**Minutes of the Lacon Childe PTA meeting**

**Tuesday 4th March 2025**

**Attending:** Sam Harrison, Rachel Datlen, Sarah Westmacott, Kris Wood, Rach Croxton-Broome, Allan Romeo

**Apologies:** Rachel Lambert, France Pioger, Hayles Smith

**Finance update**

* The current bank balance is £5,859.45.
* With remaining agreed wish list items still to come out, the balance is likely to be around £3,200. Three funded projects have a small surplus that they have asked if they can spend on related activity.
* New requests for funding have been received as follows:
  + Basketball posts for breaktime activities
  + Netball equipment and badminton racquets (PE) – agreed to fund mid-range racquets at £16 each.
  + Saddle pads for horses for the equine team (extracurricular)
* Kris described how challenging the PE budget is and that he has applied for grants in the past to support purchase of equipment for extracurricular activities.
* All agreed to fund the additional 3 requests. A new wish list window will be announced in the autumn term and projects will be submitted using the Wish List form.
* Sarah had submitted bids to Ludlow Rotary Club (to be determined in April) and Woodward Educational Trust (to be determined any time) for the Drama room lighting.
* Sarah had looked into Morrisons funding which can be up to £10k but must be the single source of funding for a project. Success rate is only about 12%. RCB said that there will be items within school that could be funded but they are likely to be a higher cost e.g. toilet refurb. Kris suggested outdoor seating could be a potential project. RCB said that Viv Hulme, the Estates Manager, would be the best contact to work up a project and costs. **ACTION: Sarah to approach Viv for ideas and costs for a grant application.**
* Kris suggested Awards for All as a potential grant fund. Rache had also used this funding in the past and grants of up to £20k are available but would need to be for extracurricular/non core activities and not linked to regular school activity.

**Poetry Evening** Thursday 20th March

* Performers arrive at 5pm, start time is 5:30pm, finish time is 7pm
* Sarah had sourced supplies, tea, coffee, crisps and chocolate.
* There will be a raffle - we have surplus prizes in the cupboard to use up
* Rache, Sam and Sarah can help run the evening.

**Race Night Friday** 21st March

* Promotion from school will go out today.
* Posters have been erected in Stottesdon, Chorley, Far Forest and Clows Top. **ACTION: Sarah to print 20 posters. ACTION: Allan will display posters in Clee Hill, Sam will do Hopton Wafers.**
* Sam has done some social media via the PTA facebook page **ACTION: Sam to re-promote on facebook and all to share the event.**
* School staff can pay on the door as they are unable to use Arbor. RCB has asked all of SLT to attend.
* **ACTION: All to promote the event as wide as possible to get as many people in the hall as we can!**
* Kris has arranged the tote float and Sarah has the bar float sorted.
* Sarah had sourced supplies for the bar/refreshments. Depending on ticket sales, there may need to be a little more wine purchased.

**Spring/Summer Raffle**

* The tickets have gone to print and will arrive imminently.
* The draw will be done at the Summer Fete and we will agree a ticket selling period leading up to the event.
* If the first prize needs to be amended, we will manage this okay.

**Summer Fete** 10th July

* Caterers have been booked by Sarah. PTA will do a uniform sale again.
* Ties and old design PE tops won’t be able to be sold.
* The School Shop, now closed, has a number of blazers that could be purchased at a reduced rate for re-sale. **ACTION: Kris to contact School Shop to enquire about a way forward with the blazers.**

**Lottery**

* No update

**Easy Fundraising**

* This is an efficient way that the PTA is generating funds.
* The account is still administered by Sarah Price who stood down from the PTA 2 years ago, and she would like to hand this over. This is just to organise the back of house monitoring, which is a relatively small task bit like the Lottery. **ACTION: PTA members to consider whether they can take on Easy Fundraising administration.**

**Rags to Riches**

* It was agreed that this will be done annually to ensure the minimum volume is generated.
* RCB had received an email from R2R with suggested dates for next year. **ACTION: Rache to confirm date for next R2R collection.**

**AOB**

* None

**Date of Next Meeting**

* Tues 6th May at 6pm on Teams.