Minutes of the Lacon Childe PTA meeting
Tuesday 28th April 2026

Attending: Sam Harrison **(Chair)**, Rachel Datlen, Stuart Weston, Sarah Westmacott, France Pioger, Sam Leighton
Apologies: Hayles Smith, Rach Croxton-Broome, Kris Wood, Allan Romeo, Becky Marsh

Sam Leighton was welcomed to her first meeting.

Finance, Wish list and Grants update

- Sarah updated that the current bank balance is £8,247.21.
- £3,663 of this has been committed to wish list items.
- £550 for folders (Kris) and £180 for Duke of Edinburgh trackers (RCB) will be revisited to see if they are still needed.
- An application to Ludlow Rotary Cares has been submitted by Sarah for funding for the school production. Initial results will be announced on 4th May.
- Guathama/Spice Empire have donated £500 for a school project. Sam H suggested it would be nice to publicise the names of businesses who have supported us this year.
- Woodward Education Trust (WET) has awarded four grants as follows, totalling £4,149.98:
    - £2,500 for the English corridor mural (to be transferred)
    - £360 for Geography scientific calculators (transferred)
    - £800 for PE long jump refurbishment (transferred)
    - £489.98 for PE crash mats (transferred)

The bank balance will be healthier after the Summer Raffle and Fete, so it was agreed to wait until the end of Summer term to offer a Wish List opportunity and then allocate funds in September.

Stuart explained that the school's finances are now in a better position and that departments have more to spend in their budgets, so it might be nice to ask students to contribute ideas for project funding, via the Student Voice. They could present their case about what they want to spend and why. Everyone agreed this was a great idea.

Summer Raffle

Last year we had sold raffle tickets at the Cleobury Festival, which had been very successful, but this is on 27th June this year, which is after the school fete. It was agreed to push the raffle draw date back to nearer the end of term (Fri 3rd July) and use the School Fete and Cleobury Festival as the main way to sell tickets, as well as in school bags. Sum UP machines had enabled much better ticket sales.

Sarah, Hayles, Sam L had secured some great prizes. Sarah had drafted a poster listing all of these, which is very impressive. Sarah had some leaflets from businesses that could be handed out at the Fete and Festival. **ACTION: Rache to draft raffle tickets, with a selection of prizes listed.** The number of books printed this year will be lower as we were left with a lot of spares last year.

Events Preparation

- **Summer Fete – 18th June (ACTION: Stuart to check if this is Collaborative Planning day)**
    - The date has been brought forward as there is a lot of activity at the end of term.
    - Pizza Girls, Kitsch Street Food and Laura Ice Cream have been booked for catering and will donate 10% of profits.
    - Hobsons are running the bar and had indicated they would apply for the alcohol licence, but there has been a recent change of staff, so this will be clarified. **ACTION: Sarah to chase Hobsons.**
    - PTA will run a second-hand uniform stall again. The current stock is held in school. Sam H offered to donate some funds from her Holiday Lets to purchase a stock of ties or badges again.
    - Sarah will organise floats.
    - Sarah had secured a £60 Blakemore Foundation voucher again, which can be used to spend on cans for Sue Woodhouse's drinks stall.

AOB

- None

Date of Next Meeting

- TBC