

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

December 4, 2024

1. Meeting is called to order at 9:10 am at Blackie School by Carmen Sewell.
2. Additions to Agenda – none
3. Secretary report – Yvonne motions minutes have been circulated, Amy seconds, motion passed.
4. Treasurer Report (see attached):
 - General Account \$ 6 530.32
 - Casino Account \$ 4 749.54
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 073.39

Last bank statement is from October 31, 2024

 - See attached for breakdown of current/ expected expenses.
 - Casino advisor has been paid out of the Casino account
 - Money owed to Casino for food must be paid within the next 2 years
 - Casino funds should be paid out in February 2025
 - School can ‘float’ us if we need funds until casino money is paid
 - Christmas cash raffle funds to be deposited in January 2025
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. Will revisit the budget as needed (when additional funds come in, etc.)
 - c. Friends of the Foothills:
 - i. No updates
 - d. Casino – completed
 - i. Need to make sure we have more committed volunteers next time. At risk of losing casino a few times due to lack of volunteers
 - ii. Notify parents/ school how much we generated from Casino, hoping to promote the importance of this fundraiser
 - iii. Look at providing mileage, hotels in the future?
 - iv. Carmen to help guide next Casino Advisor with application when the time comes
 - e. Tracking sheet of activities and proposed activities for funding by month
 - i. No need to track, just warnings from staff if possible
 - ii. Use yearly budget and track that way instead
 - f. June 2024 Lacrosse – school can pay for this, no funding needed from Parent Funding
6. New Business:
 - a. AGLC and Registries financial reports
 - i. Natalie to complete
 - b. Parent Council meeting moved
 - i. Parent funding meetings to remain the usual time
 - ii. Minutes are available for those unable to attend
7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
 1. Grade 5-8 Highwood Drama Play:
 - a. Tamara approves; Yvonne 2nds; approved

2. Scholastic Online Decodable Books (Mr. Merkl):
 - a. Natalie emailed follow up questions to Kevin
 - b. \$1600 for actual kit, \$415 for sample
 - c. Faye has grant available for \$6000 to purchase Pearson kit, available in Jan/Feb
 - d. Subscription is for 1 year (Scholastic)
 - e. Faye to confirm more than 1 user can access
 - f. \$415 investment still valuable
 - g. Multiple grades can access (Faye to confirm)
 - h. K-4 kits leads to kit already available for grades 5-8
 - i. If multiple grades can access, Kevin does not need to use his 'gift' and funding will purchase
 - j. Approved dependant on Faye's findings

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. Ski Trip (potentially)
 - i. Grades 5-8
 - ii. Possibility to combine with other schools
 - iii. Alternative activity for those not attending
 - iv. Open to other grades/ parents

9. Fundraising:
 1. Christmas Cash Raffle:
 - a. Ticket booklets available for sign out
 - b. 18 booklets left (40 total)
 - c. \$800 to be paid out in prizes
 - d. Remaining tickets to be sold at Christmas concert
 - e. Amy to send reminder to families
 - f. Individual tickets available to purchase at office
 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. 2024 Christmas market and bake sale
 - i. Lana and Carmen to organize – December 18
 - ii. Baking from 7/8's
 - iii. Will organize donations the day before
 - iv. Will allow drops offs the week of
 - v. Lana has surplus left from last year (wrapping and items)

- vi. Day of the market – mostly have 7 and 8’s help/ run
 - vii. Lana to come evening of the concert and box up remaining items
4. 7/8 Texas Donut Day – November 27/24
 - a. Approx. \$400 raised
 5. Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. School Wish List:
 - i. Collective vs individual
 - ii. Keep on radar
 - b. Drive Inn Movie:
 - i. Possibly movie night in the gym instead
 - ii. Need permission for movie
 - c. Coco Brooks in the Spring
 - d. Family Dances:
 - i. After Christmas (possibly Valentines)
 - ii. Have snacks and concession
 - iii. Possibly intermingle other schools
 - e. Coupon Booklet:
 - i. Keep on the radar for next fall (September 2025)
 10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:
 1. School Skating:
 - a. Whole school – December 20/24
 2. Hunters Ed:
 - a. Lisa Kavanaugh
 3. Weather in the Classroom (CTV)
 - a. Presented to staff at meeting
 - b. Mostly for Grade 5 curriculum
 11. Playground:
 1. Nothing to report
 12. Other:
 1. Updates for Amy: Thank you to Casino volunteers, Christmas market information. Tamara to email minutes.
 13. Next Meeting: January 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
 14. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Yvonne Sherman, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton, Amy Jamison, Faye Holt