

# Roslin Primary School Parent Council

## Minutes of Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Present:** Claire Witney (CW\_Treasurer/Acting chair), Alex Clark (AC-Secretary/Minutes), Andrea Berry (AB), Anna Hulton (AH), Colin Burt (CB), Dawn Robertson (DR), Jo Wilson (JW), John Phillips (JP), Mairi Needham (MN), Rhona Farren (RF).

**Apologies:** Angela Newton (AN), Holly Gibb (HG), Jon Steele (JS), Julie White (JW1), Sam Hamilton (SH), Shelley Kay (SK- chair person).

**1. Welcome.** CW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of PC meeting from 9th November 2016 – accepted.**

**3. Matters arising**

a) New school update (Maurice McCann)

Maurice confirmed that the school was still on schedule. He circulated drawings of the school including the library space and the dining room interactive map. Mrs Wilson, Mrs Denham and Mr Stark had been to visit the school and a visit for staff is planned as well as one for PC members at the beginning of March. AC will email and collect a list of names of interested members.

b) RUTS cycle rides (JW)

The feedback from the cycle rides was very positive and attendance was good. The charity is keen to run the event again subject to funding being available.

c) Christmas fair (CW)

The Christmas fair was a success and made a profit of £1265. The same format will probably be repeated next year. CW commented on the lack of prizes for the tombola and it was suggested that children could bring a prize for the tombola on Christmas jumper day instead of a donation.

There appeared to be some confusion with the teas and coffees. It was suggested that a donation system might work better in the future.

AH asked if a toy sale could be considered again.

d) Pharmacy sponsorship (CW)

Roslin Pharmacy is willing to donate £500 to sponsor science books for the school in the new financial year.

**4. Vision statement (JW)**

Children's ideas have been collected and narrowed down by the Pupil Council. A note will be sent out next week to Parents/Guardians to invite suggestions. Between 4 and 6 potential vision statements will be chosen and put to a vote to involve the community, parents and children.

**5. Outdoor learning (CB)**

CB talked about the different outdoor learning activities which had taken place already. A range of locations was explored including Killburn Woods, parks, Pentland Hills and Roslin Glen. Many subjects were covered: health and wellbeing, sports, maths (map, time, sorting, collecting, graphs), literacy (poetry), arts, science ...

### **6. Reading (AB)**

The Learning Council designed the questionnaire for the Reading Survey. Books were donated and distributed throughout the school. There is still a need for books especially in the upper area.

The results from the survey were interesting. A high number of pupils in P1-3 answered that they enjoy reading. A low number enjoy reading poetry, newspapers, and the internet. The infant area has been changed since the last 'learning walk', the library is now more open.

In P4-7, the results were mixed but most children enjoy reading overall with about 60% wishing to read more. Only a small proportion didn't enjoy reading at all. Quite a high number of pupils said they would read more if they had more time and/or could read about things they were interested in.

CW suggested feedback from parents could be collected at the next parent consultation.

### **7. Pupil conference volunteers**

AB asked for volunteers to help the children at the Pupil conference on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (am). Children will be working on a 'Big school question'. CW, JP and AH volunteered.

### **8. Fundraising**

CW asked for fundraising ideas. Email will be sent to ask for ideas.

Suggestions were: a tea towel, a mug with a line drawing of the new school.

CW will look into making the tea towels and booking the Christmas cards for next year.

### **9. Communications**

None

### **10. A.O.C.B.**

- Someone asked about what would happen about the equipment from the old Primary school, in particular the smartboards purchased by the PC. This will need to be checked out to see if they could be sold or donated rather than being thrown away.

- Maureen (canteen staff) is retiring on Friday. Mairi will bring a card and gift from the PC.

Next PC meeting at Roslin Kirk – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 6.30pm.

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