Rochsolloch Parent Council 28 January 2025



Agenda

Welcome from Chair & apologies

6.00pm

PC members present: DS, CN, NR, LS

SMT present: MW, NM

Review and approval of minutes of last meeting

6.05pm

Accepted

Head Teacher Update

6.10pm

Staffing Update

Mrs Colquhoun is due to return from maternity leave after February break. She
will resume her Acting Principal Teacher role on Thursday and Friday, and Mrs
Murray will continue as Principal Teacher for Monday to Wednesday and return to
her Class Teacher role on Thursday and Friday.

P7 Leavers

 The hoodies arrived recently and look very smart as usual. We have also booked New Wellwynd Church Hall for the leavers' party on Thursday 12th June.

Nursery Update

Work has progressed with our planning processes, with the new staff team working together to create a new approach this year. A recent visit from our Quality Officer was very positive, with particular praise given for our environment, which is of a very high standard.

Pupil Voice Groups

Aim High Team: the next event the Aim High Team will be organising is Children's Mental Health Week, at the beginning of February

Fundraising: the pop up shop was a great success – we raised £648. Will be planning the foodbank collecting for February.

Eco: no update yet

Sport: we have submitted our Gold Sports Award application and should hear back by the end of January/beginning of February if we have been successful. A short discussion was had around funding requirements. It was agreed that the PC would fund 3 netball tops in size 30-32. They will also purchase 265 participation stickers, 15 medals and water/snacks for the school sports day in June.

Digital: no update

Rochsolloch Readers: no update

Additional Support Needs

- We are joined this term by Mr Sludden, Cluster Resource Teacher, who will be offering targeted Numeracy and Literacy support for children in P3 and P5.
- Mrs Shields and Miss Temple will be continuing to provide support for Learning across the school.
- Our Support Staff team will be running interventions again this term, including Drawing and Talking, Seasons for Growth, IDL Reading/Spelling, and Colourful Semantics. We will hopefully be adding Lego Therapy as another wellbeing support offer later in the school session.

Treasurers Report

6.25pm

Current balance £5285.90

Income of £4109.65 broken down into £855.00 (Grinch Supper), £366.80 (Grinch snack bar and raffle ticket sales), Christmas Fayre (£2887.85)

Outgoings of £1250.65 broken down into £29.99 (Table Cloths for Grinch Supper), £33.75 (Cookies for Grinch Supper), £45.00 (Refunds for Grinch Supper non-attendance due to illness), £185.00 (Grinch and entertainment from Magical Minis), £183.00 (Christmas Fayre – books for Santa), £277.90 (Christmas Fayre – books for Santa), £113.77 (Christmas Fayre pop up shop and catering costs), £41.25 (Christmas Fayre games stall chocolates), £289.99 (Christmas Raffle Prize – VR Headset), £51.00 (Christmas Fayre thank you presents for support staff).

Council Matters 6:35pm

- Valentines disco will be on 13th February, and DJ has been confirmed. The
 following learning will be applied from the Halloween Disco. The pay in station
 will be set up at the office. We will run sign in stations again, and encourage
 P4-P7 to wait on the right hand side of the corridor before going in at 7.40pm.
 Tickets will be printed in advance and PC will support pre-sales at the office
 before and after school.
- A discussion was had around fundraising activities for the school, with a key focus having to be on ICT equipment as the current situation is that 40 laptops are likely to fall off the network when Windows 11 is rolled out to schools. It was also highlighted that IDL needs 20 laptops available to run that intervention when it begins. The school highlighted that they would prefer to purchase laptops as the iPads available to them are glitchy, fall off the network and all of the apps have to be centrally loaded. The cost of a new laptop remains fixed at £500.



- A discussion was had around the level of fundraising PC members could commit to on top of existing jobs. It was agreed that the school discos, the Grinch Supper, the Christmas Fayre and the Summer Fayre would become core fundraising activities. We will continue to consider ad-hoc events like the Taylor Swift tribute act but these events will not be a regular feature of fundraising. It was agreed that we would look at the Tesco blue token scheme to try and support fundraising.
- It was agreed that the summer fayre will take place on the 31st of May this year. We will look to have vehicles, inflatables, beat the goalie, PC run stalls and canteen, and if possible carnival rides.
- The PC have agreed to provide £150 for the enterprise fund again this year.
- The P7 party will happen on the 12th of June, and the PC will provide pizza again for this.
- The P7 leavers assembly is pencilled in for Thurs 19th of June at 9.30am. The PC will provide balloons, fund the P7 photographs, and provide sweetie cones for the leavers bags. The school will provide the rest of the leavers gifts.
- The piper has been booked for the last day of term. He will require to be paid on the day with PC covering the cost of this.

Parent Items 7.00pm

- Concerns have been raised about the vandalism in the school toilets and the impact that it is having on children, including some of the boys not wanting to go to the toilet during the day due to how horrible the bathrooms have been. Mr Wilson highlighted that the initial communications around behaviour as communication were issued in case there was a safeguarding issue the school were not aware of. Beyond that, the school have been focussed on reinforcing the respect agenda across all age groups within the school. They have also been working with community policing to have talks delivered to P4-P7 children. The school also arranged for the police to come in to inspect the damage to the bathrooms at the end of the school day to provide subtle messages that the damage was a serious issue. Mr Wilson is hopeful that between these actions the vandalism will stop.
- Concerns have been raised over swearing in the playground. Mr Wilson highlighted that this is being addressed through reinforcement of respect messages.
- Concerns have been raised about the amount of asks going to parents from the PC in December. It was recognised that there were a lot of requests during this period, but that there is never any obligation to do give money and children are always welcome to take part. It was agreed that the PC and school should coordinate their communications around events in December as we are often



both trying to collect in things at the same time, which may make parents feel even more pressured at what can be a very busy and financially difficult time.

- Concerns have been raised again about younger children having to navigate through the older children at morning drop off. Mr Wilson acknowledged that this has always been a challenge, but unfortunately the school are limited in the space that they have and cannot open the other gate in the morning for safety reasons.
- It was agreed that DS and NR would feedback information to the parents that had submitted concerns.

AOCB 7:15pm

LS currently has the Christmas fayre banners and cups for the disco

Date of next meeting / Close

7:25pm

Agreed that next meeting will be Weds 5th March at 6pm