**Dominican College Muckross Park Parents’ Association**

**Minutes of meeting held 20th January 2015**

**Matters arising from previous Minutes:-**

High Vis Jackets and bags have been delivered to school. Ms. Lundy to organise distribution.

Abridged minutes to be placed in secure area on College website. Password to be distributed to paid up members of the PA.

Agreed PA would support motivational sports speaker for whole school body.

Sports fixtures on website and app are as up to date as possible

**Treasurer’s Report:-**

Treasurer gave report on key cash movements since last meeting.

**Board of Management Report:-**

Board of Management report from meeting on 13th January 2015.

Finance Committee are agreed that all accounts and accounting procedures are up to date. Reminders will be sent requesting voluntary contributions from parents who have not already subscribed this year.

The water has been tested in the school and is safe and clean.

A new admissions policy has been completed – two main changes are policy on applicants who have been adopted/date of application and the waiting list which will be extended to 100 from 2018 onwards.

The school has problems with the lighting and is required to adhere to new energy efficiencies - all lights will be required to be upgraded.

The Board has earmarked three areas that require some fundraising assistance by the parent body:- TY musical, re-surfacing of the tennis courts and re-placing lights. A fundraising sub-committee of the Parents’ Association is to be set up.

**Principal’s Report:-**

Ms. Lundy reported on activities in the school for the month of December up to 20th January. She thanked the PA for their assistance at the Carol Service. She outlined plans in the school for Catholic Schools Week including talks by Dominican clergy, information on Dominican saints and a Youth Forum (5th Years) with a number of local schools which will be attended by Fr. Peter McVerry.

The school is very proud of the Senior Basketball team reaching the final and the PA will organise a treat for the team next week – win or lose.

Access to the gym has been given to 6th years, three days a week as an aid to stress management.

**Parent Queries/Suggestions:-**

Food Allergy labelling – new chef in situ. Professional advice is to be taken regarding compliance with labelling.

Toilets – students are to be encouraged to report blocked toilets immediately.

Heating System – following introduction of passive ventilation there appears to be some draughts. The heating is being monitored and if necessary changes will be made.

Lighting on driveway – the driveway is owned by the convent and is not under the jurisdiction of the school.

Transition Year Ball – this is a non-school event.

**Winter Newsletter:-**

To be printed in next few days and distributed in school bags with text informing parents.

**Parent Talk:-**

4th March @ 7.00 pm – John Wills of Barnardos – Managing Internet Safety and Cyberbullying

**Fundraising:-**

Sub-committee to report back to Parents’ Association regarding plan for fundraising for the various projects suggested by the Board of Management.

**TY Yearbook:-**

Agreed PA would send email to parent body to see if anyone would like to advertise their business in the TY yearbook.

**Next Meeting:-**

Tuesday 3rd March @ 7.00 pm