

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE PARENT FORUM OF THE JAMES YOUNG HIGH
SCHOOL ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2017**

In Attendance:

Eric Lumsden, Donald Morrison, Vicky Walker, James Lumsden, Dean Moore, Des Urquhart, Tricia Gallagher, Wendy Fraser, Sarah Henley, Keith Hill, Ruth McMaster, Lynne Mahood, Lynn Taylor, Karen Faulkner, Andrea Dalziel, Elaine Ballantyne, Gillian Aiden, Lynda Brown, Mike Paterson, Louise Elder

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gillian, as Chair, formally opened the Annual Meeting of the Parent Forum and everyone was introduced. The Minutes from the Parent Forum of 11 September 2017 had previously been circulated and were proposed by Sarah Henley and seconded by Mike Paterson. Gillian noted it was good to see so many new and also the familiar faces. The challenge set last year was to get new members and this was successful but we were always needing new blood.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Gillian reflected on the last year and the numerous achievements of the Parent Council. This was Gillian's first year as Chair and it was a challenging year for the school with Catriona Hatch being seconded and Tricia Gallagher appointed as the Acting Head Teacher. She hoped the Parent Council had offered good support to the Senior Management Team of the school and we had input into a number of policies and procedures.

The Parent Council submitted their views on the consultation by the Scottish Government on School Governance. Particularly interesting topics and discussions were had at the Parent Council Meeting, with regular updates from the Head Teach and with presentations from principal teachers and others. The highlight of the previous session was Mr Holt on the Duke of Edinburgh and Mr Holt would be welcomed back any time with an update. Financial support was given to the Duke of Edinburgh groups and the visit from Judy Murray was noted. The Dyslexia support presentation and information on the Autism Unit had been warmly welcomed. Our Community Police Officer had also made a presentation and it was noted the Parent Council had played a significant role in the development of the school website.

FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Team has been headed by Vicky Walker and had a presence at all Parents Evenings. This has resulted in more parents being aware of the Parent Council and its activities. Vicky has recently lost a large number of parent helpers from her team as their children have now left the school. Accordingly, more support is required. All funds raised go to school activities, including resources to the Autism Unit, purchase of tables and chairs for the dining room, graphics, iPads, Duke of Edinburgh support and the Jass Awards.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

It was nominated that the vote be taken on block for all the parents present and that was agreed. The dates of future meetings were approved.

Thereafter, Gillian closed the Parent Forum.