

#### James Gillespie's High School Parent Council

Tuesday 19 March 2024 7-8 pm Online





Parent Council Meeting 19 March 2024

## Agenda

- Brief report on activities from the Parent Council
- Presentation on English Curriculum Fia Kirkwood and Susie Sawyers
- Update on A+ Group activities Zaki Al Salahi
- Headteacher updates Neil McCallum
- Open Q&A

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#### Introduction

- Apologies for any technical issues we may have our parent producers will do their best to rectify any problems as soon as possible
- Live captions are available in English, Polish, Ukrainian, Italian, Urdu, and Chinese, via the settings button
- The meeting is being recorded and will be posted on YouTube
- Please submit questions via the Q&A panel upvote any questions you are particularly interested in
- Meeting will last about an hour the Q&A board will close shortly before the end



## JGHS Parent Council activities

- Our last meeting was held on 31 January 2024 draft minutes are available on our website
- Education budget
  - In advance of the budget meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council on 23 February, JGHS PC sent written deputation for consideration
  - A new budget for 2024/25 was approved by CEC that saw additional £2M in the devolved management budget for schools
- Engagement with Locality meetings info on PC website
- Review of school estate across CEC schools currently underway



## JGHS Parent Council activities

- PC has also discussed a number of issues with the school
  - Timely sharing of information about school trips
  - Input into questions in upcoming school survey
  - Consultation on development of 2024/25 School Improvement Plan
  - Parent consultations and other opportunities for meeting face-to-face with teachers
  - Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RHSP) teaching
  - Canteen processes prices and menus
- Disclosure Scotland consultation on PVG checks

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# JGHS Parent Council finances

- Many thanks to Kirstin Leighton, PC Treasurer
- Have (still) not received CEC donation for 2023/24
- JGHS PC balance as of 18 March 2024: **£647.25**
- Main transactions
  - Refreshment stalls £110.00
  - Easyfundraising £129.68
- February Fundraiser
- PC donation for refreshments has been added to prices at school ticketed events positive feedback so far





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#### Next meetings Parent Council



• Wednesday 5 June 2024 – in person, JGHS library,

followed by social gathering

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# More information

- More detail about Parent Council activities, news and reports are on our website:
  - http://www.jghsparentcouncil.org
- Contact us by email:
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