

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting on 9th March 2016

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), Jo Wilson (JW), Julie White (JW1), Mairi Needham (MN), Sam Hamilton (SH), Stuart Clark (SC).

Apologies: Angela Newton (AN), Dawn Robertson (DR), John Phillips (JP), Jon Steele (JS), Kim Blair (KB), Lynne Harrower (LH), Rhona Farren (RF), Zoe Fergie (ZF).

1. Welcome. SK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of PC meeting from 9th January 2016 – accepted.

3. Matters arising

a) Music instruments

JS had asked to clarify the policy about the repairs of musical instruments. JW organised a meeting with Jake Carrey where it was agreed that repairs will not be undertaken by parents at Roslin school.

b) Maths booklet

JW brought 3 Maths booklets that had been prepared to show PC members and get their feedback. Several suggestions were made:

- Make booklets available on the web site
- Possibly merge the 3 booklets into one
- Might need to be simplified

AH and MN mentioned that they had received a Maths booklet from Beeslack a while ago, which could be used as a comparison.

The maths booklets are in working progress and will be available next school year.

A meeting will take place on Thursday 28th April at 9am with some volunteers (AH, CW, SC, AC) to discuss possible improvements.

b) P7 end of year event

AB confirmed that P7 had chosen the day out rather than the prom for this year's event. Parents are still welcome to organise a prom if they wish to. A letter will be sent out soon to let parents/carers know.

4. New schools

BILSTON – Construction is making good progress.

Sheryl Wallace has been appointed Head Teacher for the new Bilston school.

The implement group will be meeting next week. The name for the new school should be made public at the end of the month.

ROSLIN – The contractor will be announced soon, work is due to start in April.

5. Visible learning

After the curriculum afternoon (spaghetti challenge), AB has been reading through the feedback from parents. Some parents have been asking for more information about growth mindset.

There is a need to share and showcase Visible Learning more with parents. The Learning Council is working on a covering letter.

More regular drop-in sessions might be introduced.

After the Pupil conference, answers have been compared with last year.

AB mentioned that the Visible Learning journey blog had a great success. A number of visitors will be coming to Roslin School to learn about the Visible learning Journey and the impact on learning.

Twitter is a good way to keep everyone updated. It was suggested that maybe the Parent Council could create its own Twitter account.

6. Walk in the Glen

The Walk in the Glen will be taking place in May (date still needs to be confirmed). It was decided that it would not be a sponsored walk.

7. Fundraising

SK gave an update on the Spring disco. The Spring disco will take place on Wednesday 23th March at Bilston Miners. The DJ will organise games. JW will bring contact details. A text will be sent out to parents.

8. Communications.

No communications

9. A.O.C.B.

- World Book Day: AH suggested that more could be done next year for World Book Day (i.e. dressing up). She remarked that some children didn't seem to have received vouchers yet.
- Caroline Finlay is leaving Roslin Primary School as she has been made permanent in Bonnyrigg.
- Some parents had asked if more outside learning would take place as the weather is getting milder. A few activities are planned in the Glen and Forrest school with nursery.

Next PC meeting at Roslin Kirk – Thursday 5th May 2016, 6.30pm.

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