

**Roslin Primary School Parent Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Present:** Mairi Needham (MN) (Chair), Claire Witney (CW) (Minutes), Andrea Berry (AB), Annie Douglas (AD), Jo Wilson (JW), John Phillips (JP), Colin Burt (CB), Sam Hamilton (SH), Dawn Robertson (DR)

**Apologies:** Shelley Kay (SK), Alex Clark (AC), Julie White (JW), Juliet Ridgway-Tait (JRT), Anna Hulton (AH), Zoe Fergie (ZF), Lyn Harrower (LH), Jon Steele (JS), Angela Newton (AN)

**1. Welcome.**

MN welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting accepted**

**3. Matters arising**

**a) Musical instruments:**

Pupils have been enjoying playing the ukeles in music lessons and as there are only enough for one between two at present, school intends to purchase a further supply in time for next session. To ease use of ukele, JP agreed to check cost of fitting simple strap/button to each one. The class set of recorders purchased by PC will be used in lessons for P3 and P4 from next session. JW mentioned the need for further wireless microphone as the wired ones do not work particularly well. PC purchased the original wireless microphone and agreed to fund a further one of the same type and school will fund a third. School to check they have details and if not discuss with JP.

**b) Maths booklet**

A few PC members reviewed the maths booklet which was prepared by school explaining the various methods used by pupils when attempting maths questions. Their feedback is being looked at and the booklet will be edited with a view to it becoming available on the website and as a handout if required by parents from start of next session. Parents at the PC meeting were advised by teaching staff present that pupils will still be encouraged to attempt calculations mentally where appropriate but staff will reinforce to pupils that it is perfectly okay to use a written method if preferred or better for the individual pupil.

**c) New schools**

**Bilston**

The building in Bilston is going to plan and completion should be on time. The implementation group has been working closely with Sheryl, the newly appointed head teacher for Bilston Primary School, and is due to have another meeting. A PC has also been set up for the new school with SK as chair. In the last week of term, there will be an open afternoon in the gym hall at Bilston with memorabilia displayed including photographs and written memories on display and a party is being planned by the community in Bilston for when the old building is demolished. JW and staff are keen to have a celebration to mark the change and DR suggested a garden party. JW will discuss further with staff and aims to hold an event in the last week of term. To mark the occasion a picture of words will be presented to Bilston and Roslin schools with funding being shared by PC and school.

**Roslin**

The contract has been awarded and work is due to start in June.

**4. Staffing**

Staffing for the new school in Bilston will be decided by Sheryl and Nicola McDowell. At present it looks like there will be a nursery class and three classes comprising of pupils from P1 to P7 however this depends on the number of pupils who opt to attend next session.

At Roslin there will be 8 classes from P1 to P7 and 2 nursery classes next session as is the current situation. There will be no loss of teaching positions for current staff.

## **5. P7 leaving**

The P7 pupils have again opted for a trip to M&D's for their leaving event and a yearbook will be made as has been done for the last couple of years. School has sent a letter to P7 parents letting them know what the pupils have chosen. As in previous years, parents may plan a leaving prom to which all P7 pupils must be invited. PC agreed to continue to contribute £4 per P7 pupil to be put towards costs of either the trip or the yearbook.

## **6. Sports Day**

JW discussed using the park and pavilion for sports day at Roslin and will liaise further with Midlothian Council to arrange this. Roslin sports is planned for 3/6/16 with option of 17/6/16 if weather is bad and Bilston sports will be 10/6/16 with a back up date of 24/6/16. Mr Cairney, PE teacher at Beeslack, has agreed to help again and will have S3 volunteers to assist him.

## **6. Fundraising**

The disco held in March was a great success with Martyn Ewart from Radio Fourth doing an excellent job of dj'ing and games. It was mainly a social event but just over £100 was raised for PC funds. A vote of thanks goes to everyone who helped with organising and running the event, especially to AN.

Bookshop was held in March and all outstanding funds were reimbursed to pupils and a cash only system introduced. This means pupils must bring money on the day of bookshop only in a purse or named envelope if they wish to buy a book.

PC agreed to purchase fruit for school walk to the glen. MN and CW to organise.

It was agreed that the only other fundraising event this session would be the teas and coffees at sports day.

## **7. Communications**

SPTC training event at Loanhead on 9<sup>th</sup> May 7-9pm

## **8. AOCB**

-School dinners: parents have observed that on some days the options provided at lunch are not as per the planner issued at the start of the session and queried the reason as many children look forward to certain items and would not necessarily opt for school dinner if an alternative is being served. JW will discuss with dining hall staff.

-Communications from school: parents are commenting that often notification of letters by email or text are not reaching them and on occasion notice of events is insufficient for parents to plan to attend. JW will check this with admin. Parents are reminded to ensure their current contact details are held by school to aid with communication.

**Next meeting: AGM on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 6.30pm in Roslin Primary School – all parents/carers are invited.**