

Minutes of the Lacon Childe PTA meeting Monday 17th October 2022 at Lacon Childe School

Attending: Sharon Wakeman, Tracey Clinton, Sarah Price, Tracy Pearce, Julie Guest, Jane Nicolson, Noah Turner, Rachel Croxton-Broome, Kris Wood, Emma Hennessey, Laura Brennan.

1. Apologies: None

2. Department funding requests

Detailed bids had been received from several departments and staff as follows:

£3,000 Maths
£790 PE
£355 Art
£1,200 Performing Arts
£829.40 DT
£200 Mock Trial
£121.93 Warhammer Club (subsequently awarded £300)
£500 Book Club
£240 House System
£650 Rewards and Recognition

TOTAL £8,064.40

Each item was presented by a member of staff and the PTA agreed to fund all of the items, increasing the amount awarded to Warhammer Club to £300 so that 4 games could also be purchased. Kris will also confirm with PE department if any more mats could be purchased as several had been discarded due to not meeting safety standards.

A question was asked about why other departments do not submit requests. Emma said that the History department had not submitted a request for text books as it wasn't felt this was appropriate for PTA funds as books are core curriculum items. PTA members suggested was made that a history trip could be funded for instance.

The wish list timing was discussed and it was agreed that new requests, from departments not awarded funds this time, could be considered mid-year, in the early spring.

3. Treasurer's Report

- There was £14,448.30 in the bank account, which would reduce once wish list monies had been transferred.
- Card readers had been purchased recently and had been a success at the Bike Show, taking over £400.

4. Fundraising Events

- Tracy Pearce will book Bags2School for November.
- A Winter Concert is planned, date to be announced, so PTA will do refreshments at that.
- Quiz, Race Night and Summer fete would be planned again.

5 Lottery

This was still doing well, but could do with a PR push as some members had left due to children leaving school.

ACTION: Sarah to do a push on the Lottery in Parentmail.

6. Bike Show Feedback

- It had been a great show, with record funds raised for recent years. The weather had been very kind and exhibitors and visitor numbers were very high. There had been a wealth of positive feedback via email and show write ups.
- The music room had felt a little empty so it was agreed to fill that first in future years.
- A map of the show could be printed on the back of the voting slips.
- It may be better to display the descriptions alongside the bikes in some way rather than sticking them to the bikes.
- The Bishop of Hereford is willing to be involved in future years in presenting trophies or opening the show.
- The catering all worked out really well, with the right amount of food.
- Tea and coffee area could be moved to the other servery to ease congestion.
- 1 more volunteer on car park would be ideal.
- Parking of cars on the field may be an option if the weather is dry so that bike and car parking is not mixed.

- The admin side of the show is a lot of work - being on the end of the show phone, organising entries by phone, email and website, typing up descriptions and chasing people, organising first aid, signs, voting and judging. It was agreed that we need a real push on getting more people to help with these roles.
- The Bike Show date for 2023 will be put into Bike Mart magazine and then a decision will be made in the summer as to whether we can go ahead with the Show. If not, we can pay for a retraction of the advert.

7. AOB

School Uniform – sales had been great at the Summer Fete and in the Wash House. Uniform had now all been sorted, some discarded and non uniform can go to Bags2School. Kris offered that the remainder can be stored in school to have a supply for students.

7. Date of Next Meeting Extraordinary AGM Monday 5th December 2022