



## Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting  
January 9, 2020 at 6:30pm  
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

### Call to Order & Welcome

Call to order 6:33 PM. Welcome Incoming Kinder Parents!

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Sasha.

### Approval of November 14, 2019 Minutes

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Melanie.

### Special Guest

Trina Hurdman, Public School Trustee, Wards 1 & 2

**Budget discussion** – Clear up any questions on the budget as there is a lot of misinformation out there. The previous government did not pass a budget before election was called, but the CBE had to submit a budget in the spring. CBE was projecting growth of 1800 students and reality was 2400 students. The budget was submitted as though no funding for increasing – which was thought to be quite conservative. When Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> came around – found out base funding maintained (2/3rds of budget) but three grants were cut representing 1/3 of CBE budget. Cuts were to Class size initiative \$54M, class improvement \$13M, class fee replacement grants \$15M. Lost \$85M but gained \$53M from one-time transition and funded growth, but net result was still \$32M less. Because money had been already spent from Sept. thru Oct. impact would be much bigger. Result was that \$22M was going to come from schools, but schools had held on to \$12M, so cuts would be closer to \$10M. There were 300 teachers on temporary contracts – recognized that ½ of them would still have jobs come January – but with 30-day legislation on notice, needed to give notice to all 300.

### CBE came up with 6 strategies

- Cut temporary contracts.
- Deploy staff from CBE back into the classrooms – essential service teachers.
- Administration cuts including cutting discretionary spending. Over past five years, non-service cuts have been 18% to ensure as much money was going into classroom as possible -and will be cutting even more.
- Cuts to capital spending – furniture, technology.
- Increasing bus fees – no rebates for Calgary transit.
- Use some of the reserve funds – reserves are pretty low, as funding has not kept pace with growth since 2011.

Minister allowed some of the infrastructure and maintenance funding to be used for classroom funding – this is a one-time exception.

Question – what will happen next year? Depends on what happens with the economy – flat funding is the hope. CBE has fewer reserves, no infrastructure and maintenance funding allocation to draw from for classroom funding. Alberta Government looking to maintain rural schools. Indication is that the provincial budget would be coming earlier this year, thought to be coming out in February. Will allow for more planning time, regardless the outcome. McKinnon report shows that we are doing very well for our students – getting the best results with the least.

School budget year is different from Provincial budget year.

## **Committee Updates**

Special Events – Spring dance – April 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information to come next month.

Spirit Wear – Upcoming Campaign. Discussing next order going out end of January – looking into adding in socks for World Down Syndrome Day in March along with pink shirt.

Kiss ‘n Drop – Looking for signups. Parking still an issue at Kiss n Drop - An idling vehicle is considered parked. Tuscany School is trying to be an idle free zone. There was a police safety blitz yesterday around the Tuscany schools. Still seeing issues with pickup parking in teachers parking lot.

Fundraising – Sobey's Campaign Summary – Gift card campaign - 69 families in the school participated with 114 orders. Brought in \$1453.50 - \$24,225 total in gift cards purchased. This is up from last year by a small amount. Sobey's has been a big contributor to Tuscany Schools.

## **Principal's Report**

Great turnout – approx. 150 parents attended tonight's Kindergarten/Grade 1 information session.

## **New Business**

Carnaval – Email vote was obtained in December to order a costume for Carnaval for February's celebration.

## **Next Meeting**

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00PM. Date changed because of conference and teacher's conventions

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM



## Minutes

Tuscan School Enhancement Society (TSES)  
January 9, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Tuscan School, 990 Tuscan Drive NW

### Call to Order & Welcome

Call to order at 7:25PM.

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Deanna.

### Approval of November 14, 2019 Minutes

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Susan.

### Budget Update

We currently have \$ 9,644.15 in our General Account. We received another \$100.00 in one time donations bringing our total to \$3550.00. Here is the breakdown on how funds will be allocated.

TSES ONE TIME DONATIONS		
Donation Designation	Allotted Amount 2019-2020	Actual Amount Spent 2019-2020
Home Reading	\$ 238.33	
Technology	\$ 223.33	
Arts	\$ 195.84	
General Enhancements	\$ 37.50	
<b>Any of the above</b>	<b>\$ 2,855.00</b>	
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>	

A big Thank you to Jennifer on getting us another company donation from CN for \$1000.00. Bringing our total company donations to \$3,693.75. We have issued a cheque for \$524.99 for a Carnival costume we will be using the funds from that donation.

\$274.00 in Raffle proceeds. This money needs to be spent under same guidelines as Casino account.

We currently have \$22,729.52 in our casino account. Our insurance premium for \$ 722.90 has cleared. Some upcoming budgeted items will be artist in residence Alien in line skating, TU4HL. After cheques we will have \$22,729.52 which we will need to clear by May 2020.

Staff request – would there be a budget for Carnival materials? Yes – some available under arts funding from the general account.

New Business – Succession planning. Start thinking positions open in TSES.

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**In Attendance:** Deanna H; Maureen A; Sasha B; Melanie G; David T; Karisa D; Susan B; Morgan K; Vicky A; Shane S; Kelsey S; Leanne P; Jennifer D; Michelle B; Shaz E