



## Meeting Minutes

(TSES) Tuscan School Enhancement Society Meeting  
September 13, 2018 at 6:30pm  
Tuscan School, 990 Tuscan Drive NW

### Call to Order:

6:32pm

### Welcome:

Thank you for coming everyone. I recognize most of the faces here, but just so everyone knows my name is Michelle and I am the School Council Chair for this year. I just wanted to start off with a brief description of what we do here on both the school council and our society.

**School Councils** exist to advise the principal and the board of trustee on school matters. The school Principal and at least one teacher at the school must be members of the school council.

**Parent Societies** are a formal group of parents, incorporated under the societies Act, for the purpose of raising funds for the school. A society is a separate legal entity from the school council. The school principal is not part of this group. (Our Principal, Cindy White is involved in our society with regards to what we spend our casino funds on and our overall budget.)

### Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Motioned by Shannon Hall, seconded by Chandra.

### Approval of June 14, 2018 AGM Minutes:

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Chandra.

### Introductions and TSES Purpose of Society:

President - Michelle Piper Berman

### Director Introductions & Reports:

Vice President - Chandra Sehn - To ensure cheques are signed in a timely matter and be a part of the team.

Secretary - Michelle Zimmerman - Unable to attend this evening

Treasurer - Deanna Haugen - Casino account balance is \$70,982.02. We will be voting on our proposed budget this evening. School sign and second phase of naturalization will both come out of these funds. Our General Account has \$7446.30 with \$1000 as outstanding company donations, a \$168.00 outstanding cheque from our June BBQ and \$4226.99 is remaining from a large one time donation in fall of 2017. We have been working with Cindy and Grant on how that will be spent this year. They are looking at stand up desks for general enhancements.

Casino Chair - Kelsey Stanton - Not much to report, our next casino will be fall 2019. We are still waiting on the exact dates, but will send out a Sign Up Genius as soon as we have them.

## **Budget Items Review & Approval:**

### Casino Funds (AGLC)

- Artist in Residency - \$6000 - Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Roxanne. Motion passed.
- Alien Inline Skating - \$4000 - Motioned Shannon, seconded by Roxanne. Motion passed.
- Visual Journals - \$2000 - Motioned by Chandra, seconded by Heila. Motion passed.
- Words, Words, Words - \$300 - Motioned by Chandra, seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.
- Gardening Supplies - \$200 - Motioned by Roxanne, seconded by Chelsea. Motion passed.
- TU4HL (Teaming Up for Healthy Learners) - \$500 - Motioned by Chandra, seconded by Vicky. Motion passed. (Keri Glowacki gave details on the TU4HL gym equipment, applicable healthy snacks (watermelon) and activities.)
- TSES Insurance for 2018-19 - \$575 - Motioned by Marci, seconded by Alison. Motion passed.
- Calgary Opera (Artist in Residency) - \$13,000 - Motioned by Shannon, seconded by Roxanne. Motion passed.
- Naturalization Project GST - \$547.34 - Motioned by Chandra and seconded by Morgan. Motion passed.
- GST (CBE Direct Bill) - \$1242.50 - Motioned by Roxanne, seconded By Marci. Motion passed.

### General Funds

- Art Supplies - Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Shannon. Motion passed.
- Technology - Motioned by Shannon, seconded by Marci. Motion passed.

## **New Business:**

Cindy and Grant are looking into standing tables. Ideally 10 more desks and stools. It would not exceed \$3500 and would come out of general account from our one time donations (General Enhancements) remaining \$4000.00 from fall 2017. They will provide a cost update as soon as they have more information.

## **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, October 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm

## **Adjournment:**

6:51pm

## **In Attendance:**

Michelle Piper Berman, Kelsey Stanton, Deanna Haugen, Shan Roth, Chelsea Broos, Roxanne Walterson, Vicky Arthur, Chandra Sehn, Heila Lukas, Shannon Hall, Allison Campbell, Carley L'Hirondelle, Marci Carrell, Adrienne Murray, Morgan Keith, Shaun Hohman, Susan Bidwell, Tanissa Schell, Cindy White, Grant Jorgensen, Colleen Gainer and Keri Glowacki.

## **Regrets:**

Jennifer Doiron, Michelle Zimmerman and Marty Korba



## Meeting minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting  
September 13, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

### Call to Order:

6:51

### Welcome:

### Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Roxanne.

### Approval of June 14, 2018 AGM Minutes:

Motioned by Heila, seconded by Kelsey.

### Introductions and Purpose of School Council:

**Chair** - Michelle Piper Berman (As detailed in our TSES meeting minutes above)

### Committee Introductions & Reports:

**Vice Chair** - Jennifer Doiron - Unable to attend this evening

**Secretary** - Michelle Zimmerman - Unable to attend this evening

**Treasurer** - Heila Lukas - Current account balance is \$10,986.60. We will be voting on proposed budget tonight. Projections for this year's fundraising is approximately \$8261.00.

**Communications** - Chandra Sehn - My role is to submit monthly submissions to The Tuscany Sun and to the school newsletter. Our goal is to get the word out there of what we do and who we are. Collaborating within the community. If you have anything that needs to be put out there, please let me know and I would happy to add it.

Cindy discussed trying to figure out the best way to do the communication for the school newsletter and website. The monthly calendar is a necessary item. Until figured out, we will keep compiling the information as we have been. All items should be sent to Grant.

**Fundraising** - Kelsey Stanton - We plan to kick off with Action Pack Voucher Books. They cost \$25 with \$15 going back to the school. Items such as Flying Squirrel and Monster Golf would be good to promote getting together. For example, go to the Flying Squirrel with your friends and their kids as a group playdate. The Sobey's gift card is our next annual campaign and then the Read-a-thon in the Spring. Next initiatives: Family pictures where we get \$20 of the \$30 sitting fee back. We are looking at a parent's night, likely a pub night. No date is set, I am still discussing options with Marty. Ongoing SPUD fundraiser. They have added gift cards as another option. If every family bought one \$30 box, the school would make \$1500.

**Fun Lunch** - Vicky Arthur - Getting everything organized and set up with the Healthy Hunger website. First fun lunch is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Creating a handout sheet to help with orders. You can order starting September 24<sup>th</sup> at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca). You will need to go in and re-add your kids to your account. Treat Days will include Kernels Popcorn, Menchies, Family Freeze popsicles and pretzels.

Roxanne asked – Can we make a note for lunch room staff or change the delivery time when there are frozen items. My kids go home for lunch and have come back to their snack melted on their desk. If we could put it in the freezer? Vicky replied - I will make sure we make a note of who goes home.

**Fun Snack** - Chelsea Broos & Carley L'Hirondelle - Form will go out September 24<sup>th</sup>. Carley asked if we need to do a reminder if they did not fill out the form? Because last year they had 100% participation. Could we add it to the kindergarten blog? Cindy added that EDC would love to join. (Early Child Development Centre Children ages 3-5 with specialized learning needs.)

Kelsey added, if the parent forgot, the kid will go home and say hey mom I didn't get the fun snack so hopefully they would reach out.

**Kiss 'n Drop** - Shannon Hall - September is going very well. Helping get people used to where they can and cannot park. Questions from parents we have had... can kindergarten parents use it? As long as the kids know where they need to line up and are comfortable being back at the playground then of course.

- The Kiss n Drop Video was shown

Some issues we are still having is that parents are not using the crosswalk and are cutting across the median. It is very important that we walk up and use the crosswalk. Have your child exit out the car door held by the Kiss 'n Drop volunteer. Sign Up Genius is up and ready for volunteers. Suggestions to make parents more aware of Kiss 'n Drop is to have the video playing during the parent teacher conferences. Vicky asked about the No Parking zone, can we put the kiss n drop signs up all day?

Chandra and Vicky had a discussion about the convenience of the No Parking zone versus coming 15 to 20 minutes earlier to find a spot outside of the No Parking zone.

Shaun commented, if we have the signs up it will deter people from parking there. City bylaw is coming around to enforce it and will be issuing tickets.

**Special Events** - Marty Korba (Unable to attend)

Michelle updated that Welcome Week went very well. We got lots of donations from within the community Sobeys, Starbucks, COBS and SPUD. The Halloween event is upcoming on October 25<sup>th</sup> and will be a Halloween Boogie.

**Teacher Appreciation** - Vicky Arthur - I have done it last couple years. I am very excited to be heading it up this year. Excited to shower the teachers with lots of great things to show our appreciation. Feel free to sign up for this upcoming parent teacher conferences!!

**Spirit Wear** - Shaun Hohman - The spirit wear line will pretty much follow the same as last year, except that we have added a couple great new things. We are planning to have Under Armour for a couple of golf shirts. The performance shirts and the everyday cotton shirt. We have also added the anti-bullying pink shirt this year for something new and unique. We will see how the sales go and look at different themes for different years. Need to do a good job promoting it. On Fun Lunch day wear your Spirit Wear. After Christmas look at a giving back day. Donate your old Spirit Wear and we can sell it back. First round of order forms will go out September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Naturalization** - Morgan Keith - Zone B is completed. Got some news today that Keith Brady has moved on from his position. Morgan will be following up on some of the trees we were supposed to receive from Arbor Day. One of the aspens (from Arbor Day) is leaning, so Morgan will be contacting the city to see what we can do.

**CBE Liaison** - Allison Velders-Campbell - I am excited to be in this new position. I will be attending the four meetings throughout the year. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first meeting I will be attending and I will have more to say in October.

Michelle commented that Collin from Eric Harvie is their CBE liaison and would love to connect.

**Grade 4 Farewell** - Roxanne Walterson - Our year books from last year have come in. Our event is a still at a bit of a standstill until December, as we will have the decision made if we will have grade 5 students with French Immersion next year.

### **Budget Item Review and Approvals:**

#### **Council Funds**

- Administration Fees - \$300 - Motioned by Shannon, seconded By Morgan. Motion passed.
- Banking Fees - \$100 - Motioned by Roxanne, seconded by Marci. Motion passed.
- School Fees Contingency Fund - \$2000 - Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Roxanne. Motion passed.
- Fun Lunch - \$75 for Mr. Zielke - Motioned by Allison, seconded by Roxanne. Motion passed.
- Naturalization - \$2000 - Motioned by Shannon, seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.
- Parent Education (Via TCC) - \$300.00 - Motioned by Marci, seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.
- Spirit Wear - \$350 - Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Roxanne. Motion passed.
- Teacher Appreciation - \$500 - Motioned by Roxanne, seconded by Allison. Motion passed.
- Year End BBQ - \$3500 – Motioned by Shannon, seconded by Marci. Motion passed.
- Special Event Contingency - \$500 - Motioned by Allison, seconded by Marci. Motion passed.
- The Writing Project (Saa'kokoto) - \$4500 - Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Shan. Motion passed.

NOTE: Shaun asked about adding spirit wear into the school council budget?

NOTE: Roxanne asked if we need a budget grade 4 farewell? We can always add it in depending on what the event will be. We can discuss in December when we have more news about the grade 4s staying or moving to TMC for 2019-20.

### **Principal's Report:**

#### **The Writing Project – Saa'kokoto**

He will be with us for 3 months, working with the kids through September, October and November. Our grants were not approved, so it would be great if the council can help offset some of the cost.

There is some great information on the United Way website about Saa'Kokoto, so Michelle will send the link from United Way with a little bit about him out to the parents.

We had a great start up by spending the first couple of weeks out in the coulee. The kids really felt immersed in the beauty of nature and engaged with Saa'kokoto. We were surrounded by silence and then we were able to see and hear hawks, hear the insects and birds. See the activity around us and learn how the land provides for us. A strong sensory piece around it being able to smell the sage and use our feel and touch senses.

We are recording the visits and using the Blackfoot terminology. There are a lot of projects going on working towards reconciliation. This is our opportunity to build relationships with our Elders, go into this with no bias and build strong relationships.

Chandra asked if it would be possible to have an opportunity to hear him speak? Cindy replied that he has really brought the value of story to our kids. Not just writing a story, but the pieces and value to creating it. If there is a time you can join us on one of these field trips, it would be great for you to join in on this experience.

Sean asked about having him as a guest speaker, even in an outdoor setting? Really getting the word out on who he is and what he does. Cindy replied that she is sure he would be honored to do that will talk with him. Also, if you are looking for something to do with the kids on the weekend, look at taking them to Writing on Stone. It is a great place to go with your kids.

**New Business:**

Michelle updated that the Tuscany CBE schools (Tuscany, Eric Harvie and TMC) are doing the Terry Fox Run together. We are starting at TMC and then going through the coulee to finish at Tuscany. We have all hit up a lot of vendors within the community for welcome week, etc... so if we could use some of the welcome week budget balance towards the Terry Fox Run that would be ideal. Each school from the Triad would budget for water and snacks for their school.

- Requested \$300 - Motioned by Chandra, seconded by Marci. Motion passed.

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8:17pm

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