

# **Hutchesons' Grammar School Association**

## **Report from the Hutchesons' Grammar School Association Annual General Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

The School Association AGM was held at the Primary School prior to a 'Primary Curriculum Evening'. Mrs Haughney opened the meeting by welcoming all parents and explaining the format for the evening.

The formal part of the evening then commenced with Lindesay MacFarlane, HGSA Chairman, welcoming all parents. She reminded parents they were all members of the association and that the association provided a forum for members to discuss general school issues and to exchange views and information between parents and staff.

Mrs MacFarlane reported the committee had met on five occasions since the last AGM. A wide variety of topics had been discussed this year: parking and safety issues, parental communications, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, school uniform issues, healthy eating messages, hospitality at sporting events, school trips, supported study and exam leave. She reminded everyone the Minutes of all meetings were posted on the Association's web page on the school web site [www.hutchesons.org/community/parents](http://www.hutchesons.org/community/parents)

One of the highlights in the Association's calendar is the Careers Convention held in March for pupils in fourth year. Mrs MacFarlane thanked Fiona Godsman and her subcommittee for their outstanding efforts in obtaining nearly 100 consultants to speak individually to our pupils. Mrs Catherine Keddie was also commended for effectively organising the event.

An additional social event was introduced this year for primary parents and their families in a 'Back to School Family Ceilidh'. Mrs MacFarlane said it was a wonderful start to the Autumn term and thanked Elaine Lonergan for initiating this event and the other primary parents who helped make it a success.

Regarding the Association's accounts, it was reported they had been prepared by the Bursar, who acts as Secretary and Treasurer to the Association. These show the School Association is in fine financial health with a balance at the year end on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 of just under two thousand pounds.

Mrs MacFarlane then proceeded to thank all the members of the committee for their support throughout the year and paid tribute to retiring members Claire McCauley, Elaine Lonergan,

Rhoma Akram, Alina Zahoor and Sheila Galbraith for their contributions during their term of office.

The elections for committee members for the current year then commenced. There were uncontested nominations for all the vacancies in S6, S2, P7, P5, P3 and P1.

The full committee list for the session 2011/2012 is therefore –

P1	Elaine Lonergan	S1	Fiona Godsman
P2	Anita Simmers	S2	David Hadden
P3	Kenneth Ritchie	S3	Lynda MacBride
P4	Suzie Rodgers	S4	Lindesay MacFarlane
P5	Fazia Khan	S5	Fiona McCrae
P6	Audrey Mathers	S6	Sheila Galbraith
P7	Rhoma Akram		

Mrs MacFarlane reminded parents to contact their representative by email via the HGSA web page. She confirmed the first meeting of the new committee would take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November in the Founder's Room, Beaton Road.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposal to amend Section 7.4 of the Association's Constitution which states "a quorum of 50 is required" to read "a quorum of 30 is required". The reason given for this amendment was the fluctuating numbers attending the Association's AGM over recent years. Mrs MacFarlane proposed the motion and was seconded by Mr Brian MacBride (S3 parent). A show of hands followed with a vote in favour of the motion of 75%. The motion was carried and the required amendment will duly be made to the Constitution.

There being no further business Mrs MacFarlane concluded the AGM by giving a general vote of thanks to everyone who had contributed to the success of the evening.

Mrs Haughney completed the evening introducing Mrs Irene Davis who gave a comprehensive review of modern language provision in primary. Finally Mrs Haughney led a parent workshop to emphasis the 'Big Writing' program used throughout primary.