Gavin Page

23/22/2023 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Mr Hastie welcomed everyone and introduced Ms Morley and Mr Page, representatives from the Scottish Government. Mr Anthony Daye and Mr Ewen White offered apologies and there were no conflicts of interest.

24/22/2023 PRESENTATION FROM PARENT BOARD MEMBERS: BUILDINGS AND ESTATE

Mr Hastie and Mrs Hughes, parent board members, thanked colleagues from the Scottish Government for their attendance at the meeting and the support offered to the school to date, specifically funding offered during the period of Covid recovery. Both parents shared a presentation expressing concerns about significant areas of the school estate relating to the findings of the PPM survey. The school instructed a full planned preventative maintenance (PPM) survey of the estate early in 2022 and this survey provided the basis for discussion with Scottish Government colleagues in 2022. This survey is repeated circa every 7-8 years. The presentation comprised photographs of the key issues as mentioned in the PPM including: issues with the function of the science and technical buildings; the features of the PE block and changing rooms; and the on-going challenges of maintaining the North Building given its age. The presentation detailed the board's desire for financial support from the Scottish Government to allow the school to redevelop the estate.

Board colleagues entered a discussion with Ms Morley about models for funding and possibility for access to capital investment for government targets and priorities such as net zero and other important initiatives. Ms Morley explained approaches in the local authorities similar to a lease/mortgage model which would not be available or suitable for Jordanhill School. Ms Morley

offered information regarding the Scottish Futures Trust and their involvement in the development of school buildings and estates. She also discussed the Scottish Government's system of scoring the condition of school buildings which has not been offered to Jordanhill School, however will be considered for future.

Ms Morley expressed her thanks for the presentation which she confirmed supported her understanding of the needs noted in the PPM survey and advised colleagues that she would take this back and contact appropriate personnel in Government for advice about next steps. She advised that projects for redevelopment do take a significant number of years to evolve from research, into approval, design and implementation.

Mr Hastie thanked both colleagues for their attendance and Ms Morley and Mr Page left the meeting.

25/22/2023 PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the board meeting on 22 November 2022 were approved. The work plan was noted, and future themes highlighted. No actions appeared on the action grid.

26/22/2023 MATTERS ARISING

No matters were arising.

27/22/2023 RECTOR AND CONVENOR UPDATE

Christmas Events

Mr Anderson offered an update on the recent festive events which included concerts, nativity, panto, the Christmas fayre, community tea party, shared photographs and stories about their success. Fun was had at the parties and dances and pupils enjoyed their social events.

Striving Higher Reception

Positive feedback came from those who were able to attend this reception and some new donors to Striving Higher followed it. Attendance was low and the timing of the event near to Christmas may have impacted the turnout.

Primary Update

Mr Buchan shared several informative updates on current work in the primary school which offered excellent insight into a variety of projects underway. These included:

- Work on the value – RESPECT – as a current focus in the primary school.
- The current classroom topics.
- Engaging parents' events and their success.
- Bikeability awards.
- Partnership links established with Whiteinch Library.
- A visit to Garnethill Synagogue.

28/22/2023 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP) 2023

This school improvement plan (SIP) was presented by Mr Anderson and would be shared with the parent body shortly. The SIP is located [here](#). It is designed to inform whole-school and departmental planning and budgeting for the coming financial year. The senior management team will review this plan in June 2023 and formally evaluate our progress in October 2023. School improvement is multi-variable with so many ingredients required to create a high performing and happy school.

Board colleagues engaged in feedback in response to Mr Anderson's presentation and approved the SIP for 2023.

29/22/2023 PARENT FOCUS GROUPS FEEDBACK

Mr Anderson shared the summary of comments from the recent parent focus groups and responses from school personnel and actions that will follow as a result. Board members who hosted these events described them as useful and helpful however the small number of parents who did attend were not fully representative of the parent group and the size of group too narrow. Suggestions were made to repeat the exercise at a later date and run additional sessions to attempt to encourage more engagement. Mr Anderson highlighted areas of the SiP related to parental feedback, namely the plan for a Spring 2023 whole school engagement survey using HMIE questions.

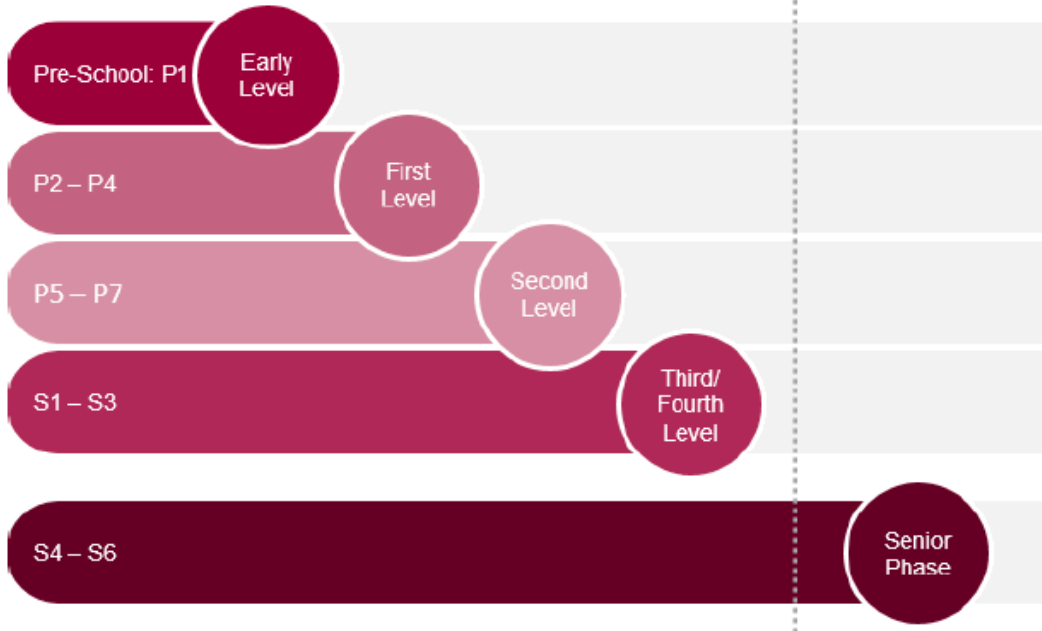
30/22/2023 BGE LEVELS

The rector shared a presentation on statistics in relation to the broad general education of our pupils. He advised that primary children, in particular, in all schools had been detrimentally affected by Covid as a result of interrupted teaching and learning. He reassured board members that Jordanhill School were proactive and is offering very targeted approaches to small groups of individuals in need of additional support.

The Board welcomed the summary of results and shared a discussion on the detail behind the statistics presented.

Mr Anderson and Mr Buchan offered commentary on each of the following slides.

Broad General Education



stage	measure	value
P1	Listening & Talking - % Meeting Level	90.9%
P4	Listening & Talking - % Meeting Level	97%
P7	Listening & Talking - % Meeting Level	93.9%

stage	measure	value
P1	Writing - % Meeting Level	89.4%
P4	Writing - % Meeting Level	90.9%
P7	Writing - % Meeting Level	86.4%

stage	measure	value
P1	Reading - % Meeting Level	89.4%
P4	Reading - % Meeting Level	97%
P7	Reading - % Meeting Level	95.5%

stage	measure	value
P1	Numeracy - % Meeting Level	92.4%
P4	Numeracy - % Meeting Level	89.4%
P7	Numeracy - % Meeting Level	90.9%

Mr Anderson went on to share information on secondary results and Jordanhill School's recent award as the Sunday Times schools of the Year for academic performance.

31/22/2023 BUDGET AND FINANCE UPDATE

The bursar offered an update on the income and expenditure streams up to the end of December 2022. She confirmed finances were on track however expressed concerns for Q4 due to rises in energy and continued inflation. A request for support from the Scottish Government to counteract the surge in energy costs had been made and Miss Grant was hopeful some support would be forthcoming.

She confirmed the pay award for support staff had been paid for 2022-23, however as yet, no agreement had been reached on teacher pay award and strike action in local authorities continued.

The bursar confirmed she a final year end projection would be shared in March at the next meeting.

32/22/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 14 March 2023

33/22/2023 OTHER BUSINESS

Members are asked to advise the rector/convenor of any additional business in advance of meeting.

Convenor _____

Date _____