

Minute of Roslin Primary School Parent Council Meeting

January 23, 2019

Present: Stuart Clark (chair), Alex Clarke, Claire Witney, Rhona Farren, Laura Langdon, Jo Wilson, Colin Burt, Susan Welsh, Pawlina Dand, Amy Collop, Emma Hutt, Helen Holmes, Holly Gibb and Madhu Satsangi (shared minute taking).

Apologies: Sue Fitchett, Emma Clark, John Steele.

1. Meeting started with pupils making the **presentation** that they had made to the **visible learning conference**. This was warmly appreciated by PC and other parents/ carers (hereafter parents) present.
2. SC **welcomed** all to the meeting.
3. **Minute** of meeting November 21, 2018 was approved.
4. **Playground policy in severe weather:** JW stated School policy and that learning assistants monitor children wearing coats and actively encourage them to do so.
5. **Roslin Glen** – precautions/training to reduce risk from ticks: HG spoke to this as she had contracted Lyme disease from ticks in the Autumn. Agreed that children need to be checked after visits to the Glen and noted that tick-removers were more effective than tweezers. JW had spoken to the ranger Alan Krumholds and School will be writing to parents with further guidance.
6. **Lunch menu** and drinks available: JW noted that menus including drinks were drawn up by Midlothian Council to ensure a healthy balance.
7. **Cooking and Nutrition course P7:** CB said that he had liaised with a teacher from Edinburgh College to develop a programme that included practical cookery, health and safety and learning about food groups. He was implementing a baseline survey of pupils' understanding. PC was positive about the initiative and JW said that other teachers at the College had also been positive.
8. **Christmas Fair:** CW reported that this had been very successful, holding on Friday had seen increase in numbers on 2017. Profit estimated at £1,700: hampers and the tombola had seen big receipts, less so for games and baking. PC noted that baking wasn't as obviously available as in previous years. PC **agreed a donation** of £200 to the Sick Kids' Hospital and recorded thanks to all involved in preparing and running the event.
 - a. **Finance:** CW noted that PC's bank balance was a very healthy £4,800.
9. **Associated Schools Group:** JW informed the meeting that there was a cycle of visits amongst the Beeslack cluster. 3 P5 children from School were involved and at the end of it, they make a presentation to the Learning Council.
10. **P7's Hoodies/ Leavers' Hoodies:** CB said that leavers' hoodies had originated from pupil demand in 2016-17. PC noted some concerns about affordability and JW said that it should be possible for some help to be offered by the School.
11. **PC run school uniform thrift shop:** SC started discussion with the suggestion of running this at parent consultations and the Xmas fair. PC thought it would also work well on an exchange basis. Volunteers would be sought to run it initially, after which it might run with an honesty box. Initially, stock to be offered would be items left at School and not reclaimed: agreed that parents should be informed that they could collect lost items up to a week before shop dates and after that items would be in the shop.
12. **Pupil Conference:** JW said that this would be held on February 26, from 9.15-10.30 and parent representation was welcome. CW will attend.

13. **Sports Day:** HG suggested that it may be worth trying a different day of the week to Fridays. After discussion, PC agreed to retain Friday date. HG also suggested that parents might want to wear badges/ T-shirts in their children's house colour. PC wasn't convinced of likely take-up.
14. **Communications:** Connect (formerly SPTC) is looking for Board members, information is on its website.
15. **A.O.C.B/** Items for next meeting
 - a. **P1 Facebook group:** appropriate lines of contact need to be maintained. Parents should contact their child's teachers if they have any concerns.
 - b. **Beeslack open evening:** clashes with School parent consultation in October and School will change its date.
 - c. **Buddying:** CB said that P7 were happy to be buddies with P1 children, but that they often had no break time to themselves as a result. He will be discussing further with class and with parents.
16. **DoNM:** Wednesday March 6 2019, 6.30pm in School.