JORDANHILL SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF JORDANHILL SCHOOL held on Tuesday 17 September 2024 at 7pm in Jordanhill School.

PRESENT: -

There were 96 ordinary members in attendance which included Mr Hastie (convenor).

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2023 were approved. They were proposed by Mrs Mackay and seconded by Mrs Marshall.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the reports and financial statements to follow.

3. BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

The convenor welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for joining the AGM. He offered a personal introduction and gave commentary on his role as convenor and explained to members the purpose of the AGM referring to the Memorandum and Articles of Association. He outlined the running order of business for the meeting and set the tone for discussion as the evening evolved. He gave thanks to staff who were involved in the organisation of the parent conference which preceded the AGM.

He encouraged members to digest the Annual Report and review it to understand the range of activities and excellent achievements delivered in the last year. He commented on Government initiatives addressed in the Annual Report and how the school is performing against a selection of key performance indicators (KPIs). Mr Hastie advised the audience that a survey and communication would follow the AGM and parents were encouraged to share any feedback should they so wish on the AGM.

Mr Hastie reflected on his year as convenor, and made special thanks to staff, his fellow board members, and the independent members of the board, acknowledging the combined expertise and the variety which brings different perspectives as parents, members of the local community and a variety of professional backgrounds which combine positively to help support the work of the school. He expressed thanks to Russell Davidson, parent member and Gerry Sludden, staff member who were retiring from the Board of Managers tonight and are replaced by Andrew Sloane, parent member and Chelsey Atkinson, staff member. Mr Hastie offered a warm welcome to these new board colleagues.

Additionally, Mr Hastie acknowledged and thanked the excellent and specialist education expertise offered by Mr Short and Ms Orr. He thanked too, the parental community for the support, challenges, insights, and commitment shown to the board and school leadership team over the last year.

The convenor commented on a very busy 12 months in the school and explained the board continued to be involved in a wide range of essential activities including: enhancing the school improvement plan, the review of extensive parent, pupil and staff survey feedback, digital learning strategy and implementation, development office strategy and planning, the cyber security policy, the health and safety policy review and approval, online safety training and mobile phone policy as well as discussions to secure increased investment needed to develop the school estate.

Regarding the school estate, he explained meetings took place with Scottish Government to make the case for redevelopment of the ageing PE and Technical Blocks and requested an increase to the annual capital grant for the maintenance of the South and North Campus buildings. At this point, the request for capital grant increase has been accepted which is great news and is reflective of the positive response from Scottish Government to the redevelopment and investment case for Jordanhill overall. He advised that detailed condition surveys had been completed for the school estate and these were now with the Scottish Government and Scottish Futures Trust and discussions ongoing. This represents a very exciting opportunity to enhance the environment for all our children and teachers and we would expect to have firmer details on next steps to share with everyone over the next 12 months.

Mr Hastie commented that parent/carer engagement is a unique and vital component of the operation of Jordanhill and throughout the year it has again been a genuine privilege to witness everyone working together to support the ongoing success of the young people at Jordanhill. The drumbeat of regular parent evenings, musical and drama performances involving all age groups in primary and secondary as well as school sports training and inter-school competitions in football, rugby, hockey, netball as well as other school trips and cultural experiences all continuing. All have brought energy to the school and helped us connect our community.

He commented on the work of the development office and the fantastic achievement in delivering the primary playground project which was a real community effort. He thanked everyone involved in this great initiative and all those who were involved in donating and fund raising.

Mr Hastie thanked Mr Anderson and the leadership team for their dedication and commitment to the on-going progress being made within the school in these and other areas.

To close this item, the convenor finished by saying that he is contactable via the school office for any future queries that members wish to direct to him.

The convenor proposed to move on to the next item on the agenda.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The treasurer, Mrs Miller, gave a summary of the financial statements for 2023-2024 and outlined salient points from the financial year.

Firstly, she took the opportunity to thank Wendy Grant, the Bursar, for her work in managing the school's finances and presenting a clear and concise summary of the budget at the monthly Board meetings to keep the Board up to date with ongoing spending. These summaries give the Board full confidence throughout the year that the school's financial management is being handled well. This confidence is also echoed by Azets the School's independent auditors.

Mrs Miller reflected on the school's challenging year from an operational perspective and made the point that these challenges impacted the financial position, for example the exponential rise in energy costs, steep rises in interest rates and the cost-of-living crisis all combined. However, despite these obstacles, the school balanced its finances at year end, which was a welcome outcome.

Turning to specifics, Mrs Miller referred to page 3 of the Annual Report for a full summary of the school's yearly results and explained her role as treasurer to give a brief overview of the school's finances and an explanation of some of the figures contained in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9.

The school is funded via grant, received from the Scottish Government which in 2023-2024 was £8,104,171 (up just over £700,000 on the previous year). For the purposes of accounting this income is classed as an "unrestricted fund" and is shown in line 1 of column 1 of the Statement of Financial Activities – it is "unrestricted" in that the school has complete discretion as to how it is spent – but in effect it is used to cover salaries, pensions, utilities, day to day repairs, purchase of equipment etc. Just by way of explanation as to the other items in the "unrestricted funds" column – line 2 mentions "charitable activities" which is income generated by the refectory, plus income received from letting the games halls at Anniesland Rd and the main school facilities to local clubs and organisations, and below that on line 3 the "other income" covers bank interest.

Letting income generated by the school was £31,601 which was around £6,500 down on last year and the school hopes for an improvement in the year ahead. This drop was a result of the loss of a long-standing recurring booking and the cost-of-living crisis restricting bookings on indoor space.

Moving to column 3 on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 8 entitled "restricted income", this covers grants which must be spent in a certain way, for example the school received a special repair grant of £347,652, an increase of £142,652 on the previous year, which funded several capital projects including replacement of boilers in the science and technical buildings, new electrical distribution boards and electrical and data cabling in the north campus, LED lighting in classrooms and the sports pitches, extensive gully clearance, lift and roof repairs and lease of Chromebooks for all secondary pupils.

Full details of the other "restricted funds" grants are listed within note 16 and include free School meals, primary modern languages 1+2 grant, youth music initiative funding and Scottish Rugby Union development funding. Note 16 also details the funds received from the Jordanhill School Educational Amenities Trust such as grants received for the provision of Mandarin, extra-curricular sports and the fantastic new playground project giving which generated £165,000. Mrs Miller offered thanks to all who supported giving in the last year.

Finally, an overview of the school's assets and liabilities can be found on the balance sheet on page 10, and the notes on pages 14 to 19 express the detail behind the balance sheet figures. Just briefly, the total funds and assets carried forward by the school for the new financial year stood at £23,763,743. However, it is worth nothing that this figure is largely made up of the value of the school's land and buildings which are revalued every 5 years.

Despite all the challenges of 2023-24 the surplus of incoming resources over outgoing resources stands this year at the modest sum of £73 and this will be added to the reserves which now stand at £498,943. The board are extremely pleased with the overall financial position for 2023-24 after what has been an exceptionally challenging period for the school, and the board has full confidence in the outcome of the current financial year.

The audited accounts for the year 2023-2024 were approved:

Proposed: Mrs Hamilton Seconded: Mr Sloane

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

A resolution to appoint Azets as Auditors for 2024-2025 was adopted.

Proposed: Mrs Hughes Seconded: Mrs Morrison

6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The convenor thanked Board members for their contributions and confirmed the election of two new members.

Mr Davidson tonight steps down from the Board and is replaced by Mr Sloane. Mr Sludden tonight retires from the Board and is replaced by Mrs Atkinson.

7. AOCB

Mr Hastie explained that the formal business of the AGM was now concluded. Should there be no imminent questions, if members reflected on the AGM and wished to make comment or ask any questions a form would be issued from the school allowing for feedback and comments.

No questions were forthcoming from the floor.

The convenor passed over to other colleagues for an informal update to members on other matters before full conclusion of the meeting.

8. PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) REPORT

Mrs Mackay and Mrs Marshall from the PTA shared an informative update on the activity of the Parents and Teachers Association. They explained the PTA's purpose and aims offering examples of support provided to the school's activities and resources via the PTA fundraising.

The audience received a financial summary of income and expenditure and the details of contributions that the PTA fundraising has made to the school's journey in the last year.

Income	£	Outgoings	£
Jumble Sale-virtual	£ 1,060.00	GCC licence	£ 40.00
Refectory Sat am	£ 7,560.00	Insurance	£ 162.00
Laser Show	£ 2,288.00	Xmas Card Project-materials	£ 32.00
Quiz Night	£ 1,902.00	Refectory costs	£ 2,702.00
Uniform Sale	£ 595.00	Scottish Opera-primary	£ 200.00
ART PROJECT- XMAS CARDS	£ 784.00	Primary Pantomime	£ 1,439.00
Christmas Fayre	£ 2,200.00	Boys hockey tops- secondary	£ 223.00
		Boys football tops- secondary	£ 250.00
		Playground project- primary	£ 10,000.00
		Lake Garda Tshirts senior band	£ 798.00
		Hockey Flags- secondary	£ 108.00
Total	**£16,389.00**	**Total**	**£ 15,954.00**

Both thanked members for their support and encouraged any parent who may wish to get in involved or find out more to be in touch with the school for details then to be passed on and looked forward to the opportunity for more parental volunteers to support next year's events.

9. RECTOR'S REPORT

Mr Anderson delivered a presentation covering the following themes reflecting on the year gone and the year ahead:

- Looking back – highlights from 2023-24
- Looking forward – our mission, challenges, and opportunities

The rector shared the school's journey in the last year and reflected on the successes and how they can be measured through surveys, exam results, direct observations, good behaviour and culture, participation, achievement, and external validation.

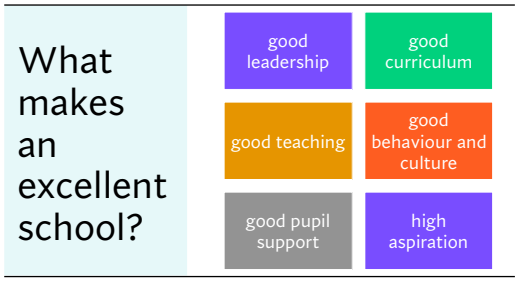
Mr Anderson presented a summary of the SQA results published in August and expressed his thanks to the staff, pupils and parents for their collaboration and hard work which has helped the senior pupils of the school deliver a set of excellent academic results. He shared a newspaper extract from The Sunday Times offering a commentary on Jordanhill School being listed as School of the Year 2024 for academic performance.

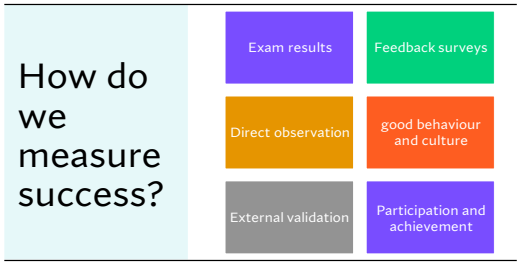
SQA Results 2024

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
5+ National 5	79	81	84	71	79	84	92	86	87	90	88	92	91	89	91	89	95
3+ Higher	69	70	73	78	69	81	78	87	71	85	86	90	93	94	86	93	91
5+ Higher	44	40	45	45	37	51	54	54	49	64	58	67	76	71	67	72	65
1+Adv Higher	49	53	53	58	64	52	62	66	60	65	73	74	83	82	74	76	71

87% of S5 Highers at grade A/B in 2024
82% in 2023 and 76% in 2022

The rector shared the key themes which make an excellent school and some work which had commenced in school to deliver these themes:





Mr Anderson shared information on the focus given to teaching and learning, the work on professional learning and update, new courses in the curriculum, and the actions taken to respond to the results of the parent, pupil and staff surveys undertaken in 2023.
The rector confirmed the GTC has offered the school unconditional validation after the review in 2023. He spoke about the review in 2024 of Safeguarding and Child Protection and shared with colleagues a collaboration with the High School of Glasgow for middle leaders in both schools.

The rector offered an update to the new mobile phone policy implemented in August and shared some background to this initiative. He also summarised changes to the curriculum which confirmed investment in specific subject areas:

- Masterclasses in Primary
- Investment in new National Qualifications: PE, HFT, Drama and Modern Studies, new courses in Computer Games Design (NPA) and new creativity courses: Dream-makers and Powering Futures
- P5 Mini Medics
- S1 John Muir
- S2 Heartstart
- S3 First Aid
- S6 Barista

The rector discussed finances, and particularly the costs associated with expanding the curriculum, sustaining music and sports and the need for development of the estate. The rector confirmed that music and sports were both operating more than funding levels and this would continue to challenge and stretch the school should these continue as they do. He reminded members of the Striving Higher campaign and the merits of giving to support the opportunities on offer to our pupils, enriching their experience in Jordanhill School.

He shared examples of estate development including energy saving initiatives and investment in the last year and expressed his delight at the success of the playground project.

Mr Anderson concluded by thanking colleagues, parents, pupils, and the board for the ongoing support offered to the school during this year.

10. AOCB

Mr Hastie thanked the speakers and explained that should there be no imminent questions, if members reflected on the AGM and wished to make comment or ask any questions a form would be issued from the school shortly. Mr Hastie also expressed his willingness to chat to any member straight after the meeting where he would be joined by colleagues from the board and the school's leadership team. The convenor closed the meeting.