

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

September 15, 2025

1. Meeting is called to order at 10:53am at Blackie School by Carmen Sewell
2. Additions to Agenda – none
3. Secretary report – Yvonne motions minutes have been circulated, Tamara seconds, motion passed.
4. Treasurer Report – last statement from July 2025:
 - General Account \$ 9 670.96
 - Casino Account \$ 64 840.72
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 236.75
 - Battrum expenses \$265.05 to come out of General Account
 - Pioneer Ranch Camp deposit – emailed usually in July
 - Audit to be done by Oct. 27 (AGM); needs to be submitted to Alberta Registries and CRA.
 - Faye to email about GST discrepancies (some are 32%, others are different amounts, maybe some qualify, and others don't? Unsure of difference in amounts at this time)
 - Prior school year budget if \$18 000 – actual spending was \$19 345.80 as per treasurer report (break down included)
5. Old Business:
 - a. ASCE:
 - i. Keileigh has email sorted out with Scott
 - ii. Form needs to be filled out to use grant and then re-imbursed (unsure of amount)
 - b. Sports Day/ Welcome Back BBQ:
 - i. Hot Lunch to pay for condiments; funding to pay for hot dogs, buns and chips
 - ii. ~\$250 for BBQ re-imburements; Tamara approves; Yvonne seconds; motion approved
6. New Business:
 - a. Budget for 2025-26 School Year:
 - i. Temporary budget of \$15 000
 - ii. Faye to look into estimate given to FSD in regards to bussing/ fieldtrip costs. Will let us know at October meeting.
 - iii. Charge for busing/ fieldtrips going forward (minimal amount); address fieldtrips as they come; group in favour of charging minimal amount for trips to stretch budget
 - iv. Bus \$180/ 1 way
 - v. Teacher budget of \$500 each – Tamara approves; Yvonne seconds; motion passed.
 1. Carmen and Tamara to present teachers with cards and let them know group is available for requests at next staff meeting (Oct.2 @ 3:00pm)
 2. Mrs. Elliott applying for another grant – let her know the group is still willing to help with her expenses
 - b. Welcome Back BBQ Expenses:
 - i. See Old Business

- c. AGM:
 - i. AGM – Oct 27/25 @ 9:00 am
 - ii. Parent Council to happen after Funding Meeting (~10:00am)
 - iii. Last Monday of every month for the 2025-26 school year
- 7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
 - 1. Christmas Carol:
 - a. School is 1st on waitlist for December 2026
 - b. School is sitting on cancelation list for this year
 - 2. Chromebooks:
 - a. No more needed at this time
 - 3. Trickster:
 - a. Alberta Arts Grant was not received
 - b. Applied for Federal Arts Grant; Faye to keep us posted on results
 - 4. Blackfoot Crossing:
 - a. Waiting to hear if trip is a go or not
- 8. Future Funding Requests:
 - a. None at this time
- 9. Fundraising:
 - 1. Chippy's Cookie House:
 - a. Roughly \$150 made; Natalie has picked up and deposited funds
 - 2. 7/8 Bottle Drive:
 - a. Fall of 2025
 - 3. 7/8 Texas Donut Day:
 - a. Booked for Oct 22/25
 - b. Lana to organize
 - 4. Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Purdy's - Christmas:
 - a. Tamara to check if CanSkate is doing this year
 - b. Honey:
 - a. John to look into and get back to us at October meeting
 - c. School Dance/ Movie Night:
 - a. Tamara to look into logistics of Halloween dance for October 23/25
 - d. Christmas Cash Raffle:
 - a. Carmen to check amount of tickets sold
 - e. Christmas Train:
 - a. Will find out if it is coming this year; schedule not released as of yet
 - f. Vendor Market:
 - a. Possibility for the future
- 10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:

1. 2025/26 COP Ski Program:
 - a. March 2026 date
 - b. Will see a request from Parent Funding
2. Police Dogs:
 - a. Tamara to email
3. Beekeeper Presentation:
 - a. John Evans to look into and report back at October meeting
4. Bike Parade:
 - a. Logistics not a viable option (too many rural kids, bikes not allowed on buses)

11. Other:

1. 2025 Halloween Candy – already purchased; ask for donations for Halloween dance if it is a go
2. Updates for Amy: AGM; Upcoming events and fundraisers
3. Natalie to order more cheques - Approved

12. Next Meeting: October 27, 2025 at 9:00 am; Parent Council to follow

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Yvonne Sherman, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton, Megan Fedun, Chelsea Zabloski, Keiliegh Derowin, Amy Johnson, Faye Holt