

Roslin Primary School Parent Council Meeting March12, 2020, 6.30 pm

MINUTE

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Stuart Clark, Sue Fitchett, Alex Clarke, Sara Rodriguez, Claire Houston, Emma Hutt, Colin Burt, Nico Thompson, Claire Witney, Andrea Berry, Jo Wilson

Apologies- Madhu Satsangi; Amy Collop; Emma Clark

2. Minute of last meeting (January 23)

3. Matters arising:

- a. **Nursery bike shelter** (JW) – discussions happening soon
 - b. **Letter to Councillor Imrie re snow and ice** (CH) – CH will follow up
 - c. **Newsletter** (MS) – MS has written a first draft (distributed with the Agenda) and any comments or suggestions are welcome
 - d. **Eco Committee update** (JW) – Article about the reduction in plastic waste has been prepared for the Midlothian staff magazine called Connect, and the Midlothian Advertiser.
 - e. **Edinburgh marathon festival** (NT) – Information re this year's children's races with a view to entering a school team next year to raise some money. Possibility of some informal fun runs next session on the run up. (Since the meeting, the EMF 2020 has been postponed)
 - f. **Donations** (CW) – Christmas Fair funds - £500 to Sick Children's Hospital
- 4. Parent Council governance** (MS) – 8 Parent Council Members are currently needed for decisions to be made during meetings – shall we keep it at 8 or reduce to 5? It would be disappointing if meetings could not go ahead if numbers are too low. Currently we have 20 members of the Parent Council. Recruitment ideas were discussed including some representatives to talk to parents at forthcoming parent consultations. Helpers required for trips too.
- 5. Budget 2020 -21**(JW) – similar to this year although still waiting for confirmation of some allowance.
- 6. Events planning and volunteering** (CW)
- a. **Health week walk** – Friday 1st May. Perhaps a different route? We need helpers – PC provides fruit as a snack on return to school
 - b. **Sports Day** – Friday 22nd/Friday 5th June – Helpers for tea and coffee required please.
 - c. **P7 Yearbook and Leavers' event** – CW and Linda helping with Yearbook. Next year...? Suggestions for their Leavers' event were discussed.
- 7. New School App** (AB) – Email system works very well. The trial of the App worked well but it doesn't provide anything that our current email system doesn't provide. Not all families have Smart Phones and there is a danger that it would just provide extra information rather than streamlining the current communication system. This will be revisited at a future date.
- 8. AoCB**
- a. **World Book Day** (CH) – A number of objections about fancy dress from parents were raised. Some parents are very keen to continue with this element of the day. Parent Council members will conduct a survey
 - b. **Sports hall athletics** (CB) – P6/7 team won their heat and narrowly missed out progressing to the next round.

- c. **Rotary quiz** (CB) – P6/7 team involved in 2 Tie-Breakers but narrowly defeated in the end by reigning champions
 - d. **Invitation to junior tour guide evening** (CB) – Only 2 tickets per family for this event due to space inside the Chapel. Nico and Sara will be the PC Guests.
 - e. **Pupil conference** (AB) – Format was changed based on PC feedback; questions were asked to all the children and results are being collated
 - f. **Roslin & Bilston first responders, defibrillator** (JW) – Jean, parent helper, is involved in a plan to take on the Roslin and Bilston phone boxes to house a Defibrillator. It is hoped that one will be also placed outside the school.
 - g. **Roslin Litter Pick** – Saturday 21st March
9. DoNM: May 14, 2020

Claire Houston
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