



Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting
January 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

Call to Order & Welcome

Call to order at 6:38 pm. Thank you for coming out tonight!

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Marty, seconded by Deanna.

Approval of the Minutes

Motioned by Shannon, seconded by Vicki.

Special Guest

Trina Hurdman, Public School Trustee, Wards 1 & 2 - Trustee Advocacy Efforts

Calgary Board of Education at a glance.

Understand the complexity of the CBE We are the size of a city. Face homelessness drugs, low income so we have lots of needs. ELL is a huge component, 17% identified special learning need. Lots of segregated programs. One of the largest employers in Calgary. We want the gov't to be aware of the complexities. Outperform the province on all levels for the province except for French grade 9. Science we excel at.

Diploma exam marks are through the roof.

2009 provincial funding has not been enough. Cannot maintain the service levels year to year.

Teacher's salaries have been frozen and when they get a 1% bump that costs the CBE \$15m. Costs are going up and funding is not going up. Since 2009 we have been cutting and cutting and cutting.

Non-school based level we have cut almost 20%, so they are running very lean. This is our reality we are dealing with. Under current gov't we are not maintaining service levels by funding growth and inflation we are just funding growth.

They are visiting all MLA's and discussing this.

This government has funded for student growth each year. Added \$13m to the classrooms per year. Teacher salary increase was funded in 2016.

28 new schools. 134 schools are over 50 years old. We are getting farther behind with the aging schools. Lots of schools that are costing more as there is not money to retrofit them

Investing in our Communities. We spend more than the province gives us, but it is never enough.

Transportation – why are the fees so high? Big portion is the transportation with complex learning needs. Cannot be put on a regular bus. Bussed to a special program. \$9m funded but costs \$21m

ELL students \$23.5M, w spend \$31m. Gov't funds for 5 years but the CBE funds for 7 years. So that is shortfall. They feel they needs the d7 years of support to succeed. Hoping to see some more funding in the next budget

Indigenous, small shortfall in this category

How are you funding these short falls. Money goes into a big pot and they figure out where to spend and allocate it. \$1.4B budget is what they have.

QUESTION: If per student is \$9000 per student before all the shortfalls. Cost per student is always \$9000 but if we met the deficits, they could spread the money out more, such as class size, teachers, etc.

K-3 class size initiative should be 17 average class size. No school board is reaching that number in the province. Our average is 19 for K-3.

Trina – was involved in her child's council. Ended up as council chair. 2010 province was having lots of conversations about education and what did they want education to look like in 20 years. She was a past educator. Need to make sure parents are engaged. In 2010, she decided to run as trustee. She lost by 2% so then in 2013, she figured out how to campaign, ran again and has been a trustee since 2013. She resides in Arbour Lake, so likes Ward 1.

Links to reference:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/CBE-At-A-glance.pdf>

<https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Documents/Public-Education-Serves-Common-Good.pdf>

<https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Documents/Adequate-Supports-Students.pdf>

Committee Updates

Treasurer - Heila - Is absent, so will have an update for next month.

Fundraising – Kelsey

- Update: Gift cards profiting \$1345.50 as profit. Only down a couple of hundred dollars. Final tally action pack profit is \$750. 57 coming in from Spud. Our next fundraiser is Read-a-thon and handouts will go out in February. 100% of the funds come back to us. It will be a 10-day time period.

Spirit Wear - Shaun

- We can do another spirit wear order in the next week, focusing on the pink shirts. Doesn't want to do another line at this time, let's get some new products on before we do that. Maybe we do another order round in in April and ready for May. February 27 is pink shirt day, so have it in by January 31. Let's not advertise about the other stuff, lets focus on the pink stuff.

Special Events - Marty

- Another event in April. We decided on spring formal. Dress up event. Pictures etc.
- Starting to plan the BBQ – fire truck and police truck this year.

- Grade 4 farewell – Roxanne has met with the Grade 4 teacher’s idea is to get the grade 4’s involved in what they want to do. Numbers came in high for Camp Rivers Edge. Outdoor activities. Teepees, archery, bring in what they have been learning through the year. Starting to book. Asked Eric Harvie (EH) if they wanted to join us. All grade 4 see each other before heading to TMC. EH will be discussing at their meeting next week. We did put a deposit down to reserve the space. Yearbooks – have been in touch with Lifetouch and will be working. Goal is to have the books for when they go to the camp. It’s close to the end of June. Yearbooks for that event or before.
- Raffles – cannot be for an individual, only for an organization. \$400 was donated to Leesa’s fundraiser.

Principal’s Report

- January 24th geared towards the other areas of the French immersion. This is for kids who did not attend the kindergarten and grade 1 info session this evening. Grant thanked the council for being there and being a positive presence.

New Business

- Review of proposed operating procedure updates.
- All the items in red are the areas that we are thinking of amending.
- We will have a separate meeting and email the dates that work. Vicky, Michelle Z, Michelle P, Shaun, Maureen, Morgan, Deanna and Kelsey will participate in the meeting.
- If you have an opinion on this, please come to the meeting. Read the document and if you have questions or would like to join the meeting, let us know and we will add you to the meeting/discussion. We will vote on this at the February council meeting.

Next Meeting Date

February 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

Adjourn at 7:21 pm

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Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting (TSES)

January 10, 2019 at 7:30pm

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Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Shannon.

Approval of the Minutes

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Vicky.

Introduction

President - Michelle Piper Berman

Budget review

Treasurer - Deanna

- \$44,542.16 in the casino account, includes the \$5000 for holdover. Nothing big coming out of the account. Completed the AGLC yearly audit and submitted. One-time donations and tax receipts have been sent out.
- \$10661 in the general acct, with \$2000 allocated for donations. Shell, Enbridge and CN.
- We have the invoice for standing the desks and stools and this will come out of the large donation from last year. Kelsey gave update on parent night.
- Casino dates are still TBD for fourth quarter this year.

QUESTION: What is the thought on the standing desk? Some to classrooms and gathering space. Provides different ways for kids to choose how they want to work.

New business

Thank you to Trina for coming tonight and thank you again to the council for speaking tonight.

Adjournment

Adjourn 7:25 pm

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Next meeting February 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Angela, Chelsea B, Andrea W, Tanissa S, Vicky A, Allison C, Roxanne W, Trina H, Shannon H, Marty K, Shaun H, Morgan, Deanna H, Lisa M, Kelsey S, Michelle P, Michelle Z, Nadya S, Jeff B, Lindsay C, Jen D, Maureen A.