

# James Young High School Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th January 2024



## Present:

Name	Role	Name	Role
Tricia Gallagher	Head Teacher	Olha Mirkovets	Member
Evelyn Russell	Depute Head	Libby Robertson	Member
Claire Tiernan	Depute Head	Laura Forsyth	Member
Michael Sammons	Depute Head	Lyndsey Fogg	Member
Andy Walker	Chair	Joanne Rutherford	Member
Ruth McMaster-Joubert	Vice Chair		
Fiona McCormack	Member		

### 1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 AW welcomed everyone to the first Parent Council meeting of 2024 and welcomed new members to the meeting. AW advised that no apologies had been received in advance of the meeting.
- 1.2 AW advised that at the last meeting it had been decided amongst the members that the meetings would be a mix of both online and in person. This would make allowances for inclement weather conditions. Dates and time tbc.

### 2.0 Acceptance of previous minutes

- 2.1 There were no minutes from the previous meeting. It has been agreed that RMJ will take minutes moving forward.

### 3.0 Head Teacher's Report

- 3.1 Preparation for Gold Rights Respecting School award is underway and some young people participated in a love talk from children's commissioner on children's rights as part of this preparation
- 3.2 S3 - 'I am skilled class' worked with a local business on looking at yourself through the lens of what social media might tell an employer about you. ER reported that all classes participate in internet safety lessons in computing and in PSE
- 3.3 JYHS swimming success saw 5 young people through to the Scottish Schools' swimming final in East Kilbride on 26th January
- 3.4 Basketball success saw our senior team place joint 1st with Deans CHS
- 3.5 Success with the girls' team as they beat West Calder in the first game of the Scottish cup
- 3.6 Great success with Dance saw some of our pupils come 1st and 2nd in a recent competition - we are so proud of everyone involved
- 3.7 JYHS invited medical students from Edinburgh University to talk to our young people, with aspirations of entering this field, to

spend time interviewing and talking to our future Doctors, Dentists and Paramedics. We are grateful to them for giving us their time to support our young people.

- 3.8 Prelims are well underway
- 3.9 HT sharing some best practice in another school for part of the week, for the next few weeks
- 3.10 School held Christmas concert- well attended and huge success
- 3.11 Christmas disco held for SI - huge success although work needs done on their dance moves!
- 3.12 End of term Karaoke was a great way to end the term

#### 4.0 Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Treasurer tbc

#### 5.0 Fundraising Report

- 5.1 Our Parent Council are looking for volunteers from the wider parent forum to contribute to supporting fundraising. Your commitment does not need to be big. It may be that each parent supports one event per session. If you are interested in hearing more about fundraising, please call the school office, who will pass your name on to the PC. Alternatively, leave a message on the Parent Council Facebook page. We'd love to meet with you.

#### 6.0 Communications Report

- 6.1 It was agreed that the PC would look into ways to improve communication with the wider parent forum. We will be gathering your views. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to leave your views. Thank you.

#### 7.0 AOCB

- 7.1 Payments for trips/outings - longer to pay in instalments
- 7.2 Recruitment of language teachers is currently proving difficult; however, we are pleased to welcome Mr Waugh to the staff team.
- 7.3 Online and in-person parent/carer consultations - how can we enhance the experience?

#### 8.0 Date and time of next meeting

It has been confirmed that the next Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 18.00 - 19.00 hours in person at the James Young High School meeting room on the ground floor.

