

Minutes of the Lacon Childe PTA meeting Tuesday 1st July 2025

Attending: Sam Harrison, Rachel Datlen, Hayes Smith, Allan Romeo, Kris Wood, Rach Croxton-Broome, Stuart Weston.

Apologies: Sarah Westmacott.

Finance, Wish list and Grants update

- The current bank balance is £5,307.57
- With remaining agreed wish list items still to come out, the balance is likely to be around £3,811. There was an update on each outstanding wish list project:
 - RCB updated that Pupil Premium support has been spent and Finance Team will invoice for this.
 - Kris reported that House Competition and Rewards will be spent for this term **ACTION: Kris to submit receipts this week.**
 - Of Mice and Men books and Mock Trial photocopying need to be invoiced for **ACTION: Sarah to request update from Louise Britton**
- There had been a request from the PE department for financial assistance in starting up a gym club. It was felt that this may only benefit a relatively small number of students and that it might overlap with GKY dance that many students are already part of.
- There was a discussion about returning to a more structured Wish List request process, perhaps once a term, i.e. 3 times per year and that the proforma will be used for each request. It was then agreed that twice per year would be more realistic to ensure a more sustainable funding position.
- Bids for grants such as Woodward Education Trust, Ludlow Rotary Cares and Ford Brittain Trust could be applied for to fund specific wish list requests and support our own fundraising. Stuart suggested there are environmental projects around the school, such as the pond surrounded by heras fencing, that could be improved and be potential grant projects.

Summer Fete 10th July

- Food providers have now submitted their food hygiene certificates. RCB said set up can be from 2:30pm. Dog Show and Bouncy Castles are organised. Sarah had sorted the floats. TEN licence for the bar is in place.
- Some uniform had been handed into school, and Sarah has 8 bin bags at home that she has sorted through for the stall. Kris requested that any ties that have been donated, be given to school as they are in need of spares.

Summer Raffle

- £1,360 had been raised so far.
- Cleobury Festival had been a real success for ticket sales. Prizes will be drawn in order of 1st, 2nd, 3rd at the Fete and people will be phoned if they aren't in attendance.

Easy Fundraising

- Sarah is now the new admin for this, which is a really easy and efficient way that the PTA is generating funds as donations are made each time subscribers shop online.

Rags to Riches

- This has now been confirmed as Wednesday 1st October 2025.

AOB

- Stuart asked if it would be possible for the PTA to provide funds for a long service award for a member of staff who will be retiring after 38 years service. All agreed that this would be a positive thing to fund as the member of staff regularly assists the PTA with event organising.

Date of Next Meeting

- It was agreed to cancel the August meeting as it is within Summer holidays, so the next meeting will be Wed 24th Sept 2025.