

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

January 19, 2026

1. Meeting is called to order at 10:02 am at Blackie School by Carmen Sewell
2. Additions to Agenda – none
3. Secretary report – Amy motions minutes have been circulated, Tamara seconds, motion passed.
4. Treasurer Report – last statement from December 2025:
 - General Account \$ 9 044.67
 - Casino Account \$ 54 860.39
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 269.00
 - List of upcoming expenses attached
 - Totals do not include income generated from Christmas cash raffle (and donation back to school)
 - Some cash raffle was paid in cheques that were made out to Blackie School; Amy to sort out. If cash raffle is a go moving forward, either no cheques allowed or clarify who they are made out to
 - Theatre Calgary not yet paid; Amy and Natalie to sort out amount (based on funds that were paid through parent portal)
 - \$500 teacher allowances – nothing submitted as of yet
 - Natalie submitted reports to CRA and Service Alberta
 - Will need to update CRA with Megans information for next; Yvonne’s is still current for period that we will be reporting
 - Society annual return from – Carmen and Natalie to fill out and sign; Natalie to mail
5. Old Business:
 - a. 2025/26 Budget \$15,000:
 - i. Roughly spent \$14 500 of current \$15 000 budget; could change based on expenses paid by parents (through parent portal for field trips that have already been requested)
 - ii. Will proceed with caution; navigate as expenses arise and supplement with other smaller fundraisers where we can going forward
 - b. \$500 Teacher Allowance
 - i. Faye delivered December 11, 2025
 - c. Cargill donated \$1000 to Pioneer Ranch Camp as well as Library; keep in mind for future years
 - d. Funding requests template/ email has been generated. Requests to go from staff to Faye to Funding group
6. New Business:
 - a. Christmas Cash Raffle:
 - i. All tickets sold this year (300)
 - ii. Made \$2400; less ticket printing of \$76.28
 - iii. \$300 prize donated back to school
 - iv. Carmen has filed report with AGLC
7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
 1. Astrodome:

- a. \$696.00 requested
 - b. Event has already happened
 - c. Tamara approves request; Megan seconds; motion approved
 - 2. Okotoks Oilers Hockey Game:
 - a. Already approved via email
- 8. Fundraising:
 - 1. 7/8 Texas Donut Day:
 - a. Winter 2026
 - b. Likely funds will go directly to Pioneer Ranch Camp, but if not needed, funds can go directly to the school
 - 2. 7/8 Christmas Market:
 - a. \$1400 made
 - b. Continue annually, huge success
 - c. Funds to go directly to Pioneer Ranch Camp
 - 3. Pioneer Ranch Camp:
 - a. Researching bussing quote
 - b. Fundraising on their own at this time
- 9. Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Coco Brooks:
 - a. Megan to organize and initiate campaign
 - b. To be ran ASAP
 - b. Honey:
 - a. Presentation to be done in 2 different groups (K-4 and 5-8)
 - b. Message to parents and do a pre-order for Honey and possibly other products available
 - c. 15-20% of proceeds back to the school
 - d. March sometime; Tamara to contact and confirm dates and details
 - c. School Dance/ Movie Night:
 - a. After Easter break (April 24th ideal)
 - b. Tamara to organize
 - d. Hutterite Chickens/ Burger and Patties (Sarah):
 - a. Glenda and Amy J to meet with Hutterites and figure out logistics
 - b. Best to run next fall (beginning of school year)
 - c. Sarah to organize burger patties/ ground beef
 - d. Will find out cost difference and report back
 - e. Would like to run before summer
 - e. Blackie Breakfast:
 - a. Tamara to contact Rob Connor (CoOp Agro) to see if we can have one this year
- 10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:

1. Police Dogs:
 - a. Spring would be best
 - b. Tamara to email and confirm May 14th would work
2. Beekeeper Presentation:
 - a. See above under Fundraiser
3. VR in School:
 - a. Leave on agenda for next school year

11. Other:

1. Updates for Amy: Upcoming events and fundraisers

12. Next Meeting: February 23, 2026, at 10:00 am; Parent Council to precede at 9:00 am

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton, Amy Jamison, Faye Holt, Amy Johnson, Megan Fedun, Glenda Thue, Melissa McWilliam, Sarah Cottle