

Blackie Parents Advisory & Funding Association Meeting

March 5, 2025

1. Meeting is called to order at 9:07am 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 December 2024:
 - General Account \$ 6 430.09
 - Casino Account \$ 2 459.58
 - Playground (Savings) Account \$ 10 116.70
 - Casino account deposit \$65 018.48 (has been deposited into Casino account)
 - \$70.75 from popcorn fundraiser
 - Will square up with Amy when she gets back (expenses that have not already been paid)
5. Old Business:
 - a. Casino – funds have been deposited
 - i. Next casino is slotted for July/Aug/Sept 2028. Official date will be assigned in February 2028
 - ii. Carmen to look into requesting a different quarter (summer not ideal for the school)
 - iii. Current funds will need to last for 3 years
 - iv. Carmen to remain as casino chair until she leaves Blackie School (will be before next casino)
 - b. AGLC and Registries Financial Reports:
 - i. Carmen and Natalie to complete AGLC report
6. New Business:
 - a. Friends of Foothills:
 - i. Presentation at council meeting
 - ii. In contact directly with Keilidh
 - iii. Golf tournament and AGM – March 20, 2025. Need to fill some board positions
 - iv. Want the school to be aware of their presence in the community
7. Funding Requests/ Motions/ Approvals Required:
 1. Speaker Sounds System
 - a. Chad to purchase this week (in time for dance)
 - b. Verbally approved up to \$1000 in prior meeting
8. Future Funding Requests:
 - a. Chromebooks
 - i. September 2025 (\$5000-\$7500 estimate)
 - ii. Around 16 new ones will need to be purchased
 - iii. Casino funds eligible
9. Fundraising:
 1. Chippy's Cookie House:
 - a. Cookie dough in 1 litre buckets (\$25/ bucket \$33/ gluten free bucket)

- b. \$5/ bucket in funds donated to school
 - c. Local to High River
 - d. All ordering done online and each individual order organizes pick up
 - e. Campaign to run from Feb – May 15th
 - f. Digital and print posters to come from Chippy's
 - g. Makes dough as orders come in (frozen)
 - h. People to pick up on their own
 - i. Link to remain in Amy's newsletter for the duration of the campaign
 - j. Chocolate chip, GF chocolate chip, double chocolate and maple toffee coffee dough available
 - k. Ok to run at the same time as CocoBrooks
2. Popcorn:
- a. \$70.75 raised
 - b. Popcorn has all been used up
3. Blackie Community Breakfast:
- a. March 1, 2025
 - b. Funded by CoOp Agro – High River
 - c. Beneficiary: Blackie School
 - d. \$2655 raised (largest one in a while!)
 - e. Cheque has been given to Natalie to deposit
 - f. Thank you card for Co-Op – Tamara will organize and drop off
4. Coco Brooks in the Spring:
- a. Start mid March
 - b. Orders to be in by April 1
 - c. Delivery week of April 14th (before Easter break)
 - d. Yvonne to organize campaign
5. Spring Dance:
- a. March 6 (Thursday)
 - b. Glow sticks available for purchase
 - c. Grade 7/8 will be running concession and keeping funds for farewell or camp
 - d. Amy and Tamara to keep receipts to be re-imbursed for decorations and supplies
6. 7/8 Texas Donut Day:
- a. Booked for May 28; orders due by May 21
 - b. Lana to organize
7. Other Fundraising Ideas:
- a. Coupon Booklet:
 - a. Keep on the radar for next fall (September 2025)
 - b. Bottle Drive – school could do if needed
 - c. Freezie Fridays – once the weather warms up

10. Outside the Classroom Activities and Event Ideas:

1. Ski Trip
2. School Skating
3. Hunters Ed
4. Rise Jiu Jitsu:
 - a. Tamara emailed again

11. Playground:

1. Nothing to report

12. Other:

1. 2025 Halloween Candy
2. Updates for Amy: school dance; breakfast a huge success; casino a huge success. Tamara to email minutes to be posted to website.

13. Next Meeting: April 2, 2025, at 9:00 am

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 am

Members present: Carmen Sewell, Yvonne Sherman, Tamara Fike, Natalie Britton