**Minutes of the Lacon Childe PTA meeting**

**Monday 23rd October 2023 at Lacon Childe School**

**Attending**: Sharon Wakeman (Chair), Sarah Price, Jane Nicolson, Lucy Bunten, Samantha Harrison, France Pioger, Noah Turner, Rachel Croxton-Broome, Kris Wood, Emma Hennessey, Nick Roff

**1. Apologies:** Sarah Westmacott

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:**

These were agreed.

**3. Departmental Funding Requests:**

Lucy proposed that the Rewards and Recognition (Kris) and House System (RCB) bids be automatically allocated funding each year as they encouraged students to engage with the wider school community and strive to achieve. All agreed with this suggestion and so the following were awarded during the meeting:

* £1,275 Rewards and Recognition (vouchers, badges) for e.g. punctuality, number of A1s etc.
* £1,013 House System (trophies, vouchers, prizes for challenges, contests and competitions)
* £833.41 Music – recording equipment and musical instruments
* £210 Mock Trial
* £250 PSHE
* £408 English – Ready Reads books
* £175 English – Storyteller (50% of amount requested as thought it would be good to trial this approach before committing too much initially and school will fund the other 50%)
* £356.70 History – KS3 textbooks (50% of amount requested as school will fund the other 50%)

The bid from Maths was discussed and it was agreed that the number of students that may be interested would be good to gauge first so that an appropriate amount of funds could be agreed. **ACTION: Rache to contact Ash to ask about numbers of children who will benefit.**

**POST MEETING NOTE** – Maths had confirmed that they will be aiming the qualification at year 10s this year, and hope that 20 students may take it up. It was agreed that £484.47 would be awarded to Maths.

A bid for £1,760 from DT for cookers, a printer and overlocker had been submitted after the deadline. A decision was reached, via email that £895 (just over 50%) would be funded to pay for one cooker and the sublimation printer and hopefully school could fund the remainder. It was also remembered that Kara Guise £450 request for Drug Awareness had been carried forward to this year. **ACTION: Rache to check with Kara if Drug Awareness session funding was still required.**

A total of £6,350.58 was allocated and another round of bids would be considered in March.

**ACTION: Rache to email staff with the results of the wish list allocations and ask that teachers who are awarded funds to write a short piece in the termly newsletter to show the benefits to students, including some photos and promote the PTA to parents.**

**4. Forthcoming Events**

* Rags to Riches – this was booked for Mon 13th November. Fliers and bags has been delivered. **ACTION: James to erect banner. ACTION: RCB to ask office to distribute fliers and bags.**
* Winter Concert – a date has yet to be set for this, but the PTA would do refreshments and a raffle with attractive prizes. The Lottery Licence allows us to sell raffle tickets. **ACTION: Rache to design and get raffle tickets printed.** Sam offered a stay in her holiday cottage. **ACTION: Rache to approach Safari Park and Pioneer Centre for prizes.**
* Race Night – date was set as Friday 1st March 2024.
* Bike Show – 22nd September 2024. **ACTION: Lucy to get advert in Bike Mart.** The website was discussed and Sarah P said she had a positive discussion with Jane’s husband Steve about getting the website up and running. **ACTION: Jane to speak with Steve to confirm if he is happy to take the Bike Show website forward.**

Sam asked if there was a way that calendar invites could be sent to parents, but this was thought tricky as Parentmail is the main source of information and does not accommodate calendar invites.

**5. Lottery**

Autumn term promotion of the Lottery via a school competition is still planned. **ACTION: RCB will co-ordinate lottery competition. ACTION: Rachel Datlen to print a list of current lottery participants to cross reference before any new ones are signed up.**

**6. PTA Recruitment**

All agreed that it was positive to have some new members on board.

**7.Childe Endowment Fund**

Sharon would be attending the meeting of the committee this week and the another PTA member would be put forward to attend. It was agreed that more promotion of the Fund is needed through school.

**8. AOB** None

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 27th November at 5:30pm in the Library.