

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Meeting 14th May 2020

Present: Nico Thompson; Emma Hutt; Claire Witney; Madhu Satsangi; Jo Wilson; Andrea Berry; Stuart Clark; Emma Clark; Colin Burt; Amy Collop; Sue Fitchett; Anna Hulton; Claire Houston

Apologies: Sara Rodriguez-Martin; Helen Wilkinson

Minutes

1. Welcome

2. Minute of last meeting (March 12)

3. Matters arising:

a. Nursery bike shelter: postponed till we get back to school.

b. Letter to Councillor Imrie re snow and ice (CH) – to be followed up next term when snow/ice (and pupils) return.

c. Newsletter (MS) Draft circulated; will be forwarded to parents with AGM information. 70 art packs were made up and all handed out – this idea came from PC members and it could be valuable to highlight this to other parents so they know that PC does have impact (see 8).

d. Parent Council governance (MS) reduction of quorum to 5 to be confirmed at AGM.

e. Sports Day: cancelled.

4. Distance learning (JW) – school closure was rather sudden so distance learning had to be put into place very, very quickly. School opted for Glow and Teams on the advice of Colin McCabe: this is the same as Beeslack CHS but different to other primary schools. Teachers had to quickly learn new technology. Learning grids have been created on the advice of the Authority. Worksheets are in addition. Thank you to Mrs Foley for keeping all the emails. Each teacher is now posting daily timetables in Glow. Teachers will soon be making little videos. Thank you very much to all the staff for all their hard work.

5. Transitions: P7-S1 transition – CB – letters will be distributed about P7 transition to S1; CB has completed the transfer of information about every individual with Beeslack and Beeslack has a number of initiatives underway to help transition. Transport to be confirmed.

JW –Nursery - P1 transition – letters and information for nursery parents will be coming; P1 teachers will start telling stories in June so the new children get to ‘meet’ them. Nursery FT/ PT hours: more information to follow as soon as it is available.

6. Reporting on child's progress (JW) – the aim is to provide this information on or around 8th June; levels were predicted before lockdown so these levels will be reported with a covering letter to explain what they mean.

7. Staffing, classes and budget2020 -21(JW) Mrs McGrory will remain as maternity cover for Mrs Burton; one NQT will join the school next session (appointed by Midlothian Council); the McCrone allowance has been maintained so hopefully school will get some art/music from Beeslack; pupil equity fund (PEF) for learning assistant, admin and play therapy still to be confirmed. There will be 2 P1 classes and 2 P3 classes in 2020-21, 1 class for other years.

8. AoCB

a. Preparations for AGM (MS) June 18 – we shall welcome new PC members hopefully and say goodbye to some PC stalwarts, meaning that we will need to appoint a Treasurer. CW will speak with possible candidates. MS to draft agenda (based on that for 2019) and School Office will be requested to circulate to parents/ carers. Bring your own prosecco and strawberries! EH will write a little welcome piece for new P1 info packs to explain what PC is and invite them to join.

9.DoNM: AGM June 18, 2020