

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Meeting September 12, 2019

Present: Madhu Satsangi; Alex Clark, Emma Clark, Rhona Farren, Sue Fitchett, Stuart Clark, Claire Witney, Colin Burt, Helen Holmes, Colin McCabe, Jo Wilson, Andrea Berry, John Deed, Claire Houston

Apologies: Emma Hutt, Sara Rodriguez, Juliet Ridgeway-Tait, Mary McCulloch, Nico Thompson

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

2. I.C.T.: Google classroom and web safety (JW with John Deed and Colin McCabe)

School has new Chrome books using G Suite and Google classroom

Colin highlighted some of the possibilities and advantages of using such technology such as: feedback cycle between teachers and pupils; IT skills can be taught alongside activities; staff training and lots of resources via GLOW; starting with P6/7 initially; very positive feedback from other schools; online safety paramount including digital footprints. A letter will be sent to P6/7 parents when the children begin any work on Google classroom.

3. Objectives and constitution of the Parent Council (MS)

Circulated alongside the agenda. MS highlighted some key objectives and reminded PC members that the PC was not the appropriate forum to raise individual, personal concerns and matters that would be better addressed to class teacher or school management team. Constitution is on school website.

4. Minute of last meeting (May 8)

Agreed.

5. Matters arising: 15 mins

a. Feedback on lining up (JW)

Last session, there was a pilot of P2-P7 not lining up at break and lunch – very successful. This term, the pilot was extended to all pupils P1-P7 not lining up at break, lunch and now in the morning; really positive from pupils' and staff point of view; avoids flashpoints and bottlenecks,

b. Playground complaint (JW)

JW wrote a letter in reply to complaint re playground noise last term.. Recently, a pupil visited to retrieve a football, following which the neighbour wrote a very positive letter to the school.

c. Science outreach (AB)

New Science Outreach Classroom at the Bush with outreach programmes for P6/7

Mrs James is arranging Science week activities for P1-P7

d. Staffing update and McCrone cover (JW)

Staffing remains as stated at the end of last Session.

Jake Perry is a visiting music teacher teaching percussion to P5/6. Some staff will be working with other classes as part of McCrone cover – a great opportunity for both staff and pupils.

P6 will start cookery this term; P7 next term

e. Lollipop crossing point (CB)

Gillian Bathgate (Midlothian Council) carried out a review of crossing point last session: whilst slightly more pupils cross the further up Main Street at traffic island the road speeds of vehicles is much slower than at the current crossing point, therefore Lollipop man will remain in his current location. Review planned again in the future with the new housing developments.

f. Halloween disco

Wednesday 30th October, The Original – meeting next week for Social Committee

g. Parents'/ guardians' evenings (MS)

Following discussion at previous PC meeting, Parents' meetings will not be timed immediately before a school holiday break. Meetings will be 25th October after holidays; 26th March, one week before holidays.

Uniform exchange has been a success and will take place during these evenings too – leaflet will be circulated.

6. PC representatives for year groups (MS)

Important point of contact for each year group

P7 – Sue; P6 – Alex; P5 – Emma Clark; P4 – Madhu; P3 – Claire; P2 – Mary (tbc); P1 – Emma Hutt; Nursery - Rhona

7. Christmas Fair and cards (CW)

Card kits, instructions, deadline information and posters passed to AB

Last year, holding the Fair on a Friday worked very well, therefore proposed date is Friday 6th December.

Will we have craft stall holders?

Themed raffle hampers were great and should be done again;

PC will need an organizing group. CW will start by asking last year's team if they wish to be involved again.

8. School Improvement Plan (JW)

Detailed plan on school website. Children helped create a summary leaflet. PC members invited to read summaries and send comments back to MS by 26th October.

9. AOCB

Indemnity Insurance documents with CW

10. DoNM

Thursdays, 6:30pm, 7th Nov; 23rd Jan; 12th March; 14th May; AGM 18th June