

# **James Gillespie's High School**

## **Parent Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

### **Draft note of meeting**

This meeting was held using a Microsoft Teams presentation due to Covid-19 ongoing school closures. Questions from parents and carers were invited prior to the meeting and could also be added during the meeting using a moderated chat.

The following are notes of the presenter names, agenda and action points to accompany the video of the meeting held on Teams and available to view at: <https://youtu.be/u-6lUR5Zlio>. Further responses to questions submitted during the meeting are also available at: <http://jghscouncil.btck.co.uk/Minutesandfiles>.

#### **Presenters:**

Donald Macdonald – DM (HT), Ailsa Macintosh – AM (Chair),  
Jeff Warden – JW (DHT), Deirdre O'Brien – DB (DHT) and  
Bob Shankland – BS (DHT)

#### **Moderators:**

Graeme Davis – GD (Communications), Cath Downie – CD

#### **Minutes:**

Anna Christal – AC (Secretary)

#### **1. Welcome and note of last meeting (26<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

AM welcomed everyone.

Formal minutes were not recorded for the previous online meeting as a video record is available at <https://youtu.be/DJ4a41mna-l>.

Actions from the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 are ongoing.

#### **2. Introduction - Ailsa Macintosh (0:00:00 – 0:04:35)**

AM outlined general issues raised in parental questions and gave feedback from City of Edinburgh Council South East Locality meeting with representatives of local parent councils.

### **3. Overview - Donald Macdonald (0:04:35-0:17:30)**

DM reflected on news that school will be planning for all pupils to return in August and addressed questions submitted by parents in advance of the meeting.

### **4. Return to school in August 2020 and timetabling – Jeff Warden (0:17:30-0:26:58)**

JW shared information about timetabling for different scenarios for pupil return in August.

### **5. Online learning and teaching – Deirdre O’Brien (0:26:58 – 0:37:24)**

DB reviewed progress with online learning, ongoing staff training and contingency planning for blended learning.

### **6. SQA and exams – Bob Shankland (0:38:10-0:50:10)**

BS outlined the process used to submit pupil estimates to the SQA. He noted that candidates will receive results on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and described the post-certification review process.

### **7. Questions and answers (0:50:10-1:10:30)**

See also <http://jghscouncil.btck.co.uk/Minutesandfiles> for feedback on specific and generic questions.

### **8. Date of next Parent Council meeting – September 2020 (date to be confirmed)**