

Roslin Primary School Parent Council Meeting

24th September 2020

Present – Madhu Satsangi, Stuart Clark, Emma Clark, Alex Clark, Anna Hulton, Andrea Berry, Colin Burt, Jo Wilson, Emma Hutt, Lesley Burrell

Apologies – Sara Rodriguez, Amy Coyne, Mhairi Spence, Nico Thompson.

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting (May 14)
3. Matters arising:
 - a. Nursery bike shelter - coming soon; paid for by PC
 - b. Parent Council governance (MS) – MS emailed the parent forum and there were no objections, therefore the quorum for decisions in PC meetings has been reduced from 8 to 5.
 - c. PC Treasurer – this role is currently vacant although someone has enquired about taking on this position
 - d. Nursery hours – drop off and pick up times for full time nursery children have now been changed slightly to better match those times of the primary school; nursery parents are grateful for this change.
4. Staffing, classes and budget 2020 - 21 (JW): JW reported that the new P3 teacher, an NQT, has settled in very well and is proving to be a great addition to the school. In addition, Sophie Stirling, also an NQT, is the school cover teacher. Classroom teachers' McCrone hours are covered by Mrs Stentiford, music activities; Mrs Galiotti, outdoor education; Mrs Stevenson, languages for P7. Each year group will have different activities next term. Mrs Stevens has joined the nursery. The staff budget is the same as last session.
5. New School term and Covid-19 protocol (JW) – JW will write a letter to all parents/guardians with some information, including self-isolation procedures following a positive case in one class/group. The guidelines from Midlothian Council are very clear and self-isolation requirements will be based on each individual situation. Masks must be worn when speaking to teachers at the end of the day. The teachers say thank you to parents who have been respecting the 2m rule and keeping their distance at drop off and pick up.
6. School MUGA (CH/ JW) – Jim Hiddleston, Roslin and Bilston Community Council, has approached the PC regarding an idea for community use of the MUGA. Additional sporting equipment could be purchased by the Community Council for community use eg tennis nets. PC and School support the idea in theory, provided the children's access is prioritised, such as at the end of the school day. CH will reply to Jim.
7. SQIP summary (JW) – The school improvement plan is on the website. The priorities are 3 core areas – literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing – to plug any gaps created during lockdown. French and Scots Language have been added; a gender balance in STEM work is

also important. The Nursery plan has similar focusses. Moving Matters is an exciting opportunity for nursery children.

8. Staff training for MS Teams (JW) – Lots of work has been going on to prepare for any potential disruptions to in school learning. Staff are working on 3 potential scenarios – self isolating class/group; blended learning of 2 days in school, 2.5 days at home; and full lockdown. Thank you to Mrs Berry and Mr Deed who have worked very hard on developing use of Teams and Assignments; children in p4-p7 are now using these programmes within school.

9. Parents' evenings (JW) – perhaps a mini report will replace parents' evenings which cannot take place this term

10. Christmas Fair (MS/JW) – suggestions for alternative ideas are needed. Christmas Jumper Day stays!

11. P7 Activities (Tour guide and camp) (JW) – an exciting alternative to the usual Junior Tour Guides has begun with film company Illuminate. P7 Camp has sadly been cancelled. Currently no alternative activities are allowed but hopefully as the year progresses there will be some opportunities for day trips.

12. AoCB

a. Year group representatives (MS) P7 – Anna; P6 – Stuart; P5 – Madhu; P4 – Claire; P3 - tbc; P2 – Emma; P1 - tbc; Nursery – Claire

b. Thank yous had been received from Claire Witney and Sue Fitchett

c. Meetings in 2020-21 tbc. Post-meeting note: set for November 12, January 21, March 11, May 13 and June 17 (AGM) all at 6:30 p.m.