

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

January 8, 2025

1. Meeting is called to order at 9:05am at Blackie School by Carmen Sewell.
2. Additions to Agenda – Sound System request/ info
3. Secretary report – Yvonne motions minutes have been circulated, Amy seconds, motion passed.
4. Treasurer Report – nothing changed since previous meeting:
 - General Account \$ 6 530.32
 - Casino Account \$ 4 749.54
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 073.39

Last bank statement received today for November 2024.

- 1 cheque to come out of general account for raffle tickets
 - Christmas cash raffle funds to be deposited in January 2025 to Casino account
 - Wait to pay school for pending items until casino money is deposited (school ok to float us until funds are received)
5. Old Business:
 - a. Budget for current school year to remain at \$18 000; roughly \$4200 spent so far, around \$13 000 left in budget going into the new year
 - b. Friends of the Foothills:
 - i. No updates
 - c. Casino – completed
 - i. Funds should be deposited Feb/ March 2025
 - d. Tracking sheet of activities and proposed activities for funding by month
 - i. No need to track, just warnings from staff if possible
 - e. AGLC and Registries Financial Reports:
 - i. Natalie to complete
 - ii. Due end of February 2025
 - f. Scholastic online tool (Mr. Merkl prior request):
 - i. No longer needed
 - ii. Pearson Program is available for 9 teachers for 5 years
 - iii. Program is paid for by grant/ Faye to take care of
 6. New Business:
 - a. 7/8 Christmas Bake Sale and Market:
 - i. \$1016.50 raised (prior year \$935)
 - ii. Ask for donations sooner next year
 - iii. Box of leftover items to be stored upstairs at the school
 - iv. More wrapping needed – especially bags/ tissue paper
 - v. Reverse order of student shopping next year (Grade 5/6 first, Kindergarten last)
 - b. Christmas Raffle:
 - i. \$2760 tickets sold (-\$800 paid out in prizes)
 - ii. \$1960 raised – cash to be deposited
 - iii. 44 tickets not sold
 - iv. Print less tickets next year, and payout less in prize money (ratio depends on tickets printed as per AGLC)

- v. Possibly Raffle Box format next year?
- 7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
 - 1. No approvals currently required
- 8. Future Funding Requests:
 - a. Okotoks Oilers game for mental health – bussing and tickets (around \$5/ child)
 - i. Grades 5-8
 - ii. January 2025
 - b. Chromebooks – keep on radar, Casino eligible
 - c. Sound Systems Additions/ Upgrades:
 - i. Around \$800 for lights and equipment to make microphone combatable
 - ii. Chad to look into supplies and fill out funding request form
 - iii. Carmen to send Chad funding request form
 - iv. Yvonne motions to approve up to \$1000; Amy seconds; motion approved
- 9. Fundraising:
 - 1. 7/8 Texas Donut Day and Bottle Drive
 - a. Both to be organized for the new year
 - 2. Blackie Community Breakfast:
 - a. March 1, 2025
 - b. Funded by CoOp Agro – High River
 - c. Beneficiary: Blackie School
 - d. Staff and families encouraged to attend
 - 3. Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Chippy’s Cookie House:
 - i. Cookie dough in 1 litre buckets (\$25/ bucket \$33/ gluten free bucket)
 - ii. \$5/ bucket in funds donated to school
 - iii. Local to High River
 - iv. All ordering done online and each individual order organizes pick up
 - v. Carmen to find out if campaign can remain open for a longer period of time (possibly Feb-May 2025)
 - vi. Ok to run at the same time as CocoBrooks
 - b. Coco Brooks in the Spring:
 - i. Start mid March
 - ii. Orders to be in by April 1
 - iii. Delivery week of April 14th (before Easter break)
 - iv. Yvonne to organize campaign
 - c. Family Dances:
 - i. After Christmas (possibly Valentines)
 - ii. Have snacks and concession
 - iii. Tamara to email Keilidh about options/ progress
 - iv. Feb 13 or Feb 7
 - v. If basketball tournament is after school look into a Spring/ St. Patricks Day option instead

- vi. Amy and Tamara to organize
 - d. Coupon Booklet:
 - i. Keep on the radar for next fall (September 2025)
 - e. Popcorn fundraiser:
 - i. Once a month (possibly ran by 5/6's)
 - ii. Order forms to go home in advance like Texas Donuts
 - iii. Yvonne to ask Chad if Grade 5/6's would like to spearhead
 - iv. Carmen/ Yvonne to check kitchen for popcorn, bags, etc
- 10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:
 - 1. Ski Trip:
 - a. Chad to look into
 - b. Families to pay
 - c. Grade 5 and under would need a parent mandatory
 - d. Yvonne to talk to Chad
 - 2. School Skating:
 - a. Whole school – December 20/24
 - 3. Hunters Ed:
 - a. Lisa Kavanaugh
- 11. Playground:
- 12. Other:
 - 1. 2025 Halloween Candy:
 - a. If asked in the future – ask community for donations
 - b. Rely on community more for donations
 - c. Tamara to find contact info for Orica (possibly donation for sound system)
 - 2. Updates for Amy: Reminder about Blackie Breakfast. Tamara to email minutes.
- 13. Next Meeting: Undecided (will send email)
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Yvonne Sherman, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton, Amy Jamison, Lana Poulsen