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Rochsolloch Primary School Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Office Bearer	Name
Chairperson:	Jennifer Nisbet (JN)
Vice Chairperson:	Dan Schoenhofen (DS)
Treasurer:	Helen Love (HL)
Secretary:	Lynsey Telford (LT)

Welcome and apologies.

The Chair welcomed attendees, with apologies noted.

Review of previous minutes.

Minute was approved and to be uploaded to website

Agreement of Constitution

Agreed

Head Teacher Update

Key Development in Past Year

- Digital Schools Award
- Respect Me Anti-Bullying Award
- Eco Flag
- Rights Respecting Silver Award
- Regular visitors to see our development of Play/Pupil Enquiry Based Learning (PEBL)
- Raised attainment in Reading (7.42%) and Writing (3.08%)

Therapet

- Following a request made from one of Captains in their presentation, we have arranged a Therapet dog to visit the school over a few weeks beginning at the end of November. The French Bulldog will support children who may be reluctant readers for a variety of reasons.

Dogs Trust

- We had a visit last week from someone from the Dogs Trust, who visited all the classes to run a workshop on caring for dogs in their home and in the community.

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Counselling/Play Therapy

- We are pleased to be able to offer a one-to-one counselling session to those children who require it, and this will begin in November. This is funded using money distributed from Scottish Government to local authorities for this specific purpose. We have also contributed to a cluster fund to support the running of play therapy sessions, which will begin around the start of 2024.

Pupil Leadership Groups

Aim High Team

- We have now appointed our new school captains – Ryan and Grace. Our Aim High Team have had their first meetings and are beginning to plan for Book Week and Anti-Bullying week in November (week beginning 13th November). 5 members of our Aim High Team will also be presenting as part of a presentation about our play/enquiry work at Strathclyde University to 250 teaching students.

Rights Respecting Reps

- We are delighted to have achieved our Silver Rights Respecting school award and will soon be recruiting new class reps to continue our journey to Gold.

Fundraising Team

- Our new fundraising team have had their first meetings where they created the fundraising calendar for the year. They are beginning work on their Halloween fundraiser, and we are also taking part in the Cauliflower Cards 'Christmas Design Project'. Both fundraisers will raise money for school funds.

Eco

- Leadership of our Eco Committee has been taken over by Miss MacBeth. The committee are continuing to work on our 2-year action plan with an evidence submission due in June for our next Eco Flag. This session our focus will be on biodiversity.

Reading Schools

- We have recently registered to become a 'Reading School'. Miss Sichi will be leading this work and is currently recruiting some children who will help her take forward the actions required.

Rotary Club

- We have recently linked with the local Rotary Club who are keen to work with the school on a variety of projects. Our first project is 'Lend with Care' which our P6 class are taking part in. The children will learn about different countries and be able to support people who need help. The club have also given us 2000 crocus corms to plant in our side playground planters.

Additional Support Needs

- New Educational Psychologist, Sophie Wardrope supporting a number of children across school and nursery

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- Mrs Shields, Mrs Colquhoun and Miss Macbeth offering Support for Learning this year, with Mr Innes and Mrs Torley overseeing Support for Learning to ensure maximum impact on learners
- We are running five full Seasons for Growth groups over the course of the school year – the most we have ever had

Nursery Class

- Continued use of Learning Journals with support of Parent Council funding having a significant impact on planning, assessment and sharing the learning journey with parents
- Forest Kindergarten at approved site in Brownsburn Park established last session and continuing this session, again with Parent Council funding support
- 'Loving Lunches' in full swing where children are now enjoying lunch in the nursery class rather than the dinner hall – children are now self-serving their lunches
- Priorities for this year are to conduct more rigorous tracking and monitoring of learning, improve engagement in self-evaluation, and develop staff leadership roles

Treasurer Annual Report

Balance £1387.91

Action Point – All Saints monies still to be transferred for playground equipment

Action Point – HT agreed to pull together a list of the loose parts required so that an email could go out to parents requesting assistance

Council and Parent Matters

Action Point – Office to collate list for p7 hoodies i.e. sizes, delivery date to be pre Christmas

Action Point- Discussion re road safety both in the school grounds and out with. Zebra crossing and lines have worn away within school grounds, also the one way markers have worn away. HT to raise as a health and safety issue with NLC.

Action Point – Grounds looking good, further tidy ups to be arranged for Friday afternoons when there is a possibility of some high school students assisting family in the tidy, it was also thought to be a good day for parents and possibly not as busy as mid week.

Action Point – Football Strips-AHT to look into meeting costs, would need to buy a full larger set and not a lot of opportunity to wear.

Action Point – Discussion around bad language in playground and respecting each other. If any parent feels that a child's rights are being disrespected then they should contact the school directly to discuss. Language to be reinforced at assembly.

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Action Point – Discussion around dates for parents diary which are in the newsletter and potentially linking that up and including the PC dates for diary. This to be further discussed.

Action Point – Flyer for Christmas fayre to be sent out in school communications after Halloween, plea for tombola items etc
Fundraising

Action Point-Residential trip p7 discussed. School to poll opinion of parents

Election of Office Bearers and Parent Council Members

- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary all elected and approved.

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- Date of Next Meeting 07/11/23