

## **Roslin Primary School Parent Council**

### **Minute of meeting, January 24, 2018, 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Stuart Clark (chair), Claire Witney, Rhona Farren, Emma Clark, John Philips, Emma Hutt, Helen Holmes, Colin Burt, Mairi Needham, Claire Houston, Alex Clark, Pawlina Dand, Jo Wilson, Andrea Berry, Madhu Satsangi (minute).

**Apologies:** John Steele, Holly Gibb, Anna Hulton, Juliet Ridgeway, Angela Newton.

1. SC **welcomed** all to the meeting.
2. **Minute** of meeting on November 8, 2017: approved as an accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - a. **School Travel Plan:** JW will discuss this with Louise Brodie and Eric Stark first, then with JRSOs and PC for input before it is finalised. Additional issues to raise: can timing of bin collections be clarified for safety? Can the village 30 mph zone be extended towards Bilston and additional 20 mph zones created?
  - b. **School Inspection:** JW and AB had made a presentation to Midlothian Council cabinet, noting the School being pleased with the positive report. Cabinet had given a positive reception, noting the views of stakeholders also and JW, AB and CB noted that these had been well-received by staff. CB is talking with P7 about writing a user-friendly summary of the inspection report for possible publication on the School website.
4. **Resources:** JW had had a positive meeting with Maurice McCann, following which additional resources had been allocated to the School for spending in FY 2017-18. IT, sports equipment and additional storage had been bought. It was noted that there were a small number of snagging items to be sorted out. JW said that she was dealing with a resident complaint about the storage units and that she would be raising parent wishes for involvement in the nursery garden with nursery staff.
5. **Tuck shop:** CB introduced discussion on this, noting origins amongst P7 children. PC discussed logistics (timing, payment) and gave initial feedback on possible menu items. CB will be discussing further with catering staff and the School health group and eco committee before bringing back to PC.
6. **Visible learning conference:** had been attended by JW and AB and had given positive reinforcement from across the country on the School's ethos and innovations (eg visible learning).
  - a. **Haddington and King's Meadow school visits:** AB reported that these were well received, particularly pleasing that they had been attended by management team and staff team. Staff were keen to visit Roslin PS.
  - b. **Danish teachers:** JW noted that a group is keen to visit the School.
7. **Learning Committee:** AB said that CW, SC and Sue Fitchett had attended meetings in the Autumn and SC noted how impressed he had been, particularly re sciences. Further ideas on possible trips/visits with a science theme are welcome. AB said that LC would appreciate involvement from parents who know French and any future attendance by PC members. Next LC meetings are Feb 7 and March 1 (both 12:30) and any PC members wishing to attend should notify Angela or Lucy in the School office. PC discussed if members might

attend eco committee meetings among others and all agreed this was a good idea and will be discussed again.

8. **Muga after school:** JW said that both the community and the after school club will be able to use the muga from w/b February 5. Letter will go out to parents.
9. **Fund-raising:** CW introduced the possibility of holding a school disco this term. After discussion, agreed that 2 discos would be held 6-6.45 pm (P1-P3) and 7-8 pm (P4-P7) in the dining room area on March 15 if it is available. EH will be approaching a possible DJ and parent volunteers are required to run the disco.
10. **Communications:** NTR.
11. **AOCB**
  - a. Learning Conference: AB said this would be held February 27, 9.30-10.30 and parent volunteers from PC would be welcome and should contact the school office to let them know if available.
  - b. Athletics Championship: CB noted P6 and P7 recent first place achievement.
  - c. Christmas Fayre: this had been very successful; CW said that about £1500 was raised for our funds. RF suggested tombola prizes could be requested earlier in year and talked about possibility of prizes from local business eg: meal vouchers, treatments and perhaps pupils could write to local businesses. This will be considered when planning next Christmas event.
  - d. Lunch funding: PD asked if an online system could be implemented to show current balances for each pupil's card so parents can keep track. JW will follow up.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in school.