

**James Gillespies High School Council Meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> September, 2007**  
**7:30 p.m. prompt, Staff Room, JGHS**

## **AGENDA**

<b><u>Item</u></b>		<b><u>Minutes</u></b>
1. Welcome		5
2. Approve minutes of the Parent Forum meeting, 29 <sup>th</sup> August		5
3. Headmaster's report	Alex Wallace	10
4. Financial report	Nick Hughes	5
5. Working groups		
1. Buildings Campaign	Richard Dietrich	10
2. Events Group	Mies Kottenbelt	5
6. Communications: Newsletter items, etc	Ann Henderson	10
7. Year groups (S1, S2, others)	Ann Henderson	5
8. S1 Parents evening		5
9. AGM date, schedule		5
10. Prioritising issues raised (see below)		15
11. Close (8:55 p.m.)		

Issues raised (for agenda item 10):

Relationship with feeder primaries

Communication:

    between school and parents

    with non-resident parents

    between JGHS Council and school community

    regular JGHS Council page in school newsletter

    website

    Phone tree as well as emails for specific one-off tasks

Curriculum

Alternative Timetable week

S1 parents support

Parent Year Group reps

Healthy Eating

Parent Workshops

Support for parents to become involved in parent Council

Home study

Health Promoting School

School building campaign

S1/S6 summer mentoring programme

School uniform

School students 'speak out' slot on each parent Council meeting agenda

Funding of Parent Council

Communication between Parent Council and school community

Fundraising and decisions on spending priorities

## James Gillespies High School Council

Ceilidh, Festive Fun, and other events

Consulting parents on responses to Scottish Executive education consultations

Community Links and citizenship

Environmental issues

Links with South Africa

More opportunity to meet teachers early in the year

Parents excluded from decisions affecting child's academic progress

Ineffective complaints system

Homework communication: i.e. timescale/due dates - if possible, a week ahead

Poor state of textbooks i.e. French and German

Could we have an info sheet for new parents: what to look out for? Do we really only meet the class teachers for the first time next May?