Roslin Primary School Parent Council Meeting

21st January 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Present – Jo Wilson, Andrea Berry, Colin Burt, Madhu Satsangi, Susan Welsh, Stuart Clark, Emma Hutt, Evelyn Maginnis, Ester Jones, Mhairi Spence, Claire Houston

Apologies – Amy Collop, Emma Clark, Sara Rodriguez, Kayleigh Benzie

2. Minute of last meeting (November 12; appended) - agreed

3. Matters arising

feedback on reports to parents; parents especially liked being able to look at the samples of work sent home last term. The nursery learning journals were fantastic. The reports followed a different format to usual and parents appreciated the more personal touch and the honest reflections of their child(ren)'s progress. The possibility of altering slightly the end of year report was discussed.

Xmas activities; Children loved the online pantomime and the Christmas parties were real successes. P1 Parents appreciated the efforts staff went to to create the P1 Nativity video.

4. Equality and Diversity (JW)

Parent council members have now all seen the Equality and Diversity Workbook for P4-7 created by Mr Deed and supported by Mrs James. P1-3 children will have the opportunity to learn about equality and diversity too in a slightly different way. PC members agreed that it was extremely important to include these subjects and discussions; it is part of CfE and it links in with Developing the Young Workforce. The workbook is great. All parents will receive a copy. This work will not be completed as part of Home Learning, but will be kept for when all children return to school.

5. Home learning and interactivity (JW/ MS)

Since August, staff have been working very hard to prepare for the eventuality that is this second period of home learning and everyone feels better prepared this time. The school has kept a register of engagement and staff are delighted that over 90% of children are engaging with their home learning every day — much improved from 2020. Generally the children are more motivated. There has been much more teacher-family dialogue; there is a lot of flexibility and options are available for home learning because every family has different circumstances. Live check-ins are coming soon and a practice with P7 and Mr Burt went well. All children from nursery to P7 will be able to collect art packs and P1-P7 children can collect jotters etc from classrooms on Monday. More information for nursery parents is coming soon; Mrs Clarke and Mrs Goodfellow are currently phoning all families to see how things are going. JW said special thanks to all parents for embracing home learning once again and the amount of effort and work parents were doing with their children was acknowledged.

6. AoCB

- a. Date of Next Meeting: March 11
- b. We shall discuss and make some plans to mark Mrs Wilson's retirement in due course....