



Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting
March 14, 2019
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

Call to Order & Welcome

6:34 pm

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Jennifer, seconded by Marty.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2019

Motion by Vicki, seconded by Jennifer.

Budget Review

- \$7460.34 in the general account
- Home reading cheque needs to be completed
- Donations received from two companies and will be using in different areas
- \$44545.76 in the Casino account
- Alien inline skating left to pay for.
- Next casino will be October - December 2019. Waiting on the date for that. We will have most of the money spent before the next casino funds come in. Little bit of an overlap, so we will be okay in that respect.
- Stuff planned for next year and will be earmarked as required.

New Business

- Succession Planning:
 - Vice President - name on the casino account, that we have all the positions are filled. We need it on the forms that we complete. Contact Michelle if you are interested.
 - Secretary – Jennifer Doiron is interested in this position.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

6:37 pm



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Tuscany School Council Meeting
March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

Call to Order & Welcome

Adjournment at 6:37 pm

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Motion by Deanna, seconded by Marty

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Vicki, seconded by Roxanne

Committee Updates

Treasurer - Heila

- Waiting on the Read-a-thon and how much money that makes for us. That will give us a sense of what we need next year

Special Events - Marty

- Spring Semi Formal Gala April 25th – Have already had a few meetings on this. Dress up is optional. Pushing to be fun and dress your kid and yourself up. Arranged for a photographer to come and set up a Photo Booth. Give away prizes. DJ. Need some stuff to jazz it up.
- Need stanchions - with velvet ropes.
- They will be putting up a Sign Up Genius for volunteers for the event

Fundraising - Kelsey

- Funds are \$1346.70 as of yesterday. Reminder email went out to the families today with the forms being due by tomorrow. Last year was \$4423 for the Read-a-thon. Next Monday or Tuesday we should have the final numbers in for this.

Principals report

- Varsity School and Banff School students will be invited to the school on May 6th.
 - Start after 8:30am with a Tipi building in the morning with Saa'kokoto. He will start with his story. Engage in a sharing of music, the gift of song between the schools. Shares songs that are part of our opera and the Grade 4's will do some of their French songs.
 - They will be in multi-age groups and roam through the school. Teaching with Saa'kokoto will be part of the centres being set up for this. Tipi teachings is one. Grant taking them on a tour featuring kid desired highlights. Show them all the important places. Opportunity for a snack break. Vertical surfaces and discussing hopes and dreams of building a dual track school. Share ideas that they are bringing to build into our school. Cindy will be reading them a book called "What Do You Do With A Chance". They will rotate between

the 5 centres and define through experiences. They will talk a bit about their worries, but that will not be the focus. What is sacred to them, what can they build with their new friends and where can this go.

- Not sure if this will include morning Kindergarten.
- Our students will spend time in the playground with Saa'kokoto around the Tipi and learn. Add to their stories. This is the beginning of the kids coming together.
- Opera Update
 - Met with Lauren about brainstorming etc. Costumes, etc.
 - They have some preliminary ideas on the costumes etc. Our families will receive an Eventbrite to book that time. They will know the numbers of how many are attending the show and which shows have the room to accommodate other people. The University is interested, some of the First Nations are interested coming as well. CBE is also interested in this. Try and give everyone a change.
 - Dates for the Opera – Tues. June 4 @ 9:30am, Wed. June 5 @ 1:00pm and Thurs. June 6 @ 5:00pm
 - QUESTION – Have we had anyone approach about doing it in a theatre? No, it is easier for everyone to attend at the school. It is going to be professionally videotaped and copies will be sold afterward to help offset the costs of the opera. Momentum will start picking up very quickly asking for help on the costumes and set design and there will be lots of opportunities for everyone to participate.
 - Interwoven into the Blackfoot writing project. Children are nearing having their submissions in. They were talking about the publishing project with a company in Nanaimo. We are going to become a client of the Strong Nations Publishing firm and they will be hired to do the editing and the design work. They will print them, but not publish them. The books will be up for sale as well. We will be working with Saa'kokoto to be published. Wide range of interest beyond the school.

QUESTION: What stage will staffing be determined for French Immersion? Ruth, Grant and Cindy are interviewing on Monday. They can interview for half of the staff. Should be completed by next week. They will need some time before they can announce.

QUESTION: How much staff? Planning on 6. They have 41 French immersion kindergarten registrations and 48 community kindergarten registrations. Sitting at 70 by Parent teacher conference time last year, so 82 in Kindergarten next year. Good numbers for us as we go forward.

Anticipating 1 - Grade 1 class, 1 Grade 2 class and 1 Grade 3 class in French Immersion. Will take kindergarten registrations on an ongoing basis. Looking at 3 Grade 1 classes, 3 Grade 2 classes, 3 Grade 3 classes and 3 Grade 4 classes. Will have a comfortable number of children at the school.

QUESTION: Class sizes for French? They are not worried about it. What is the maximum # of kids in a class? Depends on class size initiative funding. Won't know until the budget comes out. Typically, class size funding is low 20's for the number of the children in each classroom. Grade 4 and up, class size can be 30. Increases as they go up in grades.

QUESTION: What are the chances of Grade 5 staying here at Tuscany School? There is no plan in the works for that to happen.

New Business - Succession Planning

- Quite a few positions coming up in June:
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary (Interest shown by Jennifer D.)
 - Fundraising
 - Communications
 - Kiss 'n Drop (Interest shown by Chelsea B.)
 - Grade 4 Farewell
 - Fun Snack
 - CBE Liaison
- May 16th is the Kindergarten Orientation and would be a good opportunity to recruit for the board positions. Would like Council there for this as well. Sell Spirit Wear, help with sign up for stuff, help promote the school.

Naturalization

- Morgan had a meeting with the school, some of the zones are already done, Cindy is very supportive of finishing the program. Phase 3 will cost roughly \$15,400. Regenerate is coming back in and will work on updating some things. A new application would need to go to the AGLC, as our previous approval expired in November 2018. Deanna is going to call and see if we can re-extend or if we need to do a new application. Once we have a dollar amount, we can re-submit that and figure out where to go from there.

Kiss and Drop

- Shannon - new sign up will coming back again.
- Grade 4 farewell any updates? Eric Harvie has all the info and they have not given any feedback yet. We have already booked the location and can always add them with our group. They would need to pay for their own facilitators. The date is set. Is there a deadline for them to commit? Not that we are aware of. A couple of parents have offered to help with this. Roxanne would like to have a meeting with anyone who wants to be involved in the Grade 4 farewell committee to brainstorm ideas, determine volunteers requirements, etc. Roxanne will send out an email to everyone the week after spring break.
- Handicap signs for the fence in the parking lot.

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Thursday, April 11, 2019

Adjournment at 7:27 pm

In Attendance:

Cheryl A, Vicky A, Tanissa S, Deanna H, Roxanne W, Jennifer D, Marty K, Morgan K, Rahul K, Shan R, Chelsea B, Shaun H, Maureen A, Carrie O, Allison C, Shannon H and Michelle Z