

JORDANHILL SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING held on Tuesday 21 November 2023 in the school conference room.

PRESENT

Mr Anthony Daye
Mrs Heather Hamilton
Mr Kenny Hastie
Mrs Deborah Hughes
Mrs Giuliana Iafrate
Mrs Emma Miller
Mr Kelvin Scobie
Mr Andrew Tinkler
Mr Gerry Sludden
Mr Ewen White

ATTENDING

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

VISITING

Mrs Jill Robinson

13/23/2024 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Mr Hastie welcomed everyone. Ms Margaret Orr, Mr Graham Short and Mr Russell Davidson offered apologies. There were no conflicts of interest.

14/23/2024 DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mrs Robinson, Development Director, offered an update on the various streams of activity underway.

The Playground Project

Information was shared below under each of the workstreams pulling together to fundraise for a new primary playground. Mrs Robinson shared projections on income that was hoped to be generated by working together in school and with partners in delivering activities in the next 6 months. The target remains as £250,000 and it is hoped that activities in the pipeline and already delivered should generate at least 70% of this target and further planning is underway to target the final 30%.



Income &
projections



Events



Ambassadors



Staff
participation



Corporate
engagement
& Grant
applications



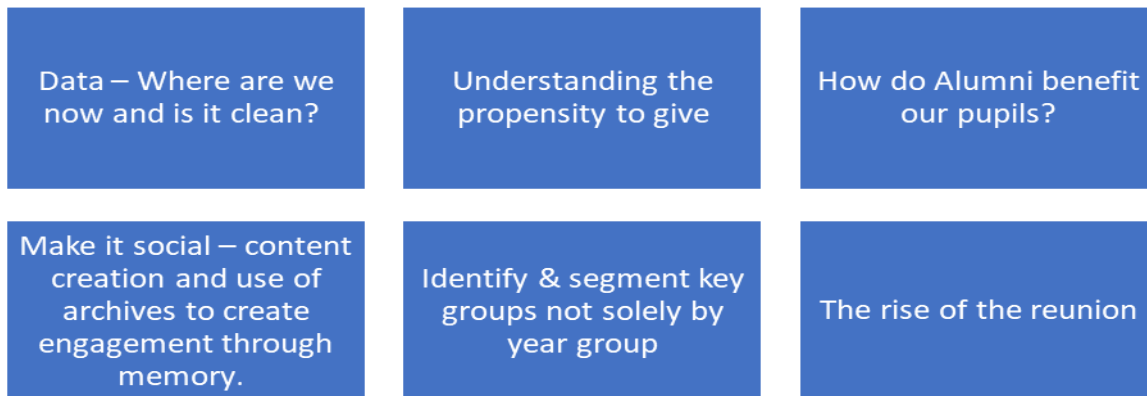
Kompan & World
Playground Research
Institute

The Giving Tree

So far of the leaves purchased on the tree, 65% are gold, 26% are silver, 9% are bronze and one plaque has been sold.

Alumni and Data Cleansing

Mrs Robinson shared some slides which prompted Board discussion around how she was working to gather better data on the school's alumni and work with them going forward.



Striving Higher

The Development Director confirmed that there has been a growth in monthly donors, an investment in the content and communications that have been shared regarding Striving Higher and that she has set up annual thanking plans and impact reporting.

Mr Robinson shared some industry statistics on donations and fundraising in the state sector to close off her presentation. The following information was shared with board colleagues:

- Many state schools now recognise that they need to fundraise. In the last 8 years The Institute of Development Professionals in Education's (IDPE) state school membership has increased from just 2% of membership to approximately 15%.
- **91%** of all income raised in the state sector in the last 3 years was at schools running a capital campaign.
- **70%** of all income received by state schools comes from current parents. This is likely to differ from independent schools due to lack of school fees.
- Only 3 of 23 state schools who are IDPE members reported noteworthy legacy income last year. These 3 schools generated c£1,500,000

Mr Hastie and board colleagues offered helpful comments and suggestion regards the journey that Jordhill School is on and thanked Mrs Robinson for all her work to date.

Mrs Robinson left the meeting.

15/23/2024 PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the board meeting on 24 October 2023 were approved. The work plan was noted, and future themes highlighted. The action grid was discussed and outstanding items highlighted.

16/23/2024 MATTERS ARISING

No matters were arising.

17/23/2024 RECTOR AND CONVENOR UPDATE

Primary

Mr Buchan offered an update on recent Primary events and current priorities. The current school value being taught is 'perseverance' and a number of classroom activities are based around this. Mr Buchan also shared the image of the wellbeing and talked to the current priority being taught which is 'safe'.

Wellbeing Wheel



The primary headteacher explained that lunchtime clubs has seen a great uptake and currently operating are:

- Games Club, P1-P2, P3-P4
- Creative Writing P3, P5
- P3 Music Club
- P4 Tennis Club
- P5-P7 Eco Committee
- P5-P7 Digital Leaders of Learning
- P6 Euro Quiz

- P6-7 Library/Chess

Mr Buchan celebrated the success of a group of primary children who were participants in the Road Safety Star Film awards, which they very much enjoyed. He also confirmed that Road Safety week was in November 2023 and the school would be giving this a big focus. Finally, he reminded board colleagues of the PTA Fayre which was coming up on Saturday 2nd December.

Scottish Government (SG) Meeting

Mr Anderson shared commentary on a recent meeting he and Miss Grant had with the Scottish Government. He discussed the budget projection for 2024/25 which currently presented a £450k (circa) deficit. He explained the factors surrounding this and the reasons for this position. Mr Anderson confirmed he had updated SG colleagues about the sports centre and The Glasgow Academy's plans.

Miss Grant advised colleagues that the school needs to replace the boiler plant in the technical building at a cost of £95k (circa) and it was hoped that the SG would be able to support this exceptional cost. She also explained that an approach had been made to SG colleagues to support free school meals capital expenditure incurred by Jordanhill School in good faith in 2022/23 to support the expansion throughout the primary of free school meals.

Finally, Mr Anderson shared a commentary on the mandarin curriculum and the risks to future funding associated with the SWIRE foundation. More information on this item would be shared in future meetings.

Road Safety

Mr Hastie gave an update on some further meetings and discussions on the future development of Chamberlain Road and some road safety concerns that he and others were liaising with Glasgow City Council representatives on. More information to follow and updates at the next board meeting.

SCIS – Child Protection Training

This item was deferred to January and Mr Short and Ms Orr were not in attendance.

Anti-bullying and Mobile Phones

Mr Brown offered a commentary on the recent survey to parents and pupils regarding the definition of bullying and the use of mobile phones. Mr Brown discussed the strong support from the parent body for the school to restrict mobile usage and strong support for an update to the definition of bullying along the lines suggested by the school. Mr Brown asked members to note that, regardless of definition, we will always challenge poor behaviour and support pupils.

Fire Risk Assessment

Miss Grant offered a positive commentary on the recent external fire risk assessment undertaken by a third party. This offered the necessary annual due diligence in relation to the school's approach to fire safety and was part of the school's health and safety policy. Overall a very strong, positive report was received.

18/23/2024 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SiP) 2024 – GROUP ACTIVITY

The board split into groups and considered the various priorities of the school for next year’s school improvement plan along with other priorities that were suggested for 2025-26. The exercise generated ideas, feedback, and comments useful to formation of the 2024 SiP.

19/23/2024 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Miss Grant highlighted an overview of school finances to end of October 2023. The financial year showed income and expenditure streams generally on target to the end of this period, except for school letting which was behind target due to a large user of the facilities withdrawing. The finance team will continue to be diligent regarding spending and the management of the budget. Energy is being tracked carefully due to its continued volatility in pricing.

As discussed in 17/23/2024 a meeting with the Scottish Government took place on 6 November and all finances for 2023/24, 2024/25 were discussed and the board will continue to receive updates at the next meeting in January. A further meeting with the Scottish Government is planned for January.

20/23/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 16 January 2024

21/23/2024 OTHER BUSINESS

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

Convenor _____

Date _____