

Roslin Primary School Parent Council
Meeting 11th November 2021 Minutes

Present – Helen Love, Madhu Satsangi, Colin Burt, Sara Rodriguez, Kayleigh Benzie, Craig Barrowman, Mhairi Spence, Nico Thomson, Andrea Berry, Emma Hutt, Claire Houston

Apologies – James Fraser, Evelyn Maginnis, Emma and Stuart Clarke, Esther Jones, Karen Lipscombe and Susan Welsh

1. Minutes from previous meeting (MS) - agreed.
2. Matters arising
 - a. Library update (HL) – ongoing project with the help of Dorothy Denholm and parent Ellie Geen. Rearranging library from alphabetical order to thematic organisation. Space theme to library. Non-fiction audit underway. New furniture and new books coming soon.
 - b. Fundraising – deferred
3. Equality and disabilities (HL) – Midlothian Council Equalities Officer is going to help with gathering views and ideas from children from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.
4. After COVID-19 (HL) – HL summarised a jamboard of issues reviewing. What things are we keen to get back to, what things have changed for the better due to the pandemic, and what things do we hope never to do again? Any other ideas can be passed on to Madhu.
5. School photographs, cost and quality (CB) – some children looked a bit scruffy in some photos, especially children who had PE. The poses are a bit staged, which some parents liked but others didn't. Parents appreciated having family group and individual photographs rather than one or the other. Packages were pricey, especially as parents couldn't

mix and match photographs in one package. School shall feedback some of these comments back to the photographer and consider a competition for the next photographer contract.

6. Lunch (HL) – Plastic spoons will no longer be going out in packed lunch bags. Monday p1-4 children return to lunch hall. Natasha's Law – thanks you to PC members for feedback. Children with allergies will have lunches chosen by their parents. All children will be back to the dinner hall from 29th November. All P5 will get free lunches from January.
7. Playground areas (CB) – P3 play area is different to P4 area, which is tricky for children in the P3/4 class, but this will be resolved by giving P3/4 children a choice of which area they play in each day. The library space will also soon be available at lunchtime.
8. PE Changing (AB) – children prefer wearing PE kit to school on PE days and thus avoiding the changing rooms and therefore this shall continue. Parents asked for clarification about what is appropriate uniform for PE days.
9. Pantomimes and P6/7 (HL) – Plans are in place for online Pantomimes for P1-4; Pantomime trips have been arranged for P5-7. P6/7 camp plans are underway although ensuring pandemic-related cancellations are covered by insurance is proving more difficult than expected.
10. AoCB –
 - a. Innovation Project with Edinburgh University (CB) – CO2 measurements etc. One of 8 pilot schools and Roslin has been invited to be involved in the national press launch, with some high-profile guests.
 - b. Book Shop (EH) – we shall try to arrange a bookshop before the end of term
 - c. Homework (HL) – homework audit; it's a lot of paper! Homework will be discussed over the next few PC meetings. Maybe we could move to online homework.

- d. Scottish Government lead review OACD (MS) – Parent Councils have been asked for feedback to Midlothian Council by next week. Information from Madhu will follow.
- e. Christmas Jumper Day – will not happen this year as there is a requirement to have a certain item of clothing which increases the cost of the school day.
- f. Consultation on School Extension – will begin next month. . It is possible that we might have an additional meeting to consider (TBC). Otherwise, donm is January 20, 2022.

It was so nice to be back inside the school building for Parent Council!