

**AGM AGENDA 2018**  
**Tuscany School Council Meeting**  
**June 14th, 2018 at 6:30 pm**  
**Tuscany School – 990 Tuscany Drive NW**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER  
Commenced at 6:37pm
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Motioned by Sarah and seconded by Jennifer
- 3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES  
Motioned by Shannon and seconded by Kelsey
- 4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
Motioned by Jennifer and seconded by Kelsey
- 5) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS  
Lots of good changes this year. One-year term for all positions. Be respectful of new ideas. Adjustment period of 800 kids to less than 400 kids. First full year of being a small school. Figure out who are we as we go.

Council Members

A) Chair - The current council last fall was so warm and inviting that it attracted a diverse group of parents together to accomplish our goals as a school council team. We have used our mission statement: "Tuscany School Council will enhance the learning experience of our children through collaborative respectful engagement of the school community" to guide our decisions and our conduct. After approving our Policies and Procedures last year, we've been able to use the simplified document to understand the purpose of our meetings and run them more effectively. We feel that the one year terms have encouraged more people to volunteer, as it makes the roles less daunting. We've encouraged new ideas. Shaun with Spirit wear brought in a new line, and Kelsey tried new coupon books, a family photo night and changed the read-a-thon. We completed our adjustment period of becoming a smaller school, and a smaller community.

B) Treasurer - Heila - Allotted \$750 for yearbooks. Grade 4's raised \$2700 and spent \$1022 of it. \$1200 funds extra currently. Need to decide what to do with the funds. YMCA has been paid.

Vote on welcome week and money allotted for childcare at the meetings.

C) Secretary - Michelle. All good, I take notes and listen to everyone!

D) Director of School Spirit - Shan

Shaun - Had fun managing the Spirit Wear initiative. Quality of the stuff was better. Good price and people started to buy stuff. More people are wearing the stuff. Idea is that every year, maybe a new color? Made a little bit of money off the fund raising aspect. Try and do the same next year. If anyone has any ideas, let him know. He's open to new ideas.

QUESTION: Are we going to do a sell off of used gear to help cut down costs? TMC has the stock, but we don't have the stock here. Could we carry stock and do that? We want people wearing the gear. Table this idea for next year. The issue is that we would need the money up front and what if we don't have the right size. Passing stuff down might be a good idea. We buy it off them for an amount and sell it back. Is this a moneymaking endeavour or getting people to wear the gear! TMC is not going to be carrying inventory anymore.

Jennifer – Fun-snack for kindergarten. Was painless. Easy.

Sarah Jane - Fun lunch Coordinator - Lots of fun. Vendors were good. No complaints about the vendors. A lot more orders. Gluten free. Good variety, no volunteer issues. Fundraising treat days were very successful. Raised \$1000 approximately. It is a nice fund raising option

Kiss and Drop - Shannon. Dropped the ball but is excited to get back into it. Get handouts for welcome week. Be out there more. Communication dropped off. There were issues with the shed due to it being so cold. If everyone would volunteer one day a week we would be good. Worked okay even though the student number was lower.

Signs that say Move Up. That would help!! Please proceed to the furthest parking.

Teacher Appreciation. - Kristin, Vicky and Roxanne - did it last year. Fun almost every month they do an event for the teachers. Spread of food, or treats, something to keep them. Happy. The teachers were very, very happy. Sometimes it's toiletries, etc. Just little treats. Came under budget. Happy to do again

E) Director of Communications - Robin. He is also the CBE Liaison and Vice Chair  
CBE Liaison - Show up every 6 weeks at the meetings and collect notes. If there is anything meaningful, feed back to the school

Communication role went smoothly. We didn't miss anything this year. Happy to be a resource and hand over any notes. All in it's a straight-forward role, comfort with writing, great way to get involved. You have to report on it all.

Vice Chair - mid year role, good role for anyone taking on the Chair position. It's an opportunity to shadow the role. It is a great role. Provide a sounding board for the chair.

Thank you for the contributions to the newsletter. Appreciate the participation. Thanks to everyone

F) Director of Special Events - Marty

Midst of tying up loose ends. 67% of last year. 475 people for this year. Show pass included the service fee in our price. Made it cleaner for everyone. Starting to put together pieces for welcome week. Donations for next year, COBS bread, coffee, Welcome Week package for all students. Hitting up businesses already. Every student gets a bag. Spirit wear should be visible. Chelsea and Marci thanks for the help. Great team!

G) Director of Fundraising - Kelsey

We had great success for fundraising. Switched out the coupon books. Haven't had any feedback, but she has enjoyed the one that she has. Picture fundraiser and Sobey's gift cards. We went forward with the read-a-thon and it was a great fundraiser. 100% back to the school and moving to 10 days was much better. Didn't see a drop from last year.

6) COUNCIL UPDATES

Babysitting hit and miss with interest, something up for discussion in the fall and how we pursue.

Morgan - Vote on the naturalization to move forward. He got his wood.

7) NEW BUSINESS

Vote to hold \$5000 in the account and allocating the remainder to the School Opera production next year. TSES will cover some of it. Whatever is up and above the \$5000 would be allocated to the school to cover the opera. Going forward maintain the \$5000 going forward.

QUESTION: What is the Calgary opera program - very big picture item. Writing program with the elder with the sharing of stories that the children will be documenting. Working with illustrators to have it written in English and Blackfoot. Will be published, and shared province wide. They are applying for grants to help. Take one of the stories and have a librettist to help us write the story and write the opera script. We will have an opera designed. First indigenous and non-indigenous program. Province is interested in how this plays out.

Work with the librettist first, then composer comes in and starts to teach the score with the opera and how emotion is conveyed through music. Develop the score to go with the opera. Start to do casting and rehearsals. Take the parts and roles and rehearse this. We design sets and costumes and the kids perform.

Starts September, including September 4. First walking neighbourhood trip. Work with the older students first. Walking tour. Grade 2 - 3 and 4. Kindergarten will be participating on the 17 and 18th of September.

Require a motion that anything about \$5000 allocated to the school to go to the school. Motioned by Kelsey, Seconded by Jennifer. All in favour, no opposed, no abstained.

Motion for the Welcome Week Budget to be set at \$750.

For September and will include coffee and food. Last year we came in at \$663.  
Motioned by Deanna Seconded – Shannon. All in favour, no opposed, no abstained.

8) PRINCIPALS REPORT

How funds are allocated:

Kindergarten. 61 students x \$30 = \$1830

Total spent \$2008.54

School supplements

Grade 1

65 students x \$30 = \$1950

Spent \$1983.75

Grade 2

77 students = \$2310

Spent \$2543

Grade 3

76 students = \$2280

Spent = \$3750

Grade 4

80 students = \$2400

Total spent \$2563.97

(Doesn't include the grade 4 farewell)

For the \$30 per person, everyone needed a subsidy  
Supplemented and the school covered the difference

Extra Curricular \$30 performance enhancement fee

Total collected \$10,800. Total Spent \$13,570.85

Special things we had this year!

Calgary Opera

Leighton Centre

Sound Kreation

Evergreen Theatre

Rosemary Nixon

Brandi Cormier

Saa'kokoto

School anticipates the cost.

Next year this changes. The Bill we must charge per item. Try to keep it at the \$30 and will not realize more than \$60. They will be doing it individually. That is what is going to be required for next year.

They will set it up to pay on line and maybe do a reminder through the teacher. There is not a system of notifying the parents.

QUESTION: At the beginning of the year do you know what the field trips are? Not usually. They submit my March this year and submit everything and what they would want to do. Sent off and they were approved. They will draw from the list and if it fits the program, then we will draw from that list.

We will live this and learn as we go. If you have forgotten to pay, they will not hold your child back from going. Your child still goes.

QUESTION: Can we put a credit on our CBE account? No.

Calgary board of Ed expects transparency around our budgets. Minister of education speaks for the parents. We do a great job but the minister can make concessions. Constantly getting feedback. Learning from this and being more transparent. Communicating Better with parents about how the money is being spent.

Can always write a letter to MLA Sandra Jansen or School Trustee Trina Hurdman and state your issues.

Teachers can apply for the programs as they need them. More flexibility.

Pre-Planning. Loved swimming. They loved it, so they are traveling to the YMCA instead. Shane homes, was able to get us a deal for the school programs. Came back with a reasonable package. The drive to the YMCA is only 15 mins and 7 seconds away. :-)

French Immersion

The scenarios were presented. Rather than type all of these details, I am attaching a PDF of the outline of all of the scenarios that are being presented and are options for Tuscany School.

The concern is TMC. They are at capacity now. Eric Harvie and Tuscany enrolments are not climbing, it's declining. We keep our space. We don't have to transfer to Varsity or other communities.

Lets eliminate the rumor about Rowan Park and Trinity Hills. They are not earmarked for us. They are their own community. They will get zoned. Developer may be sharing info that won't come to pass. Is this city of Calgary or part of Rocky View. No one has the information yet.

QUESTION: What are your thoughts on this and what kind of research you could give us on how our kids will benefit and not from this program. Cindy will bring someone out to bring that information. This conversation is not sudden. This has come from parents. This has not been from the CBE. This program has grown. This is not the same story as Collingwood. French has been a subtly growing program and the biggest voice is NW Calgary.

Parents do not want their programs to be lifted from the schools they are currently in. It's a fear for the parents that have their kids in the French immersion program already.

Everyone shares something in common - fear of change

Please participate in the dialogue. Don't be scared of the scenarios.

9) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH CINDY & GRANT

We are good!!!

10) ELECTIONS

Julia thanked everyone for volunteering. Takes a lot to put your hand up and to everyone who puts their hands up and participates. 3/4 of the volunteers on the committees are working parents. This should be fun environment.

Board

A) Chair – Julia has noted that she will not be running for re-election.

Nominees:

Michelle Piper Berman

Kelsey Stanton

Michelle - Involve behind the scenes. Like to grow the committee.

Kelsey - We have great people here. Always enjoyed being involved. Just love being involved. Was going to do a couple of years ago and chickened out. Good background, as she is a CA. Work for an investment firm. Took some time to learn the school system. Loves being a role model for her girls. Go for it because you can!!!

Votes have been cast. Chair we have 22 to 11 for Michelle Piper.

B) Vice Chair

Nominees:

Jennifer Doiron

Kelsey Stanton

Jennifer is passionate about the school. She's here for a while, she works full time and she tries to be involved. Cares what happens.

Kelsey has withdrawn her name from the running.

Motion by Shannon, seconded by Kelsey. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

C) Treasurer

Heila Lukas. Will continue on as treasurer. All in favour, No on opposed.

D) Secretary

Michelle Zimmerman. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

E) Director of school spirit

Shannon Ball has put her name in for the role. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

F) Director of Communications and CBE Role

Chandra Sehn. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

G) Director of Special Events

Marty Korba. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

H) Director of Fundraising

Kelsey Stanton will stay in the role. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Committee Roles

Teacher Appreciation - Vicky Arthur. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Sprit Wear – Shaun. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Fun Snack - Chelsea and Carly. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Grade 4 Farewell – Roxanne, Marci, Shannon and Allison Campbell.

- Head of the committee is Roxanne. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

CBE Communicator - Allison Campbell. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Fun Lunch - Vicky Arthur. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Kiss and Drop – Shannon Hall. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Naturalization – Morgan Keith. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Welcome Week - Liaison with Marty and his team. Shannon to join the committee.

11) NEXT MEETING DATE: September 13, 2018

12) ADJOURNMENT – 8:24 PM

**TSES Meeting**  
**June 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm**  
**Tuscany School – 990 Tuscany Drive NW**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - 8:24 PM
- 2) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- 3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by Sarah Jane second by Michelle.
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motioned by Deanna and Seconded by Michelle.
- 5) COUNCIL REPORTS  
Add the new business listing of the times.

Presidents Report – Julia

- The Tuscany School Enhancement Society also had an amazing year. It was another successful Casino Year. The society has ordered a new school sign. It has also paid for supplies and artist, so we can all enjoy our children's beautiful artwork around the outdoor classroom and the amazing garage door mural the Grade 4's completed as their legacy piece. The first phase of our naturalization project was complete by the school's playground and as well as being an educational piece, seems to have fixed any flooding we have seen in the past. The society has also supported the school with other various purchases from a Smart board to Educational needs.
- Sign to be built in July. Bright blue sign on the West side of the school.
- Naturalization - Vote for stage 2 to begin this summer.

Treasurer – Deanna

- General \$7387, \$500 donation for natural, \$317.93 to the BBQ  
Large one time donation of \$5,000. Because it was a large amount, looking for upcoming projects this upcoming year.  
Cheques for year end BBQ run through Deanna for the insurance.  
Need casino numbers from Deanna.
- \$5,000 in holding. Commitments \$575 for insurance for next year.
- Spruced up the equipment, painted the ground, IXL, visual journals, Artist in residency, purchase snow shoes, new smart board, Alien inline skating, teaming up for healthy learning, cleared the casino funds as per AGLC requirements.

Casino Chair – Kelsey

- Casino this year, January raised \$65966.82 raised.
- 18 months to spend it. Next casino has been slotted, October November December the falling fall.

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) Fall have Ryan coming to Finish the four panels. Part of the conditions of using the outdoor classroom and \$4000 to pay for Ryan. We have the money for it.

Motion to pay \$4000 for Ryan - Motioned by Shannon, seconded by Shan.

b) Morgan - Naturalization

- Stages of the naturalization, that has been a success. This project is pending, money to go to the next phase. Beautify the school yard. Expectations and what we have. Disappointed at the esthetics of the garden right now, upkeep is lacking. If the plant growth not as good, does it need more TLC? Do we need regenerate to comeback and give us some feedback and guidance?
- Before we go ahead, support outdoor learning and the gardening, but disappointed, it's not being taken care of. Supposed to be sustainable, and a natural grass, but it has not grown properly. Covering up a lot of the plants they planted. Cause drainage of soil, unnatural erosion. Offer some pointers over the summer. Chandra is willing to help if needed.
- Needs a good weeding and grass seed.
- Regenerate is due to come back.
- Next phase conditional on Regenerate coming to assess their work. Subject to Cindy's approval.
- Motion to for \$11360 to spend on the condition that regenerate coming back. Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Morgan.

7) ELECTIONS

A) President - Michelle Piper Berman

Motioned by Sarah Jane, seconded by Michelle. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

B) Vice President - Chandra Sehn. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

C) Secretary - Michelle Z. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

D) Treasurer – Deanna. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

E) Casino Chair - Kelsey Stanton. All in favour, no one opposed, no one abstained.

8) NEXT MEETING DATE – September 13<sup>th</sup> Tuscany School

9) ADJOURNMENT - 8:44PM

ATTENDEES:

Deanna H, Michelle Z, Michelle P, Marty K, Allison C, Roxanne W, Vicky Arthur, Marci C, Kelsey S, Michelle S, Lindsay M, Steven Q, Shan R, Sarah-Jane S, Cheryl, T, yen F, Shannon H, Jennifer D, Carley L, Rahul K, Andrea W, Chandra S, Angela D, Julia H, Morgan K, Shaun H, Heila L, Robin M, Jane S, Chelsea B, Alida T