**Holy Rosary Primary School**

**Minutes of H.S.A. Committee Meeting**

**Monday 6th March 2017**

**Present: Joanne Patterson (Vice-Chair), Mary Mullan, Catherine McCusker, Clare Ward, Donna Monaghan, Sinead Blaney, Hannah Murray, Carmel Burns.**

**Apologies: Mary Mullin, Claire Largey, Siobhan Sayers, Mary Claire Watson, Anne Kingsley.**

**1. Minutes of the last Meeting:** All agreed the minutes were a fair record of the last meeting.

**Matters Arising**:

School Disco - The HAS (Mary Mullan) will provide water for all the children for the disco to be held in school on 16/3/17. Children will be asked to bring £1 to attend the disco and for the non-uniform day, monies raised will go to HSA funds.

Wine Tasting - Direct Wine Shipments are unable to facilitate a wine tasting event in school. Mary Mullan’s contact is able to offer dates at the end of May or the beginning of June. However this date would be too close to the Family Fun Night in June.

Pub Quiz – Rosario YC have a hall that is available for hire. Saturday 6th May would be the most suitable date. Cathy will check on their policy with regard to BYO alcohol and to find out if they have a P.A. system.

Fun Night – The photographer has been booked. Two fun buses and bouncy castles have been booked. The school is unable to facilitate the locating of a freezer in school to store HSA consumables.

Basketball Equipment – Ten basketballs were purchased from Decathlon by Cathy. These are now in use. Cathy provided samples of basketball kits for the committee to examine. Some of the samples cost £22.50 per kit, the committee felt that this was expensive. Sports Direct are selling plain basketball tops at £5 or less and shorts at £3.The school crest could be added to these. Cathy will organise the purchasing of 20 basketball kits from Sports Direct on behalf of the HSA.

2. **Financial Update and Expense Claims:**

The current balance is approximately £15,500

Income – £268.99 from the children’s ballot held before Christmas

Expenditure - £54.90 to Cathy McCusker for the purchase of basketballs.

**3. Planning and Dates for Term II and Term III Events**

First Holy Communion Sunday 14th May

Letters will need to be sent out to P3 parents re. providing cakes for FHC morning and helping out on the day (Sunday 14th May). Carmel Burns and Sinead Blaney will organise this. Each child will receive a cupcake and a party bag (to be distributed in school on Monday 15th May). Portia Makamanzi is able to help with the cakes. The school will book a photographer for FHC. The availability of a different backdrop (not just plain white) will be investigated. Sinead Blaney will organise this.

Fun Night

Carmel Burns will investigate the availability and cost of booking a climbing wall.

The possibility of having a small petting zoo was discussed. Donna will investigate availability and the cost of this.

Booking an ice cream van to be on site during the Fun Night was discussed. All committee members will investigate this.

Hannah Murray has a contact whose business is ‘Golden Popcorn’. She will find out about availability for 9th June and costs.

Face-Painting – nearer to the date a letter requesting face-painting volunteers will need to be sent put to parents. There is a P6/HM parent who may be willing to help.

5. **Date of the Next Meeting**:

- Monday 27th March at 3.30pm

*- Provisional Date*: Monday 3rd April at 7pm (depending on attendance on 27/3/17 this meeting may not be needed).

**6. A.N.O.B.**

* Based on feedback from parents regarding issues with childcare, a request has been made to alter the timing of some HSA meetings to 3.30pm. It was agreed to alter the timing of the next HSA meeting from 7pm to 3.30pm in an attempt to accommodate more parents who wish to attend HSA meetings.
* The HSA is willing to donate £100 to each class to buy equipment (wet break games were suggested) and £300 to the After-schools. Carmel will refer this request to Mr McAllister.
* Monies raised by the Quiz could be used to support the purchase of hurling helmets. There is currently an inadequate supply in school. Sinead will find out if Down GAA can sponsor some helmets and Hannah will find out what equipment Bredagh GAC will be providing for Holy Rosary from their fund-raising. Cathy will investigate the possibility of getting a discount on helmets from suppliers.