

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

November 24, 2025

1. Meeting is called to order at 9:19 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 August 2025:
 - General Account \$ 9 670.96
 - Casino Account \$ 64 840.72
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 253.70
 - List of expenses paid do not include expenses from June
 - \$88.14 from this current year, all other expenses from prior school year
 - Audit completed; needs to be submitted to Alberta Registries and CRA.
 - See treasurer report for break down of current year budget – not all expenses are exact amounts, and some are projected.
 - Only actual receipts/ costs received are Theatre Calgary and deposit for Pioneer Ranch Camp
 - \$500 teacher allowances are included in projected expenses
5. Old Business:
 - a. 2025/26 Budget \$15,000:
 - i. Treasurer report has running total of requests/ potential expenses
 - ii. Motion to charge for bussing/ apply \$5 expense to fieldtrips
 - iii. 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 to deliver cards to staff
6. New Business:
 - a. Time of Meetings:
 - i. Mornings ok; potentially different day for Sherry Butler (will be at Council Meeting following); Not Tuesdays as per Faye's request
 - ii. No meeting in December (funding or council)
 - b. Email list:
 - i. Add Amy Johnson, Chelsea M and Kathleen Boudreau
 - ii. Co-chair needed for parent council (may be able to ask one from this list)
 - c. Funding Request Forms:
 - i. Google forms not ideal, not funneling in an efficient manner and not beneficial for funding currently
 - ii. Paper forms not ideal either – not timely for majority of requests received
 - iii. Email directly from teacher to funding, however, needs to go through Faye first
 - iv. Forms to show what all needs to be included in request
 - v. Staff to send to Faye first, Faye to pass on to funding
 - vi. No forms needed for \$500 allowances
 - d. Requested \$25 per student:
 - i. \$5 has already been used (Christmas Carol)

- ii. Remaining \$20 to be used towards ski trip
- e. Pioneer Ranch Camp:
 - i. Bussing to cost \$5000 – NO bussing this year; parent volunteers to provide transportation. Will report back after this year on how this went
 - ii. Cargill usually donates \$1000 towards camp, however this year they have donated \$1000 to the library; donation not as needed without the bussing expense (keep in mind for upcoming years)
 - iii. Lions usually submit a donation as well for camp
- 7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
 - 1. Blackfoot Crossing Bussing:
 - a. \$720 for bussing approved
 - b. If invoice should appear for actual field trip, funding will not be covering it at this time (\$3430)
 - 2. Christmas Carol:
 - a. Whole school – November 26/25 \$2020
 - b. \$5 charged to each child on Edsembli
 - c. Bussing has been donated (Black Thunder Mechanical)
 - d. Can we apply the \$5 to the actual program since bussing has been donated?
 - 3. 2025/26 COP Ski Program:
 - a. \$5840
 - b. Will use the remaining \$20 available to ask for to fund this fieldtrip
 - c. ~\$2000 to come from families on Edsembli accounts; funding to cover the remainder of the cost of this trip (~\$3840)
 - 4. Trickster:
 - a. \$2600 to come from Parent Funding
 - b. Additional \$0-\$2600 to be contributed out of Cultural Funding account (Faye to communicate amount available)
 - 5. Playground credit and Covet credit around \$3000, however, all requests are Casino eligible.
 - a. End of the year fieldtrips – possible leave up to the school to fund (depending on costs and smaller fundraisers done throughout the remainder of the year)
 - b. Need to be cautious and conservative with Casino funds going forward
 - c. Faye to communicate to staff that of our \$16 000 budget, already \$12 000 has been spent
 - d. Proper submission steps NEED to be followed
- 8. Future Funding Requests:
 - a. See above
- 9. Fundraising:
 - 1. 7/8 Bottle Drive:
 - a. Raised over \$1 000

- b. Run another one in the Spring
- 2. 7/8 Texas Donut Day:
 - a. In the new year
 - b. Lana and Carmen to organize
- 3. 7/8 Christmas Market:
 - a. December 17th: donations currently being accepted
- 4. Christmas Cash Raffle:
 - a. Carmen has ordered tickets and applied for the licence
 - b. Draw at the Christmas Concert
 - c. 30 Booklets (300 tickets total)
 - d. Prizes as follows: 1st - \$300, 2nd -\$200 and 3rd -\$100 (if all tickets are sold \$2400 profit)
 - e. Amy to run sign out sheet and email blast for parents to pick up
 - f. Tamara and Carmen to do submission to AGLC
 - g. Carmen paid for tickets \$76.28, Natalie to issue cheque
- 5. Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Purdy's - Christmas:
 - a. No – too many other groups doing this
 - b. Honey:
 - a. Tamara to contact in the new year
 - b. Possible fundraiser and presentation
 - c. School Dance/ Movie Night:
 - a. Keep on radar for new year
 - d. Hutterite Chickens:
 - a. Glenda Thue passed along information to Carmen and Amy
 - b. 4 x 6lb chickens + a pie \$90
 - c. Find out return
 - d. Carmen to email Glenda to see if she is willing to organize

10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:

- 1. Police Dogs:
 - a. Tamara to email; was available before strike, will contact for when the weather is nice (outside presentation)
- 2. Beekeeper Presentation:
 - a. Tamara to contact in the new year
- 3. VR in School:
 - a. Over \$2000 for not even the entire school
 - b. Grants available through Friends of the Foothills – potentially could help facilitate this

11. Other:

- 1. Updates for Amy: AGM complete, new board members; Upcoming events and fundraisers

2. Natalie to order more cheques - Approved

12. Next Meeting: January 19, 2026, at 10:00 am; Parent Council to precede at 9:00 am

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton, Keiliegh Derowin, Amy Jamison, Faye Holt