

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

February 23, 2026

1. Meeting is called to order at 10:17 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 January 2026:
 - General Account \$ 9 044.67
 - Casino Account \$ 57 226.67
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 312.24
 - List of upcoming expenses attached
 - Roughly \$1843 in expenses projected before the end of the school year
 - Winsport Ski Program – range due to final bus costs that are yet to be determined
 - Natalie submitted annual return; AGLC return not yet completed – waiting on email requesting report. Usually done in April/ May
5. Old Business:
 - a. 2025/26 Budget \$15,000:
 - i. Roughly spent \$13 890.42 of current \$15 000 budget
 - ii. Will proceed with caution; navigate as expenses arise and supplement with other smaller fundraisers where we can going forward
 - b. Funding requests template/ email has been generated. Requests to go from staff to Faye to Funding group
6. New Business:
 - a. Blackie Breakfast:
 - i. April 4, 2026
 - b. Social Media:
 - i. Melissa to create and manage
 - ii. Chat w/ Amy and Faye (share info and posts between the school page and this page)
 - iii. What's happening; education hi-lights; fundraising
 - iv. Keep pages separate but run parallel. Can combine in the future if we need to
 - c. Academic Achievement Awards:
 - i. Do not want to focus on grades/ fear of hi-lighting the same students
 - ii. Discouraging to others
 - iii. Want to encourage a love for learning
 - iv. Heart of the Bulldog to remain with the same parameters
7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
 1. Farm Joy Honey:
 - a. \$50 honorarium requested
 - b. Tamara approves request; Amy seconds; motion approved
8. Fundraising:
 1. 7/8 Texas Donut Day:
 - a. March 25, 2026
 - b. Funds will go directly to Pioneer Ranch Camp

- c. Carmen to organize orders and pickup/ delivery
 - 2. CocoBrooks:
 - a. \$738 made (into general account)
 - 3. Farm Joy Honey
 - a. Orders due my March 6, 2026
 - b. Tamara to submit orders to Lyndon; delivery on March 27th
- 9. Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Gelato:
 - a. Kaleidh to look into; company out of Calgary
 - b. Hutterite Chickens:
 - a. Need logistics – look into for the future
 - b. Amy/ Glenda to organize/ research
 - c. Burger and Patties (Sarah):
 - a. 42 packages of 8 patties inspected and ready to sell
 - b. Can do more next year if planned ahead
 - c. Cost is \$8/ package; will sell for \$20/ package
 - d. Do not need to sell all 42 packages
 - e. Sarah to put together information for Amy to pass along to parents
 - f. Sarah to monitor sales with Amy – sales will cap at 42 packages for this round
 - g. Next summer – possibility to put together BBQ packages if this is well received
 - h. Run fundraiser after Spring Break – leave open for 1 week
 - i. April 20 – info out; April 23 order in; delivery the following week
 - d. School Dance:
 - a. April 16th 5:30-7:30
 - b. Snacks available for purchase – snack shack (Grade 7/8's)
 - c. Entry by donation
- 10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:
 - 1. Police Dogs:
 - a. Confirmed for May 14th
 - 2. Beekeeper Presentation:
 - a. Farm Joy Honey – March 27th
 - 3. Better Batter Boys:
 - a. Faye requested June 18, however this falls over Pioneer Ranch camp; waiting on dates
 - b. Lions to potentially donate sausage
 - 4. VR in School:
 - a. Kaleidh to look into

5. Earth Rangers:
 - a. March 20th

11. Other:

1. Updates for Amy: Upcoming events and fundraisers
2. Increase the amount we can ask families for for field trips for the 2026-27 school year (\$100)
3. Next year potential expenses – author visit (~\$500); aviation program (Melissa); Rugby (Faye)
4. Faye and Melissa to meet about social media

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

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton, Amy Jamison, Faye Holt, Melissa McWilliam, Sarah Cottle, Keiligh Derowin