

Roslin Primary School Parent Council Meeting

November 12, 2020, 6.30-7:30

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Present – Jo Wilson, Andrea Berry, Stuart Clark, Emma Clark, Alex Clark, Emma Hutt, Evelyn Maginnis, Nico Thompson, Esther Jones, Kayley Benzie, Mhairi Spence, Amy Collop, Claire Houston

Apologies – Madhu Satsangi, Colin Burt

2. Minute of last meeting (September 24)

3. Matters arising

a. Nursery bike shelter – Quote for a new bike shed outside nursery was a little higher than expected but it was agreed that PC would contribute £1000 and School £500.

b. Parent Council finances – Balance is a healthy ~£3000. We don't currently have a treasurer but with the help of Mrs Foley we will manage without one this year.

c. Year group representatives – Vacancies for P1 and P3 reps now filled by Evelyn and Kayleigh respectively.

d. Parents' evening and children's work – some parents have been disappointed with the written report replacement for Parents' Evening, suggesting a phone call would have been preferable. JW and AB explained the reasons why phone calls home were not feasible this time. Arrangements are being made for examples of children's work to come home later this term.

e. Covid-19 protocol and contingency planning – AB updated us on the progress made in school in preparation for absence/self-isolation. Older children are now successfully using MS Teams including the Assignments elements in school.

f. Christmas activities – Christmas Jumper Day 4th December. CH suggested organising a Christmas Jumper Swap in advance of this event and will liaise with AB.

Plans for a P1 Nativity video are underway pending authority guidance and approval.

g. Junior Tour Guides – JW reported that filming is going really well to create the Tour Guides film to be seen by visitors and viewed in other schools. AC commented that P7s were thoroughly enjoying this project.

4. Equality and Diversity

Mr Deed, supported by Mrs James, has created new class content to discuss equality and diversity topics in class for P4-P7s. PC members will get a chance to see the plans soon.

5. Pupil Equity Fund

JW reminded us that P4-P7 parents can apply for free school meals

6. National Parent Forum for Scotland

AB gave an update on the National Parent Forum – there have recently been lots of discussions about live teaching for example during potential school disruption.

7. AoCB

a. Date of Next Meeting: January 21, 2021

b. A P4 Parent has asked that information about PE kit requirements be sent via email rather than via the children/Twitter

c. CH has again contacted Midlothian Council about gritting the pavements around school during icy weather