

Roslin Parent Council Meeting Minutes

10th November 2022

Present – Madhu Satsangi, Sara Rodriguez, Helen Love, Sarah Bezuidenhout, Rhian Monro, Kat James, Mhairi Spence, Amy Collop, Karen Lipscombe, Mandy Grieg, Eilidh Wilson, Emma Feegen, Suzy Fegen, Colin Burt, Fiona Robertson (Midlothian Council), Ross Irvine (Midlothian Council), Mark Bedwell (Midlothian Council).

Apologies – Emma Hutt, Susan Welsh, Evelyn Maginnis, Nico Thompson

1. Minutes from the last meeting – approved
2. Matters arising –
 - a. Halloween Parties and future school activities; raised £409 profit for PC. Well done to committee and helpers on the day. The Original Hotel did not charge us for the use of their function room and they paid the cost of the DJ.. A donation to their chosen charity, The Sick Kids Hospital Charity, shall be made. The appropriateness of the venue was discussed. One parent felt strongly that school should host the Halloween Disco in the future. The cost of this shall be investigated and venue choice discussed again when planning in 2023.
 - b. Christmas Fair – Friday 9th December. The Social Committee are eager for new volunteers.
 - c. Contacting PC Reps – School cannot share contact details of individual PC Reps in line with GDPR laws. Year groups have whatsapp chat groups which generally work well. Parents can contact other class reps if they know them. There is a Parent Council email address which shall be shared again with parents as a reminder. The email address is roslinprimary.parentcouncil@gmail.com
3. Discussion with members of Midlothian Council about school building and capacity plans. Plans were shared for extending the school to cope with increased school role, including temporary accommodation whilst extension to the school building is completed. Plans are to begin building a 2 storey extension in Aug 2023, and open Aug 2024. Concerns about outdoor space being lost were raised. Covid has delayed these plans significantly. Consultation with parents will be happening ASAP, likely to be January 2023. The new High School should open 2026/27, and plans are already being looked at to cope better with increasing number of children. Safe routes to the new HS were also discussed.
4. School Vision – deferred to the next meeting
5. Parent Consultations – deferred to the next meeting
6. AoCB –
 - a. Social Media Awareness – There was an issue recently where children circulated inappropriate material on their personal devices. CB outlined the steps taken to educate P7 children on the repercussions of such behaviour. It was suggested that younger children may also benefit from such discussions.

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- b. Chromebooks – Damage to chromebooks caused by leaking water bottles is a concern for all. Parents asked for reassurance that, eg videos of children, are secure. Teachers and children know the guidelines for appropriate use of school devices, but parents don't.
- c. Children in the Playground – designated areas for play – older children in the top end; younger children in the bottom area. There are MUGA days too. The field is still used by older children during PE and recreation time.
- d. P5/P4 Activities – Skiing for P5 should go ahead as planned and a block of swimming for P4 has almost come to an end.
- e. Nursery feedback – seesaw has been introduced for nursery families and some parents have raised concerns over the lack of day-to-day feedback, particularly in terms of wellbeing/pastoral. KJ will pass this back to the nursery team and work on strategies.

Next meeting – 19th January