

Roslin Primary School Parent Council

Meeting March 9, 2023, 6.30 p.m.

Venue: School

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and apologies | 2 mins |
| 2. Minute of last meeting (January 19; appended) | 2 mins |
| 3. Matters arising: | 10 mins |
| a. Christmas Fair (Social Committee) | |
| b. School development | |
| c. School photographs | |
| d. Participatory budgeting | |
| 4. Chair's business: Parent Council business and visibility | 5 mins |
| 5. School vision (HL) | 10 mins |
| 6. Budget 2023-24 (MS/ HL) | 15 mins |
| 7. Fundraising | 10 mins |
| 8. AoCB | 5 mins |
| a. World Book Day Dress (CH) | |
| b. Date of Next Meeting: March 9, 2023 | |

Roslin Primary School Parent Council
19th January 2023 – Minutes

Present - Jo, Susie Fegen, Tim Crymble, Madhu Satsangi, Eilidh Wilson, Sarah Bezuidenhout, Cat James, Karen Lipscombe, Helen Love, Amy Collop, Craig Barrowman, Claire Houston, Evelyn Maginnis, Emma Hutt, Colin Burt

Apologies – Mhairi Spence, Susan Welsh

1. Matters Arising -

Christmas Fair - Thank you to all involved.

2. Parent Council Financial Report - £309 at the start of the year; we made £398 at Halloween Disco after costs and £1763 at the Christmas Fair; overall balance is currently £2470.

Suggestion of some joint fundraising events with the Rotary Club

The PC support a variety of activities and events financially, including buying the fruit for the Roslin Glen walks and Sports Day, funding the P7 Year Books, and contributing to the pantomime trips

3. School development plans - no update as yet, but public consultation is expected soon...

4. Social Media Awareness and Chromebooks - update from CB about some activities in P5, P6 and P7 about appropriate use of digital environments. Chromebook are learning devices. Rules for Chromebooks have been reinforced.

5. School Vision (HL) - Vision, Value and Aims. Our School Improvement Plan is based on our Values - Play, Nurture and Respect. The next step is to write a school Vision and the Aims. Wider school engagement will take place in preparation for writing the school development plan. PC members answered some questions; these questions (and more) will be asked of the wider parent groups too.

6. Parent Consultations (HL) - Developing pupil voice is a priority at Roslin; can there be scope for children to be part of Parental Consultation and talk about their own work? Some pros and cons were discussed, including building children's confidence; children enjoying showing their work; preparation for HS parents' consultations; concerns about how some tricky conversations might take place in front of children; a lot of preparation and practice for children; phased introduction starting with older children; flexible options will be presented to parents.

7. Participatory Budgeting Fund (PBF) – This is a Scottish Government fund and parents can have an input into what this money is spent on. A focus group of parents (email to sign up) to help decide what this goes on was agreed. The focus is on narrowing the attainment gap and supporting pupils from socially deprived families. Examples - play therapy, learning assistants, nurture yoga etc,

8. AOB –

- a. Additional Support Needs - There are various provisions in the school including art therapy, play therapy, nurture group, nurture yoga, counsellor. It's a priority for HL and team to continue to improve the provisions. A new ASN policy is being written at the moment. There is universal support for all children, then targeted support for children who need additional support. Each individual child's needs are considered at various times of the term.
- b. Social Activities – SB again raised her personal concerns about the suitability of the Original Rosslyn Inn as the venue for the PC Halloween Disco. Due to the personal nature of her concerns, it was inappropriate for members of PC to comment, especially since the owners of the Original were not present to hear and respond to her concerns. However, SB's concerns have been noted and members of PC expressed sympathy. It is still the intention of the PC to investigate other potential venues for this year's event, balancing SB's concerns with the financial impact; the expectations in terms of time and effort placed on volunteer organisers; and the eagerness of a local business to contribute to school events.
- c. Lunch – Free lunches for all P6 and P7 should be introduced in 2025; lunch queues aren't as long as the children think (5mins max)
- d. Religious themes for assemblies - plans for future themes are not all based around Christianity, including space for Humanism. Space should be given to recognize non-faith based values.
- e. Communication about PE days etc could be improved, especially when changes are made at the start of a new term.
- f. It's not always possible to take photos of children during school events, but opportunities for parents to take photos of their own individual child shall be considered.
- g. Some excellent athletics news from CB.
- h. The Junior Tour Guides programme has run for 13 year
- i. There are provisions in school for muddy play or parents can send in outdoor clothes. If families struggle financially, help is available to provide children with adequate outdoor clothing.

Next meeting: March 9, 2023.