

## **Roslin Primary School Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – 6.30pm, Meeting Room in Roslin Primary School

**Present** – Stuart Clark SC, Claire Witney CW, Holly Gibb HG, Anna Hulton AH, Lisa Paton LP, Mairi Needham MN, Lucie Taylor LT, John Phillips JP, Alex Clark AC, Andrea Berry AB, Jo Wilson JW, Colin Burt CB, Madhu Satsangi MS, Rhona Farren RF, Emma Hutt EH, Angela Newton AN, Claire Houston CH, Sue Fitchett SF and guest Gillian Bathgate GB (School Travel Plan).

**Apologies** – Dawn Robertson, Emma Clark, Linda Smith, Juliet Ridgeway

**1.** Chair welcome, introductions

**2.** Minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> September accepted

**3a.** GB discussed School Travel Plan with aim to encourage active and safe travel to school. Plan is updated every two years, parents will be invited to complete a survey but if there are issues arising outwith the survey period parents are encouraged to raise concerns. PC requested speed restriction and traffic calming measures on the B7006 entering from Bilston and B7003 entering from Gowkley Moss rd - GB to action. CH encouraged people report speeding buses to Lothian Bus. Parents are discouraged from using the primary school car park. EH requested a zebra crossing road marking from gate to park to main school entrance pathway. This road should be service access only but taxis and cars are using it to drop pupils at main door - JW will look into this. Most recent hands up survey within school shows

- 48% walking
- 17% driving
- 5% cycling
- 3% scooting
- 27% other

JRSO will inspire and continue survey for walk/bike to school week.

Midlothian Council has many services currently up for review including continuation of lollipop crossing attendants. Please have your say on the matter by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

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**3b.** School Improvement Plan – no comments

**3c.** JW reported back on the Daily Mile; each class is creating their own style of movement.

- P1 – different walking styles
- P2 – fitness breaks, circuits
- P3 – brain breaks of 5-15 minutes
- P4 – change movement/action for each lap
- P5 – brain breaks
- P6 – moving to musical cues
- P7 – break breaks, also working with P1 buddy's. Movement as required eg stretching, walking outside

HG mentioned that Amanda Kay would like to work with the school children in sessions of relaxation/yoga/massage/meditation. AK is to contact the school for discussion.

**4.** JW - School Inspection is now complete and awaiting report within the month and full report will be published online by Christmas. Very positive experience, children fabulous and enjoyed the week! Visible

learning strategies, general culture and ethos within school all recognised and highly praised. JW said school will produce a summary of report and communicate results to parents via the newsletter. CB plans to involve P7 who will create a breakdown report.

5. Parent Council members are invited to attend Learning Council meeting. Pupils are currently working on creating a school improvement plan. Meetings take place in school library at 12.30pm for 30 minutes

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – CW & SF to attend
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – SC to attend

CW queried pupils option for raising issues not linked to learning. AB said Learning Council discuss all aspects of learning and school life including outdoor learning space. If pupils have concerns about playground issues, peer issues or need someone to talk to they are encouraged to talk to prefects and also PEER Mediators. Other groups include JRSO and Eco Committee.

JW discussed how pupils are encouraged to share all personal achievements. Anything goes from lego structures and completing a book to trophies and certificates. Special mentions and congratulations made at assembly, singing time and also shared between classrooms and teachers.

6. PC agreed to make a financial contribution of around £800 to the Pantomime performances in December. Currently funds are £2,500.

7. Visible Learning Conference – will discuss at next meeting.

8. Fundraising – Christmas Cards artwork has been completed, parents will be invited to place orders online (can be done through parent council if necessary) cards due to be delivered beginning December.

Christmas Fayre will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am to 12pm, Juliet Ridgeway is main contact. **NEED LOTS OF PARENT HELPERS AND LOTS OF HOMEBAKING.** There will be tea/coffee and craft sale tables in dining area, games in arts room, hamper & tombola at main entrance, Santa's grotto in library, choir to perform halfway through. Looking for a Santa, CB will ask his dad. MN especially requests help to take over tea/coffee and CH volunteered.

Bookshop took in £330 in October, very successful and enjoyable. Contact made with Rosslyn Chapel to have history books available.

9. SPTC has been forwarded by email to all PC.

JW received a letter about the consultation on new Education Bill which runs from now until end January, 12 weeks. Information will be sent to all parents.

Consultation on Midlothian Council cutbacks finishes 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please submit feedback online via [https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/591/your\\_council/384/shaping\\_our\\_future](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/591/your_council/384/shaping_our_future). Proposed changes will affect janitorial provision, music provision and learning assistants within the school, and many more community services including LASC, lollipop lady and library. CW suggested a response from PC. If anyone wishes to make a comment please email CW with points of concern.

Please use easy fundraising every time you shop online to help raise funds for parent council. Please follow link and register to use. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>

10. CW has requested a couple of committee members come forward to become signatories with a view to taking on the Treasurer role in the future.

**Next meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Roslin Primary School at 6.30pm.**