

## Minutes of the Lacon Childe PTA meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Attending:** Sam Harrison, Rachel Datlen, Hayles Smith, Allan Romeo, Stuart Weston, Sarah Westmacott, Rach Croxton-Broome, Kris Wood, France Pioger, Becky Marsh (who was welcomed to her first meeting).

### Finance, Wish list and Grants update

- Sarah updated that the current bank balance is £7,227.85.
- £6,217 of this has been committed to wish list items, leaving £1,010 uncommitted.
- WET grant pot could be applied to for different projects, as encouraged by Trustee Robert Hodge, and Chris, who is the Chair of Trustees.
- Stuart updated that school is keen to look at funding some improvements to communal areas for students to sit, socialise and learn, suggestions of which can come from the student 'voice'.
- Stuart commented that some spend will be for school to commit to as it relates to the fabric of the building e.g. toilet refurbishment and work to demountable buildings, which can come from capital funding.
- Stuart suggested laptops are also an option for WET grant.
- Stuart suggested that a therapy dog could be funded by the PTA.
- The completion of the English mural is a potential project that WET grant could fund, as Robert Hodge and Chris, were both impressed by this when they came into school to see the Drama lighting that WET had funded. Completing the project would cost around £2,500 - a lot of time had already been given by the artist in kind. Other corridor improvements such as lighting and plastering could be added into the project. **ACTION: Viv to start to look at costs for corridor improvements.**
- The French request to fund a microphone project (£120) was discussed but this was felt that the request had been made at a time that was outside of the wish list process timescale. Stuart offered that school can pay for this project as it is important aspect of the MFL subjects, especially leading up to GCSEs.
- Geography wish list request that had been approved had underspent, so this will be used to purchase calculators.
- The grant application to Ford Brittain Trust had been unsuccessful.
- It was agreed to run the next Wish List process at the start of the summer term.

### Events Preparation

- **Legally Blonde** – Tues 2nd/Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>/Fri 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Sarah has done a huge amount of preparation for this.
  - Sponsors have raised £300.
  - Sue Woodhouse has designed the programme and added sponsor logos in.
  - Raffle can raise as much as food and drink sales – Sarah has sourced raffle prizes by asking for donations and making some purchases.
  - Food and drink has largely been donated.
  - TEN has been changed from Feb to March dates.
  - Helpers as follows: Alan (x3 nights), Rache (x3 nights), Sarah (x3 nights), France (Tues), Hales (Tues/Fri)
- **Race Night** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
  - Kris will get info to Lisa to get set up on Arbor. **ACTION: Kris to prepare info for Lisa for Arbor.**
  - Kris will encourage heads of department to sell tickets.
  - TEN will be applied for as we will have a bar. **ACTION: Sarah to apply for the TEN.**
  - Suggested that event can be promoted in primary school newsletters and on school social media – **ACTION: Rache to ask schools to share poster with their newsletters.**
  - Personal invite to local businesses/supporters so we get people in the room spending money. **ACTION: Sam will create an invite and circulate for comment.**
- **Poetry Evening** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March
  - Helpers as follows: Rache, Sarah, possibly Hales, possibly France
- **Summer Fete**
  - A date has not yet been confirmed as there is a lot of activity for DofE, trips and GCSE exams. **ACTION: RCB will confirm date once SLT have met this week.**
  - Summer Raffle tickets will be drawn at the fete and PTA members will attend Cleobury Festival again as this was a great way to sell a lot of summer raffle tickets. People felt that some new prizes would be good. **ACTION: Hales offered to approach local businesses for raffle prizes.**

### AOB

- None

**Date of Next Meeting** - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm on Teams