

Roslin Primary School Parent Council
Minute of Meeting November 21, 2018

Present: Stuart Clark (Chair), Pawlina Dand, Claire Houston, Laura Langdon, Jo Wilson, Colin Burt, Alex Clark, Claire Witney, Anna Hulton, Helen Holmes

Apologies: Sara Rodriguez, Holly Gibb, Emma Clark, Angela Newton, Juliet Ridgway-Tait

1. SC **welcomed** all to the meeting.
2. **Minute** of 12th Sep 2018: approved.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a) Tuck shop menu review: CB tabled a paper including results of a survey he had led into children's buying habits and what they would like to see on the menu. PC discussed items. CB also reported on a survey of children's snacks, which showed an improvement in healthy snacks. JW said that she would put this feedback in the health committee's part of the School website.
 - b) Developing Young Workforce skills: LL presented feedback on aspects of the 2 themes (working with others and communication) identified as priorities by PC, the learning council and staff. She said that these can be used to inform questions to develop a baseline picture of where children currently are.
 - c) Visible Learning Conference/ London awards/ School opening: JW reported on these items.
 - i) JW and 7 children had participated in the conference, children had led workshop sessions which had been very positively received.
 - ii) Awards ceremony in London had been positive; although the construction manager for the new school building had not won an award, there was a will to continue engagement with McLaughlin and Harvie.
 - iii) The School opening event had received very positive feedback from all attending. PC members who had attended gave similarly positive comments.
 - d) Edinburgh College – health and nutrition: JW reported that the college team will be working with School staff from January. CB is to meet the team to discuss the work.
 - e) ECO/Learning Council meeting dates: LL noted that the next meeting of the Learning Council would be on December 6 at 10:45 and the Eco committee on January 23 at 9.00. She invited representation from PC. JW said that a representative from each committee might attend a future PC meeting.
4. **Reports/Profiles/Achievement books:** JW reported that after a lot of discussion, the School would be revising its approach so that parents/ carers received more information. She tabled achievement books and a draft report form. PC was very supportive of the approach.
5. **Fundraising/Social**
 - a) Halloween disco: CW said that there had been very positive feedback to this. PC thanked the social committee for its work. The social group who organised the disco suggested that as the hotel supplied the venue and DJ for free, 50% of the profits should be donated to the Simpson's Special Care Babies charity which is the one they support. Agreed. JW suggested that a further donation be made to the Sick Kids' hospital. Agreed.
 - b) Bookshop: AC said that the bookshop held in October had made a surplus of £143. Bookshops would also be held at the Xmas fair, then on January 25 and April 26 next year.

- c) Christmas cards: CW reported that sale of these had made a surplus of £318. PC was very positive about designs.
 - d) Christmas night out: PC noted that JR-T was organizing a ladies' night silent disco. This would be publicized imminently.
 - e) Pantomime funding: PC agreed to contribute to the costs of this.
6. **Early years nursery expansion:** JW noted that offering free nursery provision for all 4 year olds was being implemented nationally and in Midlothian from 2020.
 7. **Homework timing:** JW noted that this had been raised at last PC meeting and she would be issuing a questionnaire to parents/carers at parent consultations to find their views on the timing of the start of homework.
 8. **Christmas Fair:** CW reported that there would be 11 craft stalls at the event. School staff have been enthusiastic in volunteering to attend and were thanked. Face painters were needed and AH suggested 2 people: she will ask them. Children to do transfer tattoos were also needed and JW will ask for volunteers from P6. PC volunteers were needed for the fair and to prepare for it in the morning and CW has emailed. PC thanked CW for her work.
 9. **Janitor:** JW reported that the revised staffing was working satisfactorily.
 10. **Participation in Midlothian schools events:** CB tabled a paper that listed events. PC appreciated the number and range of activities. CB thanked parents/carers for volunteering to support the activities.
 11. **Communication:** NTR.
 12. **A.O.C.B.:**
 - a) JW said that Miss Brodie had successfully led the School's application for a second green flag. PC thanked her.
 - b) Sports award: JW reported that the School currently has a silver award and is aiming for gold.

Date of next meeting: January23, 2019 at 6.30pm.