



## **Meeting Minutes**

(TSES) Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting

April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm

Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

### **Call to Order:**

6:34 pm

### **Welcome:**

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda:**

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Kelsey.

### **Approval of March 14, 2019 Minutes:**

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Jen.

### **Introductions:**

President - Michelle Piper Berman

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

- We currently have \$7343.70 in the General account.
- Invoices for one-time donations for art supplies have been received and cheques issued.
- \$5500.32 will be remaining after the one-time donations have been paid for. We are in good shape for spending all that we have received. \$2,000 from the company donations – working on what to spend that on in the school. Casino account has \$44,547.65 remaining. Alien In-Line is in June and the cost is approximately \$3,500. We budgeted \$4,000, so the balance can be for healthy learning.
- The Spring dance is coming up.

### **New Business:**

#### **Succession Planning:**

- Vice President
- Secretary - Jennifer Doiron has shown interest

### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, May 9, 2019 @ 7:00pm

### **Adjournment:**

6:36 pm

### **In Attendance:**

Michelle Z, Michelle P, Deanna H, Shannon H, Cheryl A, Vicky A, Kelsey S, Jennifer D, Maureen A, Marty K, Cindy W and Grant J



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Tuscany School Council Meeting

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Motion by Jennifer, seconded by Kelsey.

### **Committee Updates:**

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

In Heila's absence, Michelle is doing the budget update.

- The left side shows the expenses to date. The right side shows revenue. We need to vote on few items.
- Folders for 2019-20 - Budgeting for \$400, but to date they cost \$370.15.
- Naturalization - Aeration still needs to be done and should cost the same as fall.
- Teacher Appreciation – Still have the balance to spend.
- Terry Fox Run - We spent all that was budgeted.
- Tuscany School Projects - Still sorting out needs for next year
- Welcome Week – We came in under budget for 2018-19.
- Welcome Week for the 2019-20 school year - We are budgeting for \$900 and will see how we do.
- Yearbook Contingency - Significant back up for last year. We will have a \$200 contingency for families who are not able to purchase and the three grade 4 teachers.
- Year-end BBQ is usually \$3500.
- Bank Balance - Moved forward \$11969 from 2017-18 school year making us flush coming into this year.
- April 1, 2019 is the balance of our bank account, give or take a few dollars to date.
- We just received \$80 from SPUD.
- Profits should be \$4800 going into the new school year.
- The folders for the upcoming year are cheaper than what we did bought this year, so that will be a reduction on the budget for us.
- For the Opera books, rather than a DVD, we will look at a user download option. Books will be on sale during the Opera and available for pre-order as well.

- We will have 2 items that we will need to vote on for the upcoming year. May need an separate meeting to figure out a few things.
- Ideas - Poker night, raises a lot of money and no volunteers are required.
- Budget votes:
  - Motion to spend \$400 on folders, Year Book Contingency \$200 and Welcome Week, spend \$900 (up from \$750) to include additional students and parents. Motioned by Shannon, seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.

### Special Events

- Spring Dance – Have sold 18 tickets so far. Photographer to take family pics, at least 3 - 4 draw prizes donated by Mastermind Toys, Shanks, etc..., Flower arrangements from Allan's flowers. All the kids get a flower boutonniere or corsage. Edible Arrangements is also donating something.
- For next year we would like to be able to plan further ahead. Could vote on a contingency fund to start at event one and then just keep refilling, so that they can buy what they need in advance of the week of the dance. We can do 50/50 raffles too. Should we do a fundraiser in May? Do the raffle for that. Kelsey needs 30 minutes to apply for the license. Great way to raise money.
- Flyers were handed out today and some of the parents are not even aware of the dance. Fundraising for special events would be helpful.
- Marty has a great spreadsheet for tracking. They are not needing to do refunds anymore now that they are aware of the families who purchased too many tickets.
- Eric Harvie had tune trivia, it wasn't a huge effort and they had a great time. Not sure on the amount raised at this time.

### Fundraising

- Read-a-thon raised \$4,882.25. It was a great success. 44,022 minutes read over the 10 days. Up about 2% in participation from last year.

### Spirit Wear

- Shaun – The catalogue is here tonight for us to look at and the last 2 pages are new. Golf shirts and the French Be Kind shirt that says Soyez Gentil. We will start the orders right after the Easter weekend. Takes about 3 weeks to get them back. Let's get them excited for September.

**QUESTION:** For the men's Nike golf jackets is there a sample that we could see/try? The shirts do fit differently. Michelle will ask Shaun if he can get a sample for us to have a look at.

### Naturalization

- Cindy and Morgan met with regenerate Design to look at Zone C, up the pathway and discussed improving the existing stonework to fix it. Want to look at ideas for the area and get some cost estimates. Discussed economic alternatives for around the outdoor classroom. Small budget needed for this of about a few hundred dollars. No cost to suggest plants for the large planter box near the parking lot. Cost estimate to be developed after a further review.
- We are going to look at what we already have and resolve the problems we have and not worry about Zone C right now. We want to create a barrier to prevent bikes and walkers going through there. It's eroding there and onto the pathway. They are fixing that, as we have little diggers like to dig and it's causing some issues. Other rocks have been moved and we can replace the smaller rocks with the larger rocks and embed them more deeply in. We have a rabbit that is under the playground. Areas that they are digging and making a bed. Rabbits have also been chewing the sage in the garden. The more they

gnaw at the surface, the deeper the roots go. It's how it works in the wild. We need to deal with the mud and slime issues.

- Along the sidewalk by the parking lot, the no dog sign, we have another mud slime area. Andrea Batchelor has contacted Bowness to see how much planter boxes might be to fix that area. Where will the traffic flow go? Trying to capture grass and have it take root. Parent team could do a lot of work and help out. So that we can do this without impacting or needing funding.
- Bowness High School would come in and see if we can have them help. We could also over to meet at Bowness and do the meeting there.

#### Grade 4 Farewell

- Not much to update right now. Rivers Edge is booked for June 19 and the buses will be leaving at 8:40am. Eric Harvie is joining us. The buses will leave the camp to return at 2pm. A deposit has been put down on the yearbooks as well. Roxanne needs to come in the school to do it. Will be easier for her to draw what is needed for the photos.
- Last year there was field trip confusion. This year's arrangements are already taken care of and in Power School for the parents. The school will send out the permission slip and memory book form. The parents will pay for the field trip online and then the memory book by cheque, as council is arranging the memory books.
- Should be info in the blog if anyone needs the information.

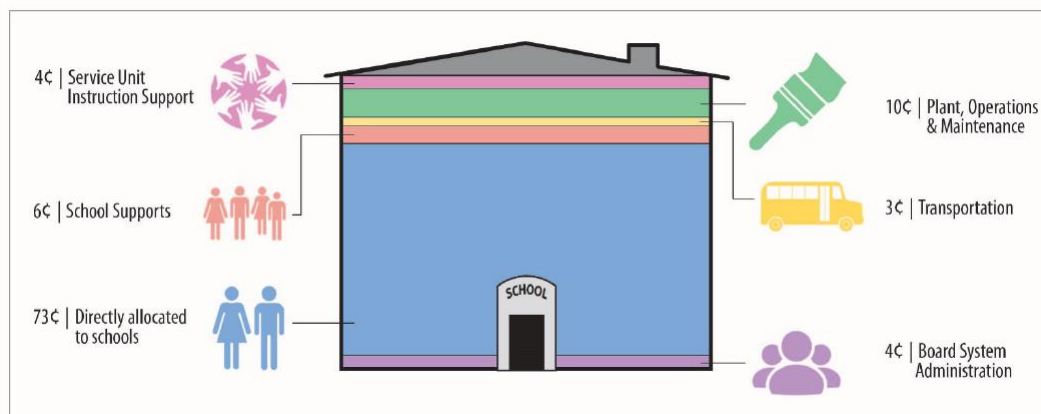
#### Kiss and Drop

- We are having issues with the lock box and that should be taken care of on Monday. The door wasn't locked, but the lock box has been sticking. Shannon is getting a new lock box. If you are walking by the shed at the end of the day, let Shannon know.

#### Principal's Report:

##### CBE Budget

- Every school is sharing this information and tonight it will be personalized to the Tuscany School. Sometimes there are misunderstandings about where the money goes that is coming from the province and we want to be able to clear this up. We use this past year's information as our 2019-2020 budget is not available due to the election. 94 per cent of funding came from the provincial government
- 14 per cent of this funding is restricted for specific uses
- In recent years, provincial funding has increased to support student enrolment growth.
- The other six per cent was generated from school fees, school fundraising activities, facility rentals and investment income



- 75 per cent the entire CBE budget is for salaries and benefits.
- 27 cents of every dollar go to services and supports that directly support the work of schools. Of this:
  - Six cents fund centralized student supports
  - Four cents fund service unit instruction supports
  - Ten cents goes to plant, operations and maintenance
  - Three cents goes to transportation
  - Four cents goes to board and system administration
- 73 cents of every dollar goes directly to schools through Resource Allocation Model (RAM). This is the school budget and includes: Teacher and staff salaries and instructional materials and supplies.
- RAM allocation is deployed to meet the needs of all students at the school.
- Funds are not allocated based on specific students.
- RAM funds schools based on enrolment and student population complexity.
- RAM also provides instructional supports at the Area and central level to ensure responsive programming and service delivery.
- The entire organization supports student learning.
- CBE has one of the strongest approaches to learning.
- The school budget includes the resources that we have to implement our School Development Plan and other supports for student learning. Some of the factors we consider are:
  - What are the priority outcomes and strategies for students?
  - What supplies, resources and equipment is required to support learning goals?
  - Do we need to invest in professional development or mentoring?

For Tuscany School specifically:

- The school budget is the resources we have to implement our school development plan and other supports for student learning. Some of the factors we consider are:
  - What supplies resources and equipment is required to support learning goals.
  - Do we need to invest in professional development or mentoring?
  - We are fortunate as we submit a wish list to the board of things they need and the board does their best to assist with them.

Stewarding Resources: this year

- Literacy support teacher added
- Addition of a 4th grade 3 teacher
- Addition of .4286 educational assistant
- Technology software and hardware inclusive of smart boards chrome books and iPads
- Stewarding their resources doesn't just mean people; it could be technology that is needed. Technology is accessible via these people. They purchase a lot of resource materials. Educational Assistants are not always the best resource to provide to children. Building "tools for their toolbelts" is critical. We look at what our children's needs are and then provide resources to build their independence and success.
- Our projection for next year is 500. We are currently 367 students without the EDC. Many of those students will transition to their own home kindergartens. No idea what we will be funded for, for the next year.

- The budget delays will impact our information delivery to School Council. We will continue to provide clear information when we have it to share.
- Cindy would like to gather feedback and we can take the dialogue sheets with us and we can provide Cindy with some feedback.
- What would you like to see? Jot your feedback on the sheet and provide to Cindy. She would like the sheets back by next Thursday, prior to Good Friday.

**New Business:**

**Succession Planning**

The following Executive Committee positions are open June 2019-2020

- Vice Chair
- Secretary - Jennifer Doiron has shown interest
- Fundraising
- Communications - Susan Hay has shown interest
- Kiss and Drop - Chelsea Broos has shown interest
- Grade 4
- Fun Snack - Leanne Papirny has shown interest
- CBE Liaison

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8:24 pm

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