

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting on 8th March 2017

Present: Shelley Kay (SK- chair person), Alex Clark (AC-Secretary/Minutes), Andrea Berry (AB), Anna Hulton (AH), Annie Douglas (AD), Claire Witney (CW_Treasurer), Colin Burt (CB), Dawn Robertson (DR), Holly Gibb (HG), Jo Wilson (JW), John Phillips (JP), Jon Steele (JS), Mairi Needham (MN), Sam Hamilton (SH), Stuart Clark (SC).

Apologies: Rhona Farren (RF).

1. Welcome. SK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of PC meeting from 25th January 2017 – accepted.

3. Matters arising

a) Vision statement (JW)

JW showed a list of 10 potential vision statements for PC members to comment on and help shortlist the favourite ones. The final 3-4 statements will be voted on.

b) Recent Visible Learning visit (AB)

Following a presentation at a Midlothian event, visitors from across Scotland came to visit Roslin school two weeks ago to learn more about Visible Learning. House Captains and Learning Council pupils gave a tour of the school. The visitors had a very interesting discussion with the Learning Council.

JW has since organised focus groups to carry on the level of discussion with the Learning Council.

c) Pupil conference (AB)

Four key questions were asked around science, French, maths and numeracy, and wider achievements. The children appeared confident in discussing those areas and are keen to improve, share and record their achievements.

MN thought the Pupil conference was a great success. She thought that smaller groups might be better in the future. Also clarification regarding instructions and rewarding stickers is required for helpers.

4. Open day/Farewell event -26th June (JW)

An Open Day, similar to the one in Bilston last year will be organised on the Monday 26th June (the last week of the school year). The school will be open most of the day (times to be confirmed later). There will be old school photos, journey of the school build, work from the children, etc...

It was suggested that children could bring a pack lunch and have a picnic. Some children could interview members of the community.

5. Last day of school (JW)

A special celebration will take place for the last day of school. A piper will lead the P7 pupils out first. Discussion took place about the logistics for the day. Staff will plan.

6. Retirement (JW)

Dorothy Denham will be retiring at the end of the school year. A special assembly will take place where PC members will be welcomed.

7. P7 year books (JW)

PC agreed to contribute to the year book as last year. Two parents have come forward already to help prepare the yearbook.

8. French update (CB)

This subject was discussed at the Pupil conference. CB explained that French wasn't restricted to French lessons but also taught through other subjects. A French student (Anne) comes on Tuesdays to teach children throughout the school. Margaret Valentine from Midlothian has offered to assess teachers and provide some resources. Links with Beeslack High School has been made to try to get senior pupils to help. A second language will be encouraged in the future, possibly German or sign language.

9. Fundraising (CW)

Tea towels

CW has gathered information about designing tea towels, she has 2 templates. It was decided that 2 different tea towels will be made: 1 for nursery children and staff and the other for the rest of the school and staff. As producing the art work will be a fairly long process, it will have to be started after the Easter break.

Mugs

A mug with a line drawing of the new school will also be produced as a fundraiser.

CW asked if anyone had any other fundraising ideas but there was no other suggestion.

Tea and coffee will be provided at the Open day and donations of baking will be very much appreciated.

AB enquired about the possibility of buying novels with the help of the Parent Council. AB will send a list to the runners of the Bookshop to check for prices with their supplier. AB will also talk to Mr Graham in Beeslack about the possibility of donations from parents.

10. Communications

SK asked if the PC constitution was up to date. CW confirmed it was.

11. A.O.C.B.

- JW asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for the bike training (level 5) organised by Midlothian in March and April. A letter will be sent to parents shortly.
- HG gave some positive feedback about the Christmas fair and suggested inviting more people from the community, children from the choir singing and also a leaflet drop to advertise more effectively.
- There will be an official opening of the school, probably in November 2017.
- CW confirmed that we will sign up to do Christmas cards again this year.

Next PC meeting at Roslin Kirk – Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 6.30pm.

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