

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting on 12th November 2015

Present: Shelley Kay (SK- Chair person), Alex Clark (AC-Secretary/Minutes), Andrea Berry (AB), Annie Douglas (AD), Claire Witney (CW_Treasurer), Jo Wilson (JW), John Phillips (JP), Lynne Harrower (LH), Rhona Farren (RF), Lynne Young (LY).

Apologies: Anna Hulton (AH), Emma Torrance (ET), Jon Steele (JS), Julie White (JW1), Mairi Needham (MN).

1. Welcome. SK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Visible learning.

AB introduced 3 members of the Learning Council : Eilidh, Evie and Finlay. Evie explained how their Visible Learning journey started with learning about the different parts of the brain and how it worked. This led to the concept of 'Mindset'. Finlay talked about the differences between fixed and growth mindsets and how they could be changed. Eilidh spoke about the Learning Pit and the different strategies they have learned when facing challenging situations, including help from teachers and friends.

The Learning Council has gathered evidence across the school and looked at the different displays in the classrooms which contained 3D brain pictures, neurone pathways...

3. Minutes of PC meeting from 2nd September – accepted.

4. Matters arising.

a. Fun day

The Fun Day raised the sum of £146. CW thanked AC for organising.

b. Christmas cards

The artwork for the Christmas cards has now been completed. Order forms have to be returned to school by 18th November to get the order processed on time.

5. New schools update.

- Bilston

An implementation group has been started in Bilston to discuss key items including uniforms, Parent Council and Headteacher's appointment. Mrs Denham is representing the school as she is based in Bilston on a regular basis. SK explained that the first meeting went well, lots of parents learnt about the Parent Council. Sandra Banks and Magnus Inglis from Midlothian Council attended the meeting.

- Roslin

Archaeologists will be finished next Friday and a fence will be put around the area. The school will be going to tender this month and building work is due to start in March.

JW commented on how well the building work has been carried out in Bilston so far. The structure should be going up in 2 weeks. Both schools are on schedule.

6. Christmas fair – Saturday 5th December.

CW will be coordinating the Christmas fair. She explained that it would be a similar format to previous years with the exception of the toy sale. There will be games, baking, tombola, bookshop, crafts, Santa's Grotto and the Smoothie bike. Helpers are required.

7. Fundraising.

It has been agreed in previous meetings to do Christmas cards this term and tea towels in the spring. CW mentioned that comments had been made that there had not been a Halloween disco. It was agreed that volunteers would be needed to organise a disco in future. This item wasn't discussed further as a large number of people involved in previous discos were absent from the meeting.

8. S.T.E.M.

CW gave an update as AH wasn't able to come to the meeting. AH has organised for a Consultant Oncologist to come to the school. Parents with different skills were invited to come forward.

9. Maths.

CW asked for clarification about numeracy as many parents don't know how it is taught.

JW explained that Roslin's attainment has increased and is above Midlothian and National average. Data is used to understand achievements and identify weaknesses of each child. Roslin School is working closely with Beeslack and is focusing on gaps of learning.

CB commented on the Curriculum Evening last year as an opportunity to understand how Maths is taught and used in different contexts. Booklets with maths strategies were given out for children working at 2nd level. Information will be given out on the strategies used in 1st level (P1 to P4). JW suggested a workshop for parents might be a good idea.

9. Communications.

- CW mentioned she had received a copy of the 'Backchat' Newsletter about hosting training sessions. The Newsletters can be viewed on line at <http://www.sptc.info/news-events/backchat/>

10. A.O.C.B.

- JW asked for volunteers to come to a meeting about Catchment Areas on the 17th November at 1.30pm. JP and AD volunteered.

- A Pupil Placement form will be received by Pupils living in the Bilston catchment area soon.

Next PC meeting at Roslin Kirk – Wednesday 27th January 2016, 6.30pm.