



## Agenda

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)  
September 12, 2019 at 6:30pm  
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

### Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

### Introductions

Our meetings start with the Society piece as this has the larger budget pieces.

**School Councils** exist to advise the principal and the Board of Trustees 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. There are five school members in the Society

Individual Introductions – Will delay until we get to the Council Agenda.

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Vicky, seconded by Chelsea - all in favor, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

### Approval of June 13, 2019 AGM Minutes

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Susan – all in favor, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

### 2019-20 Reports

Treasurer Report – Casino Account has \$28,136.36 and General Account has \$4331.39. General Account consists of one-time donations and corporate donations. The funds in the Casino account need to be cleared within 2 years.

### Wish list items

Artist in Residency – different experts come in every year. Budget \$6000.

Alien in Line - End of Year activity. Budget \$5,500.

Visual Journals – High quality unlined journal to support classroom learning. Budget \$2,400.

Words, Words, Words – Introduced in Grade 2 in English/Grade 3 in French. Budget \$300.

Gardening Supplies – Budget \$250.

Allotted Amount to hold in account – Have to hold this money back to pay casino fees, before reimbursed. \$5000 to be held in account.

Insurance for 2019/2020 –Budget \$575.

TU4HL – physed equipment, mental health, etc... to promote a healthy school. Budget \$500.

Total \$15,525 is to be voted on with \$5000 as the allotted amount to be held in the account.

Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Chelsea – All in favor, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

### Casino – Dates are October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers Needed – Sign Up TONIGHT! 😊

Casino is coming up soon – provides a large influx of funds, between \$60-\$80,000 to support the school. Still need about 20 volunteers, mostly graveyard. No need for police clearance, anyone can volunteer – do not need to have a student attending the school. Lots of fun! Please sign up – computer here tonight!

### Next Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:30pm

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 6:47PM



## Agenda

Tuscany School Council Meeting  
September 12, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

### Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:47PM

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Deanna - all in favor, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

### Approval of June 13, 2019 AGM Minutes

Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Kyna - all in favor, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

### Committee Introductions and Plans for 2019-20

Round the room introductions.

### Special Events – Welcome Week, Terry Fox Run Triad and Halloween Dance

Marty/Marci – First week of school breakfast – great donations! 600 gluten free muffins from CUT Cooking Inc., run by two of our own Tuscany School moms. Coffee by Tim Hortons. 500 scones donated by COBS. 100 bananas donated by Sobey's. Council bought yogurt drinks and oranges. Next big event Halloween dance on October 24<sup>th</sup> – prizes to be won. All ages welcome and wearing costumes is not mandatory, but encouraged. Our special events are not fundraisers, but we charge enough to cover expenses. Terry Fox Run Triad – Tuscany School participates with Eric Harvey and TMC. Each council puts in \$300 to cover refreshments. This year the run will start at TMC with a big kickoff and then will follow grade specific trails. We try to coordinate events with other schools when possible – Carnival will be one of them for this year and a music festival in the spring. Terry Fox foundation sends out a run kit to the school every year. Volunteers will be requested for classrooms and for post run refreshments.

Teacher Appreciation - Teacher Appreciation is a small group who get together to brainstorm ways to treat the teachers – special soaps, toiletries, etc. Also coordinates the conference potluck. Sign up is out to provide them with dinner on conference night, as teachers are at the school from dawn to dusk. There are still a few spots open for upcoming the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> conferences.

Fundraising – We are still looking for someone to step into this role -anyone interested? We have a couple of upcoming fundraisers – Sobey's and Read a Thon (10 days of reading). There may be an opportunity to partner with COBS. We are financially in a good place, so do not need to push fundraising too much. Kelsey happy to support anyone that may be interested. New parent commented that they were very happy not to go and have to sell lots of items. Feel free to support other fundraisers in the community as we try not to overlap. Upcoming family photo night Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – council gets back \$20 of \$30 Fee. Signup will be coming.

Spirit Wear – Forms will go out week of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> along with the fun lunch and fun snack forms. We typically do a second round in January supporting the Be Kind initiative.

Kiss 'n Drop – Sign Up Genius is live. The goal of the program is to alleviate traffic and make it safer for kids being dropped off at school. Drop off happens between 8:10 and 8:30 AM and kids are directed to the playground. Perks for being a volunteer include VIP parking the day of volunteering and a reserved seat for assemblies. Other councils have been reaching out to see how we are so successful at our program. Teacher support is critical at the crosswalks to keep everyone safe and traffic moving. Monitor daycare drop offs – EDC bus at 8 and 2 more buses – so far running smoothly. Possible Grade 5 patrols next year. Comment that kids are taught road safety and then educate parents – don't cross in the middle of the road/between buses and other vehicles. The schools in Tuscany are looking into applying for a grant to get the crosswalks painted.

**Naturalization** – Email update – continue spring/fall aeration and fertilization. Conduct a fall schoolyard inspection with Cindy and Andrea Batchelor and prioritize possible improvements – include addressing the slope between the naturalized area where the grass has worn away; planting fescue around the outdoor classroom; adding plants to the planter box running next to the parking lot; Naturalization Zone C. Determine which projects we would like to move forward with in the Spring and budget accordingly.

Incorporating the area into coulee learning.

**Fun Lunch/Fun Snack** – Forms for both go home the week of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately once a month, school council brings in fun lunch from various vendors via Healthy Hunger. There is coordination between our three schools and we try to have gluten free and veggie options. Fun lunch is not a fundraiser – but on treat day we make \$1/item profit. We wear spirit wear on fun lunch/fun snack day. The program is entirely optional, but kids have lots of fun participating.

Fun snack for kindergarten runs on the same days as fun lunch and order forms are filled out for the year in Sept.

**Grade 4 English Farewell** - The typical program is that kids receive a memory book and a fun field trip is done at the end of the year. Next year we will have a Grade 5 French Farewell and we would love to have a parent shadow the plans this year.

### **Budget**

September 1<sup>st</sup>, General Account Balance is \$9,098.05

Projected Income from Fundraisers is \$6,100.00 plus \$283.07 from Healthy Hunger.

Need to vote on following items:

- Administration Fees – Photocopying, etc... Budget \$300.
- Banking Fees - Cheques/NSF's etc. Budget \$100.
- Contingency – For school fees, etc... Budget \$2000.
- Fun Lunch – Treat for caretaker. Budget \$75.
- Naturalization – Aeration/etc. Budget \$2000.
- Parent Education – Community education nights. Digital responsibility night – more info to come – but all three councils participate and contribute funds. Community Coalition. Budget \$300.
- Special Events – Contingency to cover special events. Budget \$500.
- Spirit Wear – Budget \$350.
- Teacher Appreciation – Budget \$500.
- Terry Fox – Sobeys is big contributor. Budget \$300.
- Memory Book Contingency – In case of financial hardship. Budget \$200.
- Year End BBQ – Budget \$4000.

Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Marci - All in favor, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

### **Principal's Report**

Welcome – very pleased to see all the new faces tonight. Expressed apologies on welcome breakfast communication to the new families joining our school and that some families did not hear about it. It has been a challenging year on getting out communication around fees. Provincial Government has not yet passed and approved a budget.

First Week of School Updates – Eight instructional days and so much has happened. In June, we had an understanding about how many students would be joining us. French Immersion (FI) Grade 1 numbers went from 20 to 29 students in late August – so hired a new teacher. Spoke volumes on growth and interest in the FI program. Cindy got funds approved for one-time gift to hire a 0.5 position – good news story. There are 53 Kindergarten FI and 47 Community. There are 59 students in the Community program for grade 1. Grade 2 has 25 FI and 65 Community. Grade 3 has 19 FI and 64 Community. Grade 4 has 23 FI and 76 Community. We have total of 480 students.

Everyone is getting more practice and familiarity in French.

Ruth update (Asst Vice Principal for the French Program) - We are moving forward in a multilingual community – English, French, Blackfoot and also the many languages the students may have at home. All the resources are in place at Tuscan School. Everyone is settling in and process has been quite smooth. Any questions about the program as we are starting out? In French Immersion, K-2 is completely French – Music is in English, same with most FI schools as supply is scarce in that level of instruction. There is also music within the classroom. Question about Sound Kreations and confirmation that a bilingual person has been hired. Ruth is here until at least December. Strong team of new FI teachers.

Community Program – French language is introduced in Grade 4.

Library is integrated with French and English books together. Library has had a lot of help getting everything set up. Public Library is also a great resource of French materials – also Alliance Française Calgary, lots of community activities. 2<sup>nd</sup> Language takes time, but then happens quickly. Make it fun and participate with them. Ask Ruth if any questions.

### **New Business**

Jacket Racket – happens in October and November – collects gently used winter wear to support those in need. Always successful. Anyone interested in running it this year?

ASCA has paid for all the meeting snacks for tonight. Thank you ASCA.

Pub night happens after council meetings. Everyone is welcome to join this evening to get to know one another.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00pm

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

In Attendance: Angie A, Jennifer D, Deanna H, Sasha B, Vicky A, Nannette G, Janelle J, Tamsyn F, Michelle PB, Leanne P, Kelsey S, Kerry M, Chelsea B, Lindsay C, Marty K, Rebecca A, Carrie O, Andrea H, Amy E, Nadya S, Susan B, Kyna O, Kathy T, Barb M, Marci C, Chelsea B (2), Sonia M, Ava ZH.