



Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)
February 20, 2020 at 6:30pm
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Morgan, seconded by Deanna.

Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Melanie.

Updates

Budget

Update on Artist in Residency (Carnival)

Votes

Stationary Bikes at \$2,026.92 – Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.

New Smart board at \$6,159.50 – Motioned by Morgan, seconded by Marty. Motion passed.

Order noise reduction headphones at \$150 - Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Maureen. Motion passed.

\$746.43 from general from other company donations to cover additional Carnival costs. Motioned by Morgan, seconded by Marty. Motion passed.

Casino

Proceeds Update – \$67,260.60 from our October casino. Thanks to Kelsey and casino volunteers!

\$90, 122.41 in our Casino Account. And \$9,327.54 in our General Account

Funds coming out Alien Inline and Words, Words, Words (French).

New Business

Fundraising for Bowness High School bus – they have requested help from the three Tuscany feeder schools. Bus is used by the school for offsite visits, field trips (ie. Telus Spark), Drama, Choirs, to transport sports team, etc.. New bus is approximate \$115K. Fundraising is harder at the high school level. Bowness school is applying for a matching grant. Asking for funds from feeder schools into Bowness. Motioned to donate \$5000 was made by Shaun and seconded by Maureen – no one opposed, no one abstained. Motion passed.

Question was can other schools use the bus?

Succession Planning – Director positions open in June for 2020-21.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.



Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting
February 20, 2020 at 7:00pm
Tuscany School, 990 Tuscany Drive NW

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order 7:02pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Deanna.

Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Melanie.

Committee Updates

Spirit Wear – Update on Campaign – 65 orders for spirit wear this time. Delivery likely Monday next week – Wednesday is Pink Shirt day. Delivery comes straight to school. Additional Tuscany School flashlights to be brought to school – Michelle has the extra inventory. Want to bring awareness to World Down Syndrome Day – March 21st. Colorful socks are typically done. Fundraiser was not necessarily appropriate – just want to encourage kids to wear crazy socks – generate conversation with the kids that we all belong to the school. Move forward with fundraiser ideas going forward into next year. Bright colorful socks Monday – Thursday before spring break March 16-19th. Motion to spend up to \$700 towards “Everyone is Unique” sock initiative in conjunction with World Down Syndrome Day (tie die kits and socks) Motioned by Kelsey, seconded by Shaun. Motion passed. If desired, parents can donate to local organization “Prep Program” – info to be shared.

Special Events – Spring Event, April 23rd

Lights, Cameras, Action event – photographer is back, will be putting together donation baskets, DJ booked, gym confirmed. For a giveaway thinking about sunglasses – looking into costs. Cotton candy for this event again but changing layout of the gathering space. Popcorn as an idea would be OK. Ticket sales staged pricing – likely \$13 then \$18 per family. Family Photos – options for direct print, investigating.

Read-a-thon - Launching next week, beginning March 1st and running through to the 14th.

COSC – Email update from Sasha:

Transportation: Next year want to ensure budget is balanced with provincial budget and fees. Will be soliciting parent feedback before making any decisions.

Budget Update: Budget day is Feb 27th – New funding model instead of per student, now weighted funding.

<https://www.alberta.ca/k-to-12-education-funding-model.aspx>

Financial information including a link to a budget feedback form can be found at:

www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/budget-and-finance/pages/default.aspx

Alberta School Councils Association Conference & AGM – Held Apr 24-25, Apr 26 AGM In Edmonton

Why is this important?

- Calgary representation is key when voting takes place
- Opportunity for an ear of the minister
- Need parents engaged given changes coming down the pipe
- Vote on proposed advocacy resolutions. If passed, these views are presented as collective voice of parents at provincial meetings.
- Note a school can designate a parent from another school to vote on their behalf if they are not able to attend.
- Elect the ASCA Board of Directors – ASCA member rate. CBE will pay for \$65 ASCA memberships.
- We make up 1/6 of the student population at AGM, with 229 schools in CBE and 56 of those schools are members of ASCA – so Calgary does not have a strong voice at the table.

Principal's Report

Ed is taking relief work and his last day is next Friday.

Carnaval de Tuscany – Exciting week, Bonhomme was a huge hit – rotated thru the staff as well as Maple Syrup station and celebration thru song. Elevate culture thru music and activities. Francophone history of Alberta – rich history – a real learning experience. Metis story of Alberta. Saa'kokoto helping us reach out and build bridges. Introduce the 'why' behind the flechee – Kalyn Kodiak introduced us to weaving. She also does plant walks – looking to bring this into the coulee in the spring. Folk le Folie – brilliant company – kids were jumping up to dance.

Nothing to share around budget.

Great news side 48 French/27 community registered for kindergarten currently at only 1 month into registrations. Steady with one or two a day still coming in. Getting inquiries from out of boundary registrations.

Question about Gr 5 staying at Tuscany – 6 classes feeding in at Eric Harvie – previously fed 8 classes – so numbers should be comfortable and community grade 5's will move on to TMC as planned.

New Business

Succession Planning - Executive Committee positions open in June for 2020-21

- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Grade 4 English Farewell
- Grade 5 French Farewell
- Fun Snack

Job descriptions are available on our website if you want to find out more information. www.tuscanyschoolcouncil.ca

Fun snack – food restrictions – budget is feeling a bit tight. Something to consider going forward.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:17pm.

In Attendance: Melanie G, Deanna H, Marty K, Jennifer D, Morgan K, Adrienne M, David T, Kelsey S, Leanne P, Shaun H, Pam G, Chelsea B, Michelle PB, Maureen A