

## **Roslin Primary School Parent Council**

### **Meeting November 7, 2019**

*Present:* Nico Thompson; Emma Hutt; Alex Clark; Rhona Farren; Claire Witney; Madhu Satsangi (chair); Jo Wilson; Andrea Berry; Helen Holmes; Stuart Clarke; Colin Burt; Claire Houston (minute)

*Apologies* – Emma Clark, Sara Rodriguez; Mary McCulloch

## **Minute**

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Minute of last meeting (September 12) - agreed**

### **3. Matters arising:**

**a. Parents' / guardians' evenings feedback (JW):** lots of interesting ideas shared by parents at parents' evening; teachers have been giving them lots of thought.

**b. Halloween discos feedback (JW):** Thank you to the social planning team – huge success; money raised (c£190) from ticket sales to charity; the charity supported by The Original is Simpson's Special Care Babies Unit.

**c. Christmas Fair planning (A)** – Alex and Juliet are coordinating the Christmas Fair (additional helpers are very welcome and helpers set up on the day needed); similar format to previous years except that there would not be many stall holders – restricted to people with a connection to the School; this will free up space for extra child-focused activities. Bowling Club has been invited to run a competition; lots of ideas for games run by P7. Hampers worked well last year and families will be invited to donate items to each class hamper based on the following themes:

Nursery- snow

P1 – black and white

P2 – books or arts and crafts

P3 – sweets

P4 – toiletries and beauty

P5 – Christmas

P6 – Scottish

P7 – world foods

**d. Christmas cards update (CW)** – info has been handed out to parents this week – deadline is 11<sup>th</sup> November

#### **4. Curriculum for Excellence levels (JW/ AB/ CB)**

Summary of CfE benchmarks for reading and numeracy (just two of the eight areas of CfE) was distributed – to be read at our leisure and JW is happy to answer any questions, members should send any questions to Madhu. Breadth and progression are important as is the application of the same skill to different contexts. Each column is a level rather than an age group. These are the benchmarks teachers use for assessments. New standardised assessments (SNSA) in P1, P4 and P7 results were really pleasing with Roslin scoring above Midlothian average. Standardised tests are very important and the follow-up analysis is very detailed and useful to teachers. Anecdotes reported in press about difficulties with standardised testing do not reflect the experience of children at Roslin PS.

#### **5. Edinburgh College links update (JW)**

Students from the College on work experience placements; a useful extra pair of hands in the classrooms. Hoping for PE students soon.

#### **6. Resources (JW)**

Some new resources have been purchased:

- Xylophones, tambourines, maracas, bells and other percussion instruments
- Variety of new PE items including hockey and basketball paraphernalia
- New Maths textbooks and dictionaries
- Garden things for nursery garden and nursery toys
- Mr Deed is working on a list of ICT kit needed
- Playground maintenance planned

#### **7. Junior tour guides (CB)**

5 Junior tour guides have been invited to speak at Edinburgh Zoo Conference about tour guiding at Rosslyn Chapel – a fantastic opportunity and a reflection of the great work happening between P7 and the Chapel.

#### **8. Eco issues (CW)**

Mrs Finlayson works with eco committee.

The children (and PC members!) have lots of ideas for reducing plastic waste in particular. Eco Committee to write to council about the amount of plastic at lunchtime and suggest Roslin is a pilot school for some plastic-reducing strategies. PC will write to council too in support of the children and also write to other PCs regarding this matter depending on response from the Council. Plastic audit by Eco Committee will take place.

New parent volunteers to work on garden.

Battery recycling boxes will be arriving soon.

### **9.Support for the pantomime (CW)**

As in previous years, the PC will provide a contribution to the cost of the pantomime for all year groups.

### **10.AOCB**

Non-Uniform days coming up including Children in Need and Christmas jumper day; funds from the latter go towards to Christmas Fair running costs.

Perhaps another pyjama day for Sick Kids' Hospital Charity.

The Oor Wullies are coming back.

Comments on the School Improvement Plan are still welcome: members to send to Madhu.

### **11.DoNM**

January 23rd