Roslin Primary School Parent Council
Minute of Meeting May 8, 2019

Present: Stuart Clark (chair), Jo Wilson, Laura Langdon, Claire Houston, Colin Burt, Sara Rodriguez, Pawlina Dand, Sue Fitchett, Alex Clark, Claire Witney, Madhu Satsangi (minute)

Apologies: Holly Gibb, Helen Wilkinson, Emma Clark, Emma Hutt.

1. SC welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Minute of meeting, March 6, 2019: approved.

3. Matters arising
   a) Uniform exchange – SR said this had been very successful. PC thanked her, PD and HW and agreed that it should continue. It was suggested that some uniforms might suit next year’s P1, JW said parents of new P1 would be at the School on June 6. SR and HW will speak to Angela Foley to inform parents.
   b) Fund requests from school: JW reported on costs for prioritized items: 1. Team Roslin hoodies £600 for 40, 2. An urn £126, 3. Visualizers £720. Blinds for the hall would cost £164. All purchases were agreed.
   c) Internet safety: CB had contacted Colin McCabe (I.C.T., Midlothian Council) and he has agreed to talk on this from 6 to 7 p.m. on June 11. This could be repeated at the start of the 2019-20 session.
   d) Midlothian Council funding cuts: SF said that consortium arrangements among high schools had operated for many years where subjects had fewer than 10 students involved. CW said that the new element was extension to classes of above 10 and that schools would be using minibuses for students’ travel.

4. Sports Day: dates were May 24 (back-up June 7). JW said that Beeslack HS had said that exam timetable meant students could not help this year. PC noted that not all students would necessarily be in exams or revising at the time and some may be able to help. CW will speak to parents of former RPS students. She will report back to JW who will contact Penicuik or Lasswade HS if there aren’t sufficient helpers. After discussion, it was agreed that the park space previously used will be used again. Coffee/ tea: SC, SF and MS will person the stall. SC will buy croissants etc for sale.

5. P1 talk: LL said this was scheduled to start at 9.15 on June 6 and invited a member of PC to speak. CH agreed to talk and will liaise with HG who had spoken in 2018.

6. Playground: LL said that staff had reviewed use with some P7 students and that P3 and P4 now shared a zone. P5-P7 retained their current use, and the muga cycle continued. The large grassy area was separated into 2 zones: P1-P3 and P4-P7. Changes were working well.
   JW reported that there had been a positive start to a trial of P2-P7 not lining-up after break and lunch-time.
   JW said that she had received a letter of complaint about noise from the playground from neighbours. She read excerpts from it, which PC discussed, and she will give a draft response to SC, CW and MS for comment.

7. Staffing: JW said that funding had been agreed for a new Depute Head Teacher. She invited PC involvement in interviews. SF and CH had undertaken Midlothian Council’s training (a pre-requisite for participation) and will interview. MS will look to undertake the training. JW noted that Ellissavet (Lizzie) Chatzipavlidou was settling in well in the School Office.

8. Budgets: JW said that Midlothian Council had sent a questionnaire for PC members to complete. After discussion, it was agreed to proceed by PC completing individually and JW will circulate. It was noted that feedback was requested asap.

9. Filming and cooking: CB said that he was presenting to the South East Improvement Collaborative (a regional forum for sharing good practice) on health and wellbeing. This included filming in P7 and across the School.
   CB said that the cooking initiative with Edinburgh College was making strong progress, and was adding items on literacy, numeracy and planting. A P7 group would be visiting the College on June 5
with a plan to hold a pop-up café for 60 guests on June 7. In 2019-20, plans were to involve P6 in Sept – Dec and P7 in Jan – June. PC welcomed all developments.

10. **AGM planning**: AGM will be held on June 19 in the dining hall. Agreed that prosecco and strawberries will be offered as in 2018. CW will use the invitation from last year. Prospective office bearers: Secretary, Treasurer – tbc, CW wishes to step down from Treasury but will support a new Treasurer. Chair: MS considering, Depute Chair: SC considering, Secretary: CH considering. All supported by PC and staff.

11. **Social group**: PD reported that this was still to meet, likely next event is Halloween disco. CB said that P7 parents were doing a BBQ for leavers

12. **Communications**: CW said that Connect will hold an event at Penicuik HS at which PC members were welcome. She will circulate detail.

13. **A.O.C.B/Items for next agenda**: (a) Science outreach – had been very successful in 2018, are there plans to repeat? (PD); (b) Parents’ evening – noted that this was late in term, could it be earlier? JW said staff would discuss. (CH); (c) CfE curriculum – a discussion would be held early in the new academic year (SF); (d) Lollipop person - lollipop person was still not placed at a point that might help more to cross nor at the most difficult point. Both issues had been raised in the School Travel Plan. It was also noted that the person didn’t seem to cover the whole afternoon. JW will liaise with Gillian Bathgate (CH); (e) Oor Wullie: JW thanked Amy Collop for information about the project. Ava and Eva from P7 had won in the drawing competition and Citylink will be displaying their art.

Date of next meeting: AGM on Wednesday, June 19 2019 6.30pm.