



Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30pm

Via Zoom

Call to Order & Welcome

Call to order 6:32pm.

Introductions

Mission – To partner with the School community to enhance the well-being and effectiveness of the School, so that each student has the best learning experience possible.

Vision – We see the School as a vibrant and welcoming community, where every child is actively engaged in effective learning and in developing the citizenship skills that he or she will require to become a positive contributing member of society. The Council will undertake discussions and activities that will enhance student learning and foster the well-being and effectiveness of our School community.

Councils & Societies Distinction

School councils and fundraising associations provide two separate and distinct contexts for parent and community involvement in the school.

School councils provide a means for parents and community to work together with administration, staff and high school students to promote the well-being and overall effectiveness of the school community. The main role is advisory.

Fundraising associations provide a means for parents and community members to provide additional financial resources and support to the school. Their main role is fundraising.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Maureen.

Approval of June 11, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Deanna.

Updates

Budget – Deanna. Fundraising (General Account – One-time donations, TSES is the charitable entity of the school council, Company Donations Casino Account – required to clear the funds every 2 years – AGLC regulations on how these funds are spent. Larger carryover than usual.

Casino \$66K – Alien Inline funds are held for use this year – paid for last year. Working with Admin team on wish list for this year. Casinos have been pushed back, was supposed to be end of 2021. New protocols and fewer volunteers will be required.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 6:44PM

Attended by – Michelle B, Marty, K, Deanna H, Maureen A, Vicky A, Judith M, Shaun H, Melanie G, Jennifer D, Karen T, Shaz, Morgan, Adrienne, Fabian B, Amit S, Haley M, Barbie W, Chelsea B, Sandra, Emma C, Andrew W, Alexander D, Amy E, Chelsea B, Carrie C



Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

Call to Order & Welcome

Call to order 6:44pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Morgan, seconded by Maureen.

Approval of June 11, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Melanie.

Committee Introductions and Plans for 2020-21

Kiss 'n Drop – Chelsea: Not much to report, but still have questions that need to be addressed. Question about supervision? Not doing morning supervision with closed playground. Soft entry at Tuscany School is still being implemented with entry starting at 8:27am. We don't think we can start kiss and drop until the playgrounds are open (admin supervision?). Need to put it off for at least another couple of weeks. Teacher supervision is in the classroom for the soft entry. Will give an update in the Friday messages and to include a reminder to please not park at the kiss and drop location. Clarification that kiss and drop is next to the bike racks on the west side of the school. Request to send out a map showing where parking is not permitted.

Special Events – Marty: Looking at cohort options, online dance – Facebook live, etc. Special Events could not host welcome week, but hopeful for Spring events. Open to suggestions on anything we can try. Emma suggested Drive in movie.

Fundraising – BC Apples & Sobeys Update – Shaz: Apple fundraising is going ahead and the forms have been submitted by Janet. Aim to have them out next week with a September 30th deadline and pickup is the 23rd of October. Sobey's fundraiser to take place in November/December.

Spirit Wear – Shaun: Thought it might not make sense to do anything too early and looking towards a campaign the end of September for mid-October delivery and we have had great participation before. Shaun thought to go with same lineup and adding a few new things. How do we address COVID? One idea was labelled hand sanitizers (quality hand sanitizer) and masks. Can we do school masks? TMC is looking to do some, our supplier can do it for \$8/piece – no minimum – we can add our own logo, with fully adjustable masks.

Do we want to have a program to hand down used spirit wear? Looking for ideas. Socks – Do we do that again? Don't need to decide right away. Was a fun activity for the kids.

Tuscany has 496 students including Hub. We have money from last year we could use to subsidize mask purchases. Added discussion on donation for other masks for schools in need. Cindy brings home 'lost' masks and launders them. No child will go without a clean mask. Amit asked what if masks are no longer required in October? May have to continue the discussion. May look to combine with TMC if we had a 'neutral' Tuscany theme.

Fun Lunch/Fun Snack – Vicky: There are not going to be many fun lunches this year. The concern is around volunteer safety and limiting school visitors. If you have a credit with Healthy Hunger, it will stay there. You can request a refund. Healthy Hunger has communicated that they are working towards packaging things differently (ie

by classroom) Cindy is moving forward with baby steps – ensuring proper protocol. Give everyone time to get everything figured out with only small increments of change. Vicky's position is up to be filled for next year. Teacher appreciation position is also available – no food/potlucks this year. Looking at a lot more individualized or bagged items. Sasha is interested in being involved.

CBE Liaison – Sasha: Attend three meetings a year and report back to school council. First meeting is late October. Melanie has taken on ASCA task force on reentry survey feedback from council.

Naturalization –Morgan: Some work in progress in improving the school yard.

Jacket Racket – Update Michelle: – All 4 Tuscany schools participate. Looking for a condensed program this year. Need to figure out drop off/logistics.

Principal's Report

Messages from CBE was scripted and heavy.

At Tuscany school, 37 students 1-4 Regular program joined the Hub. All assigned to a grade. Keri will be working with a classroom that is not in the school – should be some Tuscany students, but other area 1 students. Likely Grade 4. There were 17 students from the grades 1-5 French Immersion who joined the Hub. The French Immersion Hub students will not be taught by a Tuscany teacher.

Tuscany School was still finalizing class lists on Aug 31st. Class sizes are at 22 students max at this point. Hub students can declare in January if they are going to be returning to in class learning in February. Design plan on multi aging, Cindy is honoring cohorts as much as possible. Problem with Grade 2 students. Grade 2 FI students – split lunchtimes, so made an adjustment to have the Grade 2's together. Focus on mental health of the students.

Kids are all part of Pump 'n Go – hand sanitizer at the door. Working on mask guidelines – quiet time, masks can come off. Cindy can empathize with staff and children, so they do not have to always have masks on. Commend parents on reviewing protocol, keeping children home and pick up very quickly if the need arises. People recommended to use Alberta Health as the basis for their research and information. AHS website and the provided information is very extensive.

Tuscany School will be continuing their work with Sa'akototo – outdoor learning in late October.

Parent teacher interviews will be online for September – fine tuning information before it is sent out.

Questions:

- How do we keep the Hub kids together? Will keep Tuscany kids together in the Hub learning program. Is it just our school or all of Tuscany – to be determined. Cindy believes it will be area grouping – but TBD.
- Is it Tuscany plans to offer before school supervision once things start to settle? Yes – but with limits on group sizes, cannot offer until playgrounds are open.
- Question on what the decision making was in terms of how the children were divided in the multi-aging classes? Driven by the adaptability of the children and flexible in our grouping to maximize the learning outcomes. Some of the French classes had to be multi aged. Kids have been out of school for 6 months, so added element. Mental health and wellness to be addressed. Creating opportunities in the future for grades to come together when it is appropriate.

New Business

Fun Snack Position – Karen Trenholm-Boyle interested – Motioned by Melanie, seconded by Deanna. Motion passed.

Budget

Folders have been provided already – funds spent.

Yellow items need to be voted on.

The outdoor area/classroom was worked on this past year.

May look to add COVID items – required to go thru CBE supplier/approved vendors.

Tuscany School Council 2020-21 Budget					
EXPENSES			INCOME		
Item	Proposed Budget	Spent to Date	Main Fundraisers	Estimated Profit	Actual Profit
Administration fees	\$300.00		2019-20 Balance Forward		\$13,033.08
Banking fees	\$100.00		Apple Fundraiser	\$1,500.00	
Contingency	\$2,000.00		Read-a -thon	\$3,500.00	
Folders K-4 (2020-21)	\$326.48	\$326.48	Sobeys	\$2,000.00	
Fun Lunch	\$75.00				
Naturalization	\$2,000.00				
Parent Education	\$300.00				
Special Events (Contingency)	\$500.00				
Spirit Wear	\$350.00				
Teacher Appreciation	\$500.00				
Terry Fox	\$300.00		Additional Income Sources		
Tuscany School Wish List	\$700.00		Healthy Hunger (Fun Lunch)		
Welcome Week (2020-21)	\$900.00		Fun Snack Recycling		
Yearbook (Memory) Contingency	\$200.00		Monthly Bank Interest		
Year End BBQ	\$4,000.00				
Totals	\$12,551.48	\$326.48	Totals	\$7,000.00	\$13,033.08
		Total Spending			
STRAIGHT IN AND OUT TRANSACTIONS			BANK BALANCE UPDATES		
Item	Money Rcvd	Spent to Date	Date	Amount	
Fun Snack			August 31, 2020 - General Account Balance	\$13,033.08	
Memory Books for Grade 4					

Motion to approve all budget items in yellow – Motioned by Chelsea and seconded by Maureen. Motion passed.

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

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