

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

March 31, 2023

1. Meeting is called to order at 9:05am at Blackie School by Tamara Fike.
2. Additions to Agenda – none
3. Secretary report - nothing to report
4. Treasurer Report:
 - Natalie has gone through prior records provided from Tamara Tucker.
 - Looked into amounts needed to spend from Casino funds. Must spend \$2650 by January 2025; the remaining amount does not need to be spent until 2026. We are able to carry \$10,000 for 2 years with no permission; Can carry forward for longer with permission letter. This leaves \$538 that should be spent due to time frame, however there is no rush due to the \$10,000 carry forward allowed for 2 years. This means we have 3 years to spend the majority of the money and an additional 2 years if needed; Natalie states there is no rush to spend the current casino funds.
 - It does need to be looked into if the balance in our account affects the date on which we get another casino.
 - General Account \$ 5397.40
 - Casino Account \$ 40 332.90
 - Playground Account \$ 9636.76
 - \$ 500.00 in General account is from the Lions Club for the Grade 8 farewell.
 - Christmas receipts are given to Amy; Amy will scan them and send them to Natalie for monthly reimbursement cheque
5. Old Business:
 - Hot lunch:
 - Tamara to extend invite to Amy Jamison to attend funding association meetings if she would like.
 - Eran and Amy will be working together to make the transition go smoothly
 - Casino/ AGLC:
 - In que with AGLC; due to come in the next month or so with our new date
 - Natalie needs to do a new report for AGLC with a deadline of May 14, 2023. Carmen will need to sign off on this report once Natalie is finished. Natalie and Carmen will organize a time to review and sign off.
 - CRA and other filings:
 - Natalie has completed 2 reports for CRA and 1 for Alberta Registries. All have been filed.
 - Blackie School Apparel:
 - Box of Blackie Bull Dog toques; school has box, up to their discretion on how they are distributed/ gifted.
 - Hoodies and t-shirts have been ordered (by Eran)
 - Displaying Old Photos:
 - Nothing to report or discuss
 - Teachers Christmas Allowance:

- Amy to scan receipts and send to Natalie monthly for reimbursement cheque; nothing has been issued as of yet.
 - Extra School Activities:
 - Intro to Lacrosse – happened in March; rave reviews, kids really enjoyed
 - Cody the Roadie Virtual Reading – Grade 1 class had done in March. Local business donated 20 books for all the students, plus additional books for the library. Tamara would like to make a donation back to the CJay 92 kids fund to purchase books for another school to have. Group all approves to make donation, Tamara to find out what would work best for CJay 92 as well as our funds and which direction we should go with the donation.
 - Art Felt Class – Booked for May 15/23; Grades 1 & 2/3
 - Police Dogs – Booked for May 12/23 (afternoon) for entire school. Tamara to inquire about inviting community members to watch if they would like. Will extend the invite to Pre-K and K as they are not there on Fridays.
 - Chuckwagon Presentation – Booked for April 17/23 (afternoon) for entire school.
 - Alien Inline Skating – Booked for June 22-27/23; entire school to be involved.
 - Yvonne and Carmen attended staff meeting; Yvonne made a great list of activity ideas; this was extremely well received by the staff. Look into making this a yearly event to keep the communication open about what the funding association has to offer staff.
6. New Business:
- AGLC Reporting:
 - Natalie working on new report with a due date of May 14/23. Carmen will need to sign off on this report once Natalie is finished. Natalie and Carmen will organize a time to review and sign.
 - Money Requests/ Wish List:
 - Cheer mats – at a stand still. More information and logistics are needed. Lana proposed idea of a field trip for the Cheer Team to go to an actual cheer facility in Okotoks, great idea and will be suggested as an alternative to purchasing actual mats.
 - Art Felt Class (grades 1-3) will cost \$650; Tamara motions funding association pays; Yvonne 2nd; Motion passed.
 - Alien in line skating – Natalie has issued a cheque for \$2457.00. Program for entire school, to happen June 22/27/23.
 - Natalie to attend ASCA conference; Lana motions funding association pay; Yvonne 2nd; Motion passed.
 - Fundraising:
 - Purdy's is complete. \$622 cheque to funding association will be mailed. Total sold was \$2369.50
 - Grade 7/8 Christmas market – funds raised will be for either their end of year field trip or gifted to a charity of their choice.
 - Possibility of craft donation table at the Christmas concert (Mrs. Elliott); will communicate and touch base in the fall.
 - Future ideas list will be created and kept for upcoming school year. Lana will look into Krispy Kreme Donuts and report back with logistics. Pamphlet for cookie dough

and magazines as options as well. Will keep cookie dough on the list, but magazines are not a great option.

- Outside the Classroom Activities:
 - o Story book theatre – will keep track and book for fall when a show becomes available
 - o Theatre in Residence / Artist in Residence – need to find now so we can book for the fall
 - o Natalie to collect information from vendors at ASCA conference
 - o Vulcan Pool – may not be a viable option for this year; keep as an idea. Possibility for an individual class(es) if they do not get their own fieldtrip organized
 - o See Yvonne’s list for many more ideas!
- Playground:
 - o New equipment credit of \$3441.90
 - o Lana suggests we purchase 2 Gaga Ball pits; this would cover our credit and the remaining balance can be paid from the ‘Playground’ account. Great idea, need to communicate with staff for final approval.
 - o Find out what budget Chase has as well
 - o Instead of sunshade options we would like to purchase individual umbrellas and stands for each picnic table. Need to confirm number of picnic tables as well as if holes are already in place for this option. Would be much more viable than sunshades and storage would not be an issue. Needs to be communicated with staff for final approval.
 - o Adirondack chairs to be installed in the Spring
 - o Cement picnic tables will be moved to a central spot
 - o Plaque for Heather Lowery (1935-1995); Carmen to have plaque made and installed
- What updates to give to Amy for next school communication:
 - o Events and happenings coming (Art Felt, In-Line skating, police dogs, etc.)
 - o Generic invite for people to come with their suggestions to funding meetings

7. Next Meeting: May 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM

Members present:

Natalie Britton

Yvonne Sherman

Tamara Fike

Lana Poulsen

Sue Elliot

President: Carmen Sewell

Vice-President: Yvonne Sherman

Treasurer: Natalie Britton

Secretary: Tamara Fike