

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Meeting January 19, 2023, 6.30 p.m.

Venue: School

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and apologies | 2 mins |
| 2. Minute of last meeting (November 10; appended) | 2 mins |
| 3. Matters arising: | 10 mins |
| a. Christmas Fair (Social Committee) | |
| b. Parent Council financial report | |
| c. School development | |
| d. Social media awareness | |
| e. Chromebooks | |
| 4. School vision (HL) | 15 mins |
| 5. Parent Consultations (HL) | 8 mins |
| 6. Participatory Budgeting (paper with links appended) | 10 mins |
| 7. AoCB (HL/MS) | 10 mins |
| a. Social media awareness | |
| b. Additional Support Needs provision | |
| c. Social activities | |
| d. Date of Next Meeting: March 9, 2023 | |

Roslin Parent Council Meeting Minutes
10th November 2022

Present – Madhu Satsangi, Sara Rodriguez, Helen Love, Sarah Bezuidenhout, Rhian Monro, Kat James, Mhairi Spence, Amy Collop, Karen Lipscombe, Mandy Grieg, Eilidh Wilson, Emma Feegen, Suzy Fegen, Colin Burt, Fiona Robertson (Midlothian Council), Ross Irvine (Midlothian Council), Mark Bedwell (Midlothian Council).

Apologies – Emma Hutt, Susan Welsh, Evelyn Maginnis, Nico Thompson

1. Minutes from the last meeting – approved
2. Matters arising –
 - a. Halloween Parties and future school activities; raised £409 profit for PC. Well done to committee and helpers on the day. The Original Hotel did not charge us for the use of their function room and they paid the cost of the DJ. A donation to their chosen charity, The Sick Kids' Hospital Charity, shall be made. The appropriateness of the venue was discussed. One parent felt strongly that school should host the Halloween Disco in the future. The cost of this shall be investigated and venue choice discussed again when planning in 2023.
 - b. Christmas Fair – Friday 9th December. The Social Committee are eager for new volunteers.
 - c. Contacting PC Reps – School cannot share contact details of individual PC Reps in line with GDPR laws. Year groups have whatsapp chat groups which generally work well. Parents can contact other class reps if they know them. There is a Parent Council email address which shall be shared again with parents as a reminder. The email address is roslinprimary.parentcouncil@gmail.com
3. Discussion with members of Midlothian Council about school building and capacity plans.

Plans were shared for extending the school to cope with increased school role, including temporary accommodation whilst extension to the school building is completed. Plans are to begin building a 2 storey extension in Aug 2023, and open Aug 2024. Concerns about outdoor space being lost were raised. Fiona Robertson confirmed that all siblings of children who currently have out of catchment places, would also be granted places at Roslin - future changes to catchment areas would not impact this decision. She also confirmed that all pupils attending Roslin would be granted places at the new Beeslack replacement HS, regardless of address and future catchment area changes. Covid has delayed plans significantly. Consultation with parents will be happening ASAP, likely to be January 2023. The new High School should open 2026/27, and plans are already being looked at to cope better with increasing number of children. Safe routes to the new HS were also discussed.
4. School Vision – deferred to the next meeting

5. Parent Consultations – deferred to the next meeting
6. AoCB –
 - a. Social Media Awareness – There was an issue recently where children circulated inappropriate material on their personal devices. CB outlined the steps taken to educate P7 children on the repercussions of such behaviour. It was suggested that younger children may also benefit from such discussions.
 - b. Chromebooks – Damage to chromebooks caused by leaking water bottles is a concern for all. Parents asked for reassurance that, eg videos of children, are secure. Teachers and children know the guidelines for appropriate use of school devices, but parents don't.
 - c. Children in the Playground – designated areas for play – older children in the top end; younger children in the bottom area. There are MUGA days too. The field is still used by older children during PE and recreation time.
 - d. P5/P4 Activities – Skiing for P5 should go ahead as planned and a block of swimming for P4 has almost come to an end.
 - e. Nursery feedback – seesaw has been introduced for nursery families and some parents have raised concerns over the lack of day-to-day feedback, particularly in terms of wellbeing/pastoral. KJ will pass this back to the nursery team and work on strategies.

Next meeting – 19th January

Participatory Budgeting in educational establishments

TAGS: [Community Learning and Development \(CLD\)](#)[Inclusion, Wellbeing and Equality](#)

What is this?

Guidance and support materials to help establishments, community learning and development (CLD) partners and Parent Councils to:

- Develop an understanding of Participatory Budgeting (PB) and its potential application for learner and community participation.
- Consider the opportunities to join up existing/draft council plans for mainstream PB with what education services may be offering or considering around family engagement, pupil participation, democracy and decision making.

Who is this for?

This information and related web links will be of benefit to all establishment Senior Leadership Teams, CLD Managers and Practitioners and Parent Councils.

Explore this resource

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic way for people to have a direct say on how public money is spent. There are a range of different models of PB in use across Scotland and around the world.

PB can be a powerful tool for schools to involve all parents and pupils in establishments improvement planning, including decisions on the use of Pupil Equity Funding. PB can play an important role in establishment approaches to equity, family engagement, learner participation and democratic education.

The Scottish Government and COSLA have made a commitment that at least 1% of local government budgets in Scotland will be subject to participatory budgeting by the end of 2021.

PB approaches in Scotland are often led by community learning and development (CLD) practitioners in both the public and voluntary sectors. Establishments should seek to collaborate with their CLD partners on PB – to draw on the experience and support available.

PB supports Article 12 of the UNCRC ‘children and young people have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to matter’.

Paul Johnston, Director General Education, Communities and Justice at the Scottish Government said: ‘Participatory budgeting (PB) could be an innovative and effective mechanism to engage with parents and pupils, in particular those who face barriers to participation. PB directly involves people in participating in budgeting decisions that will have a direct impact on improving their lives and it can engage people who would not normally participate with traditional forms of communication.’

Improvement questions

- To what extent do our establishment, our community learning and development (CLD) partners and our Parent Council have a shared understanding and shared approaches to family engagement and learner participation?
- How well do we embed learner participation in each of the 4 arenas of learning?:
 - learning, teaching and assessment;
 - opportunities for personal achievement;
 - decision making groups; and
 - connection with the wider community.
- How can we use PB approaches to involve children and young people, families and the wider community in school improvement planning, including use of Pupil Equity Funds?
- How can we ensure that our approaches to PB reflect the views and experiences of all learners and families, including those living in our most deprived communities?
- What model of PB would be most appropriate for our establishment?

- What impacts and benefits can PB bring – e.g. in areas such as, participation, equity, attainment, relationships and ethos?
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Related links

[Participatory Budgeting in Scotland](#) - The Democratic Society and the Scottish Government describing PB in Scotland in this short film from COSLA.


[PB Scotland](#) - The PB Network, providing the latest events, news & ideas on Participatory Budgeting in Scotland.

[PB Scotland Charter](#) - The PB Charter for Scotland.


[What is Participatory Budgeting?](#) - A 60 second guide to PB.

[Participatory Budgeting in Schools](#) - A schools-specific page on how you can use PB in your school.

 [Powerpoint file: Participatory Budgeting in Schools \(2018\) \(2.2 MB\)](#) - A presentation from 2018 by Kathleen Glazik, Policy Manager, Scottish Government

 [PDF file: Community Choices 1% Framework agreement \(215 KB\)](#) - COSLA and Scottish Government framework for 1% of local government budgets to be subject to participatory budgeting by the end of 2021.

[Evaluation of participatory budgeting activity in Scotland 2016-2018](#) - Research findings published in May 2019.

 [PDF file: Learner Participation in Educational Settings, 3-18 \(2018\) \(7 MB\)](#) - Guidance to help schools and early years settings develop an understanding of learner participation and plan for implementation within their setting.