

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Meeting September 23, 2021. Minutes

Present – Madhu Satsangi, Andrea Berry, Colin Burt, Karen Lipscombe, Helen Love, Mhairi Spence, Susan Welsh, Emma Clarke, Stuart Clarke, Jamie Fraser, Kayleigh Benzie, Amy Collop, Craig Barrowman, Evelyn Maginnis, Claire Houston

Apologies – Emma Hutt, Sara Rodriguez.

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minute of last meeting (May 13) agreed
3. Matters arising – The £500 donation from Linda Sheridan, Table on the Green, has been used to purchase gardening and sewing equipment.
4. Covid-19 (HL) No new cases this week. Bubbles are back for children for the time being, but will be the first mitigation to be relaxed if cases remain low. Under the circumstances, parent consultations will be via telephone and the Christmas Fair will be postponed to Spring.
5. Library (HL) A priority this session is to improve the school library. Five p7 librarians have been appointed and an audit of books is underway. Children will be invited to give lists of books they feel that the library ought to stock.
6. Water bottles (CH) It was suggested that the children do not need plastic bottles of water provided with their lunch and therefore single-use water bottles will no longer be included in children's school lunches. Other changes are also being made to reduce waste – packaging and food – including a new way in which children receive salad. Hot meals will be returning for P5-7 later in the session.
7. PC finances and fund-raising (MS) Jamie is our new PC Treasurer. Fundraising plans:

Bookshop – Emma H, Mhairi and Evelyn are looking into getting the bookshop back up and running

Halloween Disco – not likely this year

Christmas Fair – postponed, but perhaps we can still do the raffle for hampers.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Jumper Swap

Christmas Card – maybe next year

MS asked for social committee volunteers

8. AoCB

a. Session dates (MS) – The proposed changes to Christmas holiday dates were discussed with various problems identified. Madhu and Claire shall put together feedback for Midlothian Council summarising the reasons the PC do not agree with the proposed changes.

b. Parent Council year contacts were agreed: P7 – Emma and Stuart Clark, P6 – Madhu Satsangi, P5 - Claire Houston, P4 - Susan Welsh and Kayleigh Benzie, P3 - Jamie Fraser, P2 - Evelyn Maginnis, P1 - Craig Barrowman, Nursery – Mhairi Spence.

c. Correspondence with Connect and M Tariq (MS) – Various Connect events run throughout the year and members are welcome to attend. Madhu has circulated a letter from M Tariq suggesting ways parents can support staff should covid cases rise again.

d. Meeting dates 2021-22 – meetings via Zoom until further notice. Suggested dates: November 11, January 20, March 10, May 12 and June 16 (AGM) all at 6:30 p.m.

e. iPads and Chromebooks – Midlothian Council plans to provide all children with iPad or Chromebooks are underway and should begin to arrive in school in January

f. Communication from school– It was noted that recent communication from school to parents was effective

g. Consultations on the school extension should begin in November/December.