

# Roslin Primary School Parent Council

## Minutes of Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Present:** Shelley Kay (SK- Chair person), Alex Clark (AC-Secretary/Minutes), Andrea Berry (AB), Annie Douglas (AD), Claire Witney (CW\_Treasurer), Colin Burt (CB), Dawn Robertson (DR), Holly Gibb (HG), Jo Wilson (JW), John Phillips (JP), Mairi Needham (MN), Rhona Farren (RF), Sam Hamilton (SH), Stuart Clark (SC).

**Apologies:** Angela Newton (AN), Anna Hulton (AH), Jon Steele (JS), Julie White (JW1).

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

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

**3. Matters arising**

a) Maths booklet

The maths booklet will be available on the website shortly (<http://roslin.mgfl.net/files/2012/12/Handy-Maths-Strategies-2hmcylhi.pdf>). A small typo needs to be corrected. It was suggested that small workshops with parents could be organised to help get familiar with strategies children use in class.

b) School

JW updated on the progress regarding the new school. The new staff car park was completed over the summer. Maurice McCann will have weekly meetings with a 10 min allocated time for people to go on site. Signs have been put up for the security of the children to make sure they do not go through.

JW will be meeting with the architect next week to discuss color schemes and decor. Pupils from P4 – P7 will be involved in the process in order to connect the school with the local environment (Chapel, Glen...).

**4. SQ report**

JW circulated an extract from the report (also available on the website: <http://roslin.mgfl.net/files/2016/03/S-Q-Report-15-16-2325vbd.pdf>). The report shows strengths and future developments for the school.

**5. Improvement plan**

JW circulated a summary page of the improvement plan (available on the website: <http://roslin.mgfl.net/quality-assurance/>).

The following areas were discussed:

- French: Mrs Selfridge leads on the subject at Roslin School. The Midlothian model is followed, teaching French from P1 to P7, with an introduction in nursery. Midlothian development officers and teachers from Beelsack are also involved.
- Tracking meetings: This approach looks at the curriculum for excellence and allows a targeted intervention for each child. GL and PIPS data is used to raise attainment. New standardised tests might be introduced by the government.

- Visible learning: Effort is made by the staff to raise children's awareness amongst on what they are learning and help them identify the next steps.
- Nurturing: 2 nurture groups are in place. The school aims to provide support for learning for individual children. In each class, pupils and teachers expectations have been discussed to point out strengths and improvements.  
There has been a reorganisation in P1 to provide a better link with the nursery. Children go straight to play in the morning and seating is flexible. In the top area, learning through play is being developed with the aim to spread to the middle area.
- SSERC (Scottish, Schools, Education, Research, Centre): Miss Mathers is attending a residential course. Teachers can attend CPD (Continuing Professional Development ) events to deliver more science and build their confidence in various STEM subjects. Pupil's awareness can be raised through surveys.
- Trios: This reflective practice takes place to provide regular feedback on lessons and develop teaching. It was started last year. Three dates are set for this year: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 30<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Moderation in Maths and Literacy aims to get accurate P7 levels by looking at each other's judgements and understanding assessments. JW has been in contact with a headteacher in Fife.

### **6. Vision statement**

JW suggested that the school work on a new vision statement for the opening of the new school. PC members agreed it was a good idea. This will be a long process involving the children first.

### **7. Olympic visitor**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November an Olympic visitor will be coming to school as part of the Sports to school scheme. The children will be told on the 28<sup>th</sup> October. They will be given a sponsorship form to take home. The money raised will go to the school and the scheme. Various events will take place during the day.

### **8. School website**

Mrs McInally and some of the children work on updating the school website. Effort has been made to keep the calendar (<http://roslin.mgfl.net/calendar/>) up to date to remind people of upcoming events.

### **9. Mock court**

JS suggested the school could get involved in this project as he heard good feedback from Moorfoot Primary school. This is a cross-curricular project suited for P6-P7 which uses a court case to encompass a range of class room subjects - from art to journalism, debating and writing skills.... More information can be found on their website - <http://www.mockcourt.org.uk/background.php>.

This project will be suggested to teachers for next year as it is too late to apply this year. JW has offered assistance on this project.

### **10. Fundraising**

**Roslin Funday:** The PC had a stall on the Funday which consisted of 2 games and a tuck shop. The profit was low this year. New games/ideas will have to be thought of for next year to generate higher interest. £22 was raised via Easyfundraising. AB will send a reminder to parents/carers.

**Disco:** It was agreed that a Halloween disco would be organised. Volunteers are needed to organise and help on the day. CW offered to help and will look into booking the Masonic lodge for the 27<sup>th</sup> October. SK will contact a DJ. The format of the disco will be the same as last time with 3 slots (P1-P3, P4-P5, P6-P7). Drinks and snacks will be included in the ticket price. Tickets will be available to purchase before and also on the day.

Family photos: RF suggested a Family photo session could be a good fundraiser before Christmas. She offered the use of one of the rooms at her nursery and will try to source a photographer.

Christmas fair: CW suggested a slightly different format for this year, using the central area for a craft fair where people could book a stall (maybe around £12-15). The top area would be kept for games, the middle area for tea, coffee and baking as well as craft for the children. Santa's grotto would also remain and possibly a tombola. We would be looking at Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, JW will confirm the date. HG volunteered to contact people who might be interested in having a stall and will check that it doesn't clash with any other craft fair in the area.

Other ideas: Webb ivory and Avon were suggested as possible fundraisers. DR offered to check Webb ivory.

Bookshop: 3 dates have been set (4<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> March- World Book Day and 19<sup>th</sup> May).

Dress down days: It was suggested to have dress down days on the last day of term if there isn't a church service. Other dress down days (sometimes sponsored) will be organised throughout the year, please keep an eye on the web calendar or letters in the school bags.

### **11. Communications**

SK circulated a document about a Secondary Education consultation in Penicuik on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **12. A.O.C.B.**

- Beeslack AGM will take place on Monday at 7pm at the school library.
- The gazebo used by the Parent Council needs replacing.

**Next PC meeting at Roslin Kirk – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 6.30pm.**

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