

## Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

November 6, 2024

1. Meeting is called to order at 9:15 am at Blackie School by Carmen Sewell.
2. Additions to Agenda – Coupon booklets
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 \$ 11 499.69
  - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 028.09

Last bank statement is from August 31, 2024

- See attached for breakdown of current/ expected expenses.

5. Old Business:
  - a. Teacher gifts of \$500 to come out of Blue Imp (playground) credit that Amy has for Parent Funding. Receipts will not need to be scanned and dealt with like normal for current bank accounts. Carmen and Tamara went to staff meeting to present staff with their funding.
  - b. Budget for current school year to remain at \$18 000
  - c. Will revisit the budget as needed (when additional funds come in, etc.)
  - d. Friends of the Foothills:
    - i. New mailing list to be disbursed
    - ii. Golf tournament was successful. \$3000 in grants to be disbursed and will be issued by the end of November. \$20 000 worth of requests were received.
    - iii. \$6000 literacy grant
    - iv. Looking for volunteers for 'Taste of the Foothills'. Babysitting to be offered.
    - v. ASCA grant to be used to send members to convention
    - vi. Looking for new members and volunteers
    - vii. Golf tournament to be held June 2025
    - viii. Survey to come out (Foothills Notes); individual parents to fill out
    - ix. Keilidh to be liaison to Parent Funding to communicate Friends of Foothills information
  - e. Play as the Way funding request has been removed. Faye was able to find funding elsewhere.
    - i. Teacher professional development to be assessed on a case-by-case basis going forward
    - ii. School council has grants available to apply for
  - f. CD player delivered to Mrs. Kavanaugh
  - g. Dani purchased soccer balls for the entire school (personally)
6. New Business:
  - a. Casino dates – Friday November 22 & Saturday November 23, 2024
    - i. Volunteers needed (approx. 15 positions left to fill)
      1. Emails to be sent out again
    - ii. 2 cheques from Natalie needed for advisors
    - iii. Carmen to be GM for the first day to deliver paperwork.

- iv. Tracking sheet of activities and proposed activities:
  - 1. Ask staff what they have their 'radar' on for the year
  - 2. What activities are repeats every year
  - 3. Chromebooks – upgrade more frequently to avoid large upgrade all at once
  - 4. Ask Faye to produce a 'Wishlist' from staff
  - 5. Carmen to ask Amy W to track and categorize expenses going forward
- 7. Money Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
  - 1. Grade 1-3 Zoo Field trip:
    - a. Keili approves; Yvonne 2nds; approved
  - 2. Flag Football Jamboree:
    - a. Yvonne approves; Tamara 2nds; approved
    - b. Vote on paying for substitute teachers for sports on a case-by-case basis
  - 3. Triple Balls \$200:
    - a. Yvonne approves; Amy 2nds; approved
  - 4. Halloween Carnival Candy \$184.76:
    - a. Amy J volunteers Hot Lunch to cover cost
    - b. Amy J and Amy W to sort out payment
  - 5. June 2024 Lacrosse \$500:
    - a. Tamara approves; Yvonne 2nds; approved
    - b. Casino funds eligible
- 8. Future Funding Requests:
  - a. Chromebooks – keep on radar, Casino eligible
- 9. Fundraising:
  - 1. Texas Donuts:
    - a. November 27, 2024
    - b. Lana to order and pick up
    - c. Slips currently in circulation
    - d. Proceeds will go directly to Grade 7/8
  - 2. Bottle Drive:
    - a. October 2024 - completed
    - b. Proceeds will go directly to the Grade 7/8 for Pioneer Ranch Camp
  - 3. Christmas Cash Raffle:
    - a. Ticket booklets available for sign out
    - b. \$100.23 to Carmen for tickets; Yvonne approves, Tamara 2nds; approved
    - c. 400 tickets + same amounts as prizes as last year
    - d. Sell any extra tickets at Christmas concert again
    - e. Tamara to take book to ATB
  - 4. Blackie Community Breakfast:
    - a. March 1, 2025
    - b. Funded by CoOp Agro – High River

- c. Need to confirm name/ title to have advertised
- d. Staff and families encouraged to attend
- 5. Other ideas:
  - a. 2024 Christmas market and bake sale
    - i. Lana to organize – December 18 or 19
    - 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
  - b. School Wish List:
    - i. Collective vs individual
    - ii. Conversation with Dani at next meeting
    - iii. Keep on radar
  - c. Drive Inn Movie:
    - i. Possibly movie night in the gym instead
    - ii. Need permission for movie
  - d. Coco Brooks in the Spring
  - e. Family Dances:
    - i. After Christmas (possibly Valentines)
    - ii. Have snacks and concession
    - iii. Possibly intermingle other schools
  - f. Coupon Booklet:
    - i. Keep on the radar for next fall

10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:

- 1. School Skating:
  - a. Chad Barton
- 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. Keilidh working on before/ after school program at town library
  - a. Soft start planned for January 2025
  - b. Volunteers needed
  - c. Tutoring/ research groups/ book club
- 2. Updates for Amy: Everything we have done so far this year. Tamara to email minutes. Casino and AGM dates.

13. Next Meeting: December 4, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

14. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am

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