

## **Hutchesons' Grammar School Association**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Beaton Road on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February 2010

### **Present**

Mr John Kyle (Chair)  
Mrs Clare Macaulay  
Mrs S Rodgers  
Mrs Elaine Lonergan  
Mrs Yvonne Welsh  
Mrs Fiona Godsman  
Mrs Wendy Crawford  
Mrs Lindesay MacFarlane (Minutes)  
Mrs Fiona McCrae  
Mrs Sheila Galbraith  
Mrs Marion Leslie  
Mrs Catherine Paton  
Mrs Karen McDonald  
Mrs Jane Thomson

### **Attending**

Mr David Dobson  
Mr I Keter  
Mrs Christine Bingham (1957 Group)  
Dr K Greig  
Mr Brian MacBride

### **Apologies**

Dr Cherie Rodney  
Mrs Alina Zahoor  
Mrs Helen Smith

### **1. WELCOME**

Mr Kyle opened the meeting and welcomed all committee members.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted as above.

### **3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of a previous meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009, were read at the meeting and were approved.

Proposed: Mr John Kyle

Seconded: Mr Brian MacBride

The Minutes of the previous meeting which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were read at the Meeting and approved.

Proposed: Mrs Christine Bingham

Seconded: Mrs Catherine Paton

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

I. Dr Greig reported a final negotiation was still being concluded with the school uniform suppliers for new sports kit.

II. Ian Keter reported the approach road to Auldhouse playing fields had been resurfaced over the February holiday.

III. John Kyle asked Brian MacBride for an update on his review of catering facilities at Auldhouse. Brian reported that soup was now being offered. Ian Keter confirmed Mr Lang had purchased a soup kettle. Brian requested permission to visit the kitchens to prepare a list of operational equipment. This was granted. He has obtained quotes for sausage rolls, pies, pasta, muffins and a variety of soft drinks. All items would be available on a sale or return basis and no additional storage requirements would be required.

#### **5. RECTOR'S UPDATE**

I. S1 have just organised a successful 'Bite-Size' Burns Supper.

II. Mrs Fyffe, Head of Maths, organised an impressive Maths Colloquium for S5/S6 pupils with four high profile invited speakers:

Prof. MacBride, University of Strathclyde

Julia Collins, University of Edinburgh

Prof Guy Houlsby, University of Oxford

Simon Sing, Broadcaster and writer of science fiction

III. Rugby – U15 Rugby squad won the Brewin Dolphin Scottish Schools Cup. They beat Stewart's Melville College 10-8 in an enthralling final at Murrayfield. The Rector expressed his appreciation of the parents that travelled to Murrayfield and noted the pupil's behaviour and good spirit. He complimented Ross Dewar, head coach of the U15 team, for the team performance. This win has produced a lot of good feeling and a sense of coming together around the whole school.

#### **6. CAREERS CONVENTION - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

The planning is well underway for this event. The majority of required consultants had been contacted. Jane Thomson requested all names and catering requirements should be returned to her for the beginning of the next week. The last date for catering would be 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Marion Leslie enquired whether the school provided refreshments during the evening for consultants. This was confirmed. It was also confirmed that prefect help had been requested. It was also explained that any committee members available on the evening could help welcome consultants and thank them for attending.

## **7. PARENTS PARTICIPATION EVENT**

John Kyle confirmed it looked unlikely that a social event would take place this year. There followed a discussion about apathy for this type of event.

## **9. 1957 GROUP UPDATE**

An update was provided by Mrs Christine Bingham.

- I. Ceilidh which was to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January had been cancelled. This was due to the lack of confirmed bookings. It was thought the date had been too close to Burns Night and it was better to cancel rather than proceed with a poor event.
- II. The shop would be opening soon at lunchtimes for a trial period. Details would be given in the next eNews.
- III. Up coming events would be Sports Day and Main Uniform Sale.

## **10. AOCB**

Other issues raised were as follows:

- I. Allocation of current surplus HGSA funds: John Kyle asked for quotes from both the senior school and the junior school for items to be considered. The following items were proposed:
  - Score board for new hockey pitch
  - Boot brushes for sports track and Auldhouse
  - Protective mats for track
  - Long jump cover
  - B-bot computers for infant department
  - Microphones for Kingarth Street stageThere followed a discussion on the merits of each item and it was decided to give £1,000 to each school. This would allow Beaton Road to purchase the scoreboard and protective mats and Kingarth Street to purchase the B-bots and microphones.

John Kyle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Committee members wishing to be involved with the Careers Convention stayed behind to sort out details.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010, 7.30pm – Founders Room, Beaton Rd**