

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

February 5, 2025

1. Meeting is called to order at 9:07am at Blackie School by Carmen Sewell.
2. Additions to Agenda – Popcorn fundraiser; art card fundraiser
3. Secretary report – Yvonne motions minutes have been circulated, Tamara seconds, motion passed.
4. Treasurer Report – nothing changed since previous meeting:
 - General Account \$ 6 430.09
 - Casino Account \$ 2 459.58
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 116.70

Bank statements received for December 2024.

 - Casino account deposit \$2 292.19 – unknown where it came from. Carmen to contact AGLC first, then the bank to see.
 - Teacher expenses coming from ‘playground credit’ with school? Could change once Casino funds come as most expenses are Casino eligible.
 - Amy’s correction includes teacher expenses (not included in Natalies total on Treasurer report)
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. Casino – completed
 - i. Funds should be deposited Feb/ March 2025
 - ii. School can float us in the meantime if needed
 - c. AGLC and Registries Financial Reports:
 - i. Natalie to mail registries report
 - ii. Due end of February 2025
 - iii. Nothing for AGLC yet – due end of April 2025
 - d. Cash Raffle:
 - i. Report has been submitted, and confirmation of filing has been received
 - ii. 13 families that sold tickets
 - iii. Next year look into less tickets/ less prizes (depending on number of families and students in the school)
6. New Business:
 - a. Individual Student Funding Requests:
 - i. Not done in the past
 - ii. Benevolent fund through the school existed in the past (prior to Covid)
 - iii. Parent funding to help suggest/ facilitate separate fundraising (popcorn, bottle drive, etc), but stay out of directly funding individual students
 - iv. Continue to be available so no kids are missing out, but find alternative methods to individual funding
 - b. Moved funding requests to google forms:
 - i. Amy has emailed link to staff
 - ii. Carmen is notified of submission, then can export to Excel to keep a tally

- iii. Send a separate email to follow up (that request has been received)
- iv. Forward to Faye? May not be necessary

7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:

- 1. Okotoks Oilers game for mental health
 - a. \$210 for bussing
 - b. Tamara approved, Keilidh seconds; motion passed
- 2. Jill Alexander – Play is the Way
 - a. \$143.99
 - b. Yvonne approved, Tamara seconds; motion passed
- 3. Vulcan Pool
 - a. \$480 for 2 busses (school to cover pool rental and Subway)
 - b. Kindergarten to be included?
 - c. Yvonne approved, Keilidh seconds; motion passed
- 4. Speaker Sounds System
 - a. No requests received
 - b. Carmen to follow up with Chad
 - c. Verbally approved up to \$1000 in prior meeting

8. Future Funding Requests:

- a. Chromebooks – keep on radar, Casino eligible

9. Fundraising:

- 1. Chippy's Cookie House:
 - a. Cookie dough in 1 litre buckets (\$25/ bucket \$33/ gluten free bucket)
 - b. \$5/ bucket in funds donated to school
 - c. Local to High River
 - d. All ordering done online and each individual order organizes pick up
 - e. Campaign to run from Feb – May 15th
 - f. Digital and print posters to come from Chippy's
 - g. Makes dough as orders come in (frozen)
 - h. People to pick up on their own
 - i. Link to remain in Amy's newsletter for the duration of the campaign
 - j. Chocolate chip, GF chocolate chip, double chocolate and maple toffee coffee dough available
 - k. Ok to run at the same time as CocoBrooks
- 2. Popcorn:
 - a. To run on Valentines day
 - b. \$2/ bag
 - c. Yvonne organizing
 - d. Art club decorating paper bags
 - e. Money to go to Parent Funding
 - f. Both to be organized for the new year

3. 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

4. Coco Brooks in the Spring:
 - a. Start mid March
 - b. Orders to be in by April 1
 - c. Delivery week of April 14th (before Easter break)
 - d. Yvonne to organize campaign

5. Spring Dance:
 - a. March 6 (Thursday)
 - b. Amy J and Tamara to organize
 - c. Art club to design posters/ decorations
 - d. 5/6 & 7/8 to run concession/ sell popcorn (will talk to Kim and Chad)
 - e. Sell glowsticks? Or just purchase and hand out?
 - f. Amy and Tamara to keep receipts to be re-imbursed
 - g. Chaperone or not? Drop off ok?
 - h. Details to be confirmed
 - i. Reach out to Student Matters – kids to help with labour, decorating, etc.

6. Art Card Fundraiser:
 - a. Directly through school
 - b. Nothing to do with Parent Funding

7. Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Texas Donut:
 - a. Spring of 2025
 - b. Coupon Booklet:
 - a. Keep on the radar for next fall (September 2025)
 - c. Bottle Drive
 - d. Mini donut factory – similar to Kona Ice
 - e. Freezie Fridays – once the weather warms up
 - f. Longview Beef Jerky:
 - a. Next year
 - b. 70g bags for \$8 (\$2.50 profit per bag)
 - c. Only offered during their off season (winter)
 - g. Canadian Brewhouse (not likely plausible for school)
 - h. Black Sheep Coffee (or other local roasters)
 - i. Eco Chip:
 - a. 70 bags/ skid
 - b. Minimum 140 bags to sell
 - c. Would need to set up for Spring of 2026

- d. Bulk loads included?
- e. Make district wide if bulk orders are not included

*Longer fundraisers – take to community meetings (Keilidh)

10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:

- 1. Ski Trip
- 2. School Skating
- 3. Hunters Ed
- 4. Swim lessons
- 5. Rise Jiu Jitsu:
 - a. Tamara emailed
- 6. Line dancing/ Highland dancing

11. Playground:

- 1. Nothing to report

12. Other:

- 1. 2025 Halloween Candy
- 2. Updates for Amy: Reminder about Blackie Breakfast. Tamara to email minutes.

13. Next Meeting: March 5, 2025, at 9:00 am

14. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Yvonne Sherman, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton, Amy Jamison, Keilidh Derowin