

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Minutes

10th March 2022

Present – Amy Collop, Craig Barrowman, Colin Burt, Karen Lipscombe, Evelyn Maginnis, Esther Philpott, Helen Love, Madhu Satsangi, Andrea Berry, Emma Hutt, Claire Houston.

Apologies – Nico Thompson, Susan Welsh, Kayleigh Benzie, Stuart Clark and Emma Clark

1. The minute of the meeting on January 27 was approved
2. Matters Arising
 - a. Using Seesaw and IT roll-out (HL/CB) –Children are getting used to using Seesaw in school and it will soon be rolled out to parents starting with P1 parents. Children all have their devices now. Lots of potential as teaching tools. Screen time use at school is something that ought to be monitored. Online safety is crucial and there are alerts to staff should a child attempt to access something inappropriate.
 - b. COVID updates (HL) – no update yet about masks but bubbles have been removed and there will be a small assembly soon.
 - c. Skiing lesson and camp updates (AB) – P5 skiing starts soon; P4 swimming will start too; P7 Camp plans are underway.
 - d. School vision and values (HL) – we all agree that it is time to update the school's statements of vision, values and aims. We shall work on this in the next meeting. The current vision, values and aims are:

Our vision is that everyone in our community will learn and grow as individuals, achieving success in different ways.

Our values are respect, trust and relationships, support, individuals and learning through play.

Every day at Roslin Primary, we aim:

- for everyone in our Learning Community to have high expectations
 - to foster a culture that recognises and nurtures attitudes and behaviour that have the greatest impact on learning
 - to create a Learning Community that is welcoming, caring and helpful to all
 - to promote an ethos of inclusion and celebration of individuality
 - for the school to be safe place for all
- e. Parent Involvement (MS) – Midlothian Council had not yet sent an involvement/ engagement questionnaire and the liaison officer seemed to be unavailable.
 3. School Development (HL) – Next year there will be 10 classes. A school extension will begin in Jan 2023 for 2 more classrooms will be built at the P1 end of the current building. A back up plan will be a temporary classroom portacabin/annex. Concerns were raised about the loss of outdoor space. Also concern that the music room will be lost as there is a requirement for extra classrooms. A letter from PC shall be written to candidates in the local elections to raise our concerns.
 4. GTCS Award (AB) – Well done to the staff team for this recognition! Roslin is the only school in Midlothian to have won this prestigious award.

5. AoCB

- a. Safety and lollipop person - Can the lollipop person be moved further into Roslin?
Reasons for and against this were discussed. Parents were recently surveyed via email and a Travel Plan was created with some suggestions to make it safer for our children on the way to school.
- b. Diversity and discrimination update – important to make a bigger emphasis on this in our school development plan and to ensure that inclusion is a feature in all aspects of our school curriculum.
- c. Play and staying clean – children are coming home very dirty and muddy. Children can bring outdoor shoes to school. Children are always allowed to play on the grass because otherwise there isn't enough space. Concerns about playground/field ratio changing when new classrooms are build. There will also be an opportunity to perhaps address drainage in the field with building work is done.
- d. School Day Flexibility – Midlothian Council wish the flexible start and end to the day put in place due to COVID to revert back. Essentially, our flexi start and finish is reducing the learning time. 8.50-9.00 soft start – learning will be available from 8.50. The school day will end at 3.15.
- e. DoNM: May 12, 2022