



Agenda

Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting (TSES)

May 9, 2019 at 6:30pm

Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

In Attendance

Michelle PB; Jen D; Morgan K; Kelsey S; Vicky A; Leanne P; Maureen A; Simranjit R and Shannon H.

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm. New attendees to this week's meeting and round of introductions.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Kelsey.

Approval of April 11, 2019 Minutes

Motion by Kelsey, seconded by Shannon.

Introductions

President - Michelle Piper Berman

Updates

Budget - Deanna

General Account Balance is \$6187.88. Pending cheque issued \$800 for DJ and Photographer (covered by entry fee).

Balloon Arch \$111.10 from BBQ budget; will be reimbursed from council budget.

Balance after cheques clear: \$5498.98

- From the \$5498.98 - \$2000 comes from company donations – to be allocated to school projects; \$1169.53 any of the above one-time donations remaining (\$920.99 from last year large donation) and \$70.45 one-time donation for technology.

Casino – Kelsey

Dates Confirmed - October 8 & 9, 2019. The Sign-Up Genius is ready – Same advisor Paul, confirming that timeslots are the same 3 shifts as before: Day/Evening and Graveyard. Worked well last few years. School to send out the sign-up email so that it reaches everyone. Will target sending email in May/June and September email dates. Can we include French Immersion parent population? Answer – Yes. Casino is at the same location at Elbow River.

Casino Account Balance \$44,549.48. Budgeted Items to be spent:

- Alien In line - \$3,520.44
- TUFHL - \$500.00
- Opera - \$13,000.00
- Words, Words, Words - \$300.00

Estimated remaining into next year \$27,229.04 (Minus \$5000.00 holding amount) = \$22,229.04

Money needs to be spent by December

New Business

Succession Planning - Executive Committee positions open in June for 2019-20

- Vice President and Secretary (Interest Shown – Jennifer Doiron)

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting AGM - Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:30pm

Adjournment – 6:41pm



Agenda

Tuscany School Council Meeting
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Guest Speakers

What goes on in the community and what the different groups do?

Tuscany Community Association – Jon Neufeld, President

The TCA meets once a month with the goal of making the community better. Engage with residents and their interactions with the city i.e. Secondary suites. Run community sports. This year soccer has 500 kids playing. Also have Soft ball/slow pitch. TCA puts on the Harvest Festival to bring people together and get to know your neighbors. Voluntary fees \$25 per family. TCA also runs the youth council (open to youth grades 6 to 12) focus on volunteering, community ties and community engagement. Tuscany Sun is put out through the TCA. Anyone can submit content. Ads in the Sun are paid for. TCA is volunteer run.

OF NOTE: There will be a City of Calgary, Mobile Adventure Playground here from 2-4pm on Neighbor Day (June 15th) at 5 Tuscany Hills Rd NW (field South of Tuscany School). Tuscany residents may also apply for a \$100 grant to host Neighbor Day activities on that date.

Tuscany Residents Association – Marilyn Hess, Recreation Manager

The TRA is a not for profit, members-based organization. There are three main parts to the TRA (Tuscany Club) 1. Programs, 2. Special events/day camps and 3. Facilities – club and take care of common grounds. They hire seasonal staff and this year 5 of 16 are returning – students. Community clean-up will take place this Sunday, May 12th. This date works well and there has been a lot of participation in past years. No tires, batteries or paint this year. Hours are 9am to 2pm - firm.

Tuscany Community Coalition – Tally Nixon, Founder

The TCC has been running for five years now and is completely volunteer run. Information presented by youth representative Payton. TCC group of community members including AHS, TCA, TRA, Calgary Police, 3 youth representatives, Sobey's, Principals and School Councils. Work to sustain healthy communities. Tuscany Teen = acknowledge Tuscany Teens doing amazing things with a gift card. Communication can be sent to Tuscanycc@gmail.com The next community education night will take place in the fall. They get grants to support Tuscany Teen program. Nominations are always welcome!

Committee Updates

- Treasurer - Budget Update - Only fun snack coming out this month.
- Special Events - Spring Semi-Formal Gala & Year End BBQ – Gala went well, numbers were a bit less than some other events. In total 88 families attended - 85 was break even. Some leftover boutonnieres and corsages for school use. First BBQ Meeting has taken place. Theme of BBQ – Summer is Coming.... (Game of Thrones) reference. BBQ to be held Thursday June 20th. Last day of schools is Wednesday June 26th. Family photos being emailed out in the next week. Photographer was a big hit. May do special events fundraiser in the fall to support special events activities
- Grade 4 Farewell - Memory Book has been designed (not a yearbook). EHS is joining Tuscany School on June 19th at Rivers Edge Camp.
- Spirit Wear - Spring Order Update. Only 12 orders, but not surprising after big order of pink shirts. Have to pay a \$35 fee for not hitting minimum order. Anticipate bigger orders next fall with new students coming in.

Other Business

- On June 13th We will be doing a Picnic for Fun lunch.

- Grounds have been aerated and fertilized. reGenerate will be providing ideas for some areas that are not doing so well. Planter boxes by parking lot/slope and area around outdoor classroom.

- Shed – At the end of May this should be cleaned out. The shed is full and we need to clean up gardening equipment. A new bin of hoses is making it harder to access Kiss ‘n Drop supplies.

Principal's Report

Safe and Caring Schools – Recent tragedy in the media with a young girl taking her own life has brought up questions about this. The CBE has the following policies in place:

- AR 600006 - Progressive Student Discipline
- Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe learning and work environments
- Student Code of Conduct.

This information is all available on the CBE website.

Tuscany School lives these policies as a Circle of Courage School.

Belonging is a very important part of this circle – way of showing what our village is and how the children matter to that village. Watching for the child that disconnects and removes themselves from the group – adults will help to show and draw children back in and reconnect. Helps shape child's sense of identity and being accountable to your community.

Bullying is defined as persistent calculated actions to make an individual feel bad. Showed clip from “The Help” to demonstrate the village and the importance of that village to our children. Importance with having a relationship with Nature – Tuscany School recognizes the importance of the natural area and being in the light. Our relationship with Saa'kokoto – the children really benefit from this relationship.

Generosity component – children come in with strengths and weaknesses, children are here building a tool belt – we can be here to help others and get help when needed. Helping with mask making/ buddy reading/ working together to help each other. It's OK to be you – you don't need to be like everyone else.

Independence – realization that they can do things for themselves and when things don't happen the way you expect – that's OK – go on to “Plan B”.

Mastery – My gifts are powerful. Being empathetic can draw people in. I can excel at something – mask making, math, singing, etc... recognize what you are a master of.

- Last Piece – AR 3010 Student Suicide Intervention – Three Stages:
 - Prevention – circle of courage, make them feel like they belong – don't let them disconnect. Surrounded by your village. Zones of Regulation to help identify and understand emotions and teach strategies how to move between the zones. Social Detectives to help children navigate their relationships successfully.

- Intervention – If prevention is not enough – if child discloses to staff – parent consultation would take place. Access to referrals –COPE to provide guidance to parents who may be overwhelmed. Alberta Mental Health (longer wait time) Area Strategists, Access Mental Health, Children’s Hospital.
- Postvention – Plan to deal with any loss. CBE has a Critical Response Team – remarkable team that work with children.

Principles – CBE provides for the safety and well-being of staff and students. CBE supports the training and certification of staff in suicide intervention. Tuscany school has 2 trained on staff and 1 more has expressed interest in getting the training. Training for designated employees in suicide prevention is a critical factor in attending to the safety and well-being of students and staff. All staff are responsible for the safety and well-being of our students.

Communication is the key and mostly important the lines of communication must be open.

Quote “The biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply.”

Question – Is bullying an issue at Tuscany School? Positive experience shared with Tuscany staff interaction related to bullying. Cindy – We have such a strong community – Children see what parents do as a ‘community’ and learn from that. Tuscany is quite unique and special – but it can happen anywhere. That is why children need that community – you can still see yourselves in someone else’s eyes. Children will identify and have multiple ‘important people’ – not just one view of themselves.

French Immersion Moving Camp – May 6th Recap.

Transportation complications, the bus was over an hour late – parents connecting was very beneficial. Tuscany students shared songs from the opera. Incoming students did Teepee teachings with Saa’kokoto and stories time and were very excited at the end of the tour. Positive email message received from an incoming parent –many worries were alleviated.

Opera Update

Lots of paper mache/masks/trees/rocks. Director working in pockets with grades. Rebecca Reese is filling in for Ms. Miller who has been off since Spring break. 37 grade 3’s went up to Eric Harvie School to share today, as they are starting a Blackfoot unit. Very positive to share experiences between schools.

New Business

Succession Planning - Executive Committee positions open in June for 2019-20

- Vice Chair
- Secretary (Interest Shown – Jennifer Doiron)
- Fundraising
- Communications (Interest Shown – Susan Hay)
- Kiss ‘n Drop (Interest Shown – Chelsea Broos)
- Grade 4 Farewell
- Fun Snack (Interest Shown – Leanne Papirny)
- CBE Liaison

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Adjournment – 8:09PM