



## Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:30pm

- Via Zoom -

### Call to Order & Welcome

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Chelsea.

### Approval of October 8, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Chelsea.

### Budget Update

The General account \$10,777.86

Here is the breakdown of the account we have:

\$3,875.00 this year's One-time Donations (OTD)

**\$2,175.52** from last year OTD (unable to clear due to Covid) under any of the above

\$562.28 Carry over from special events Halloween dance

\$2180.03 Company Donations

\$200.00 Parent night raffle

\$1784.33 carry over from a previous GIC.

Donation Designation	Allotted Amount 2019-2020
Home Reading	\$ -
Technology	\$ 350.00
Arts	\$ -
General Enhancements	\$ 50.00
Any of the above	\$ 5,650.52
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 6,050.52</b>

The Casino account is at \$62,478.43.

The following cheques were issued and have cleared this month: \$840 for this year's insurance (Oct 2020-Oct. 2021), \$906.88 (Last year items that needed clearing PE equipment and TU4HL) and \$2,764.79 (Visual journals and Words, Words, Words FR/EN).

The following Items we are looking to vote on: Last month we passed a vote for \$6,100.00 for a smart board, Cindy has asked if it could be changed to chrome books. If we can have a vote to change the \$6,100.00 allocated to smart board to Chrome books? We may be able to have the smartboards replaced by the companies that supplied them.

Also, the school is looking at bring in Sound Kreationz again this year! They are an amazing Artist in Residency program they bring in for the kids. This year since we do not have the expense of Alien In Line, (last year's cheque will cover it) we as council are looking to support the cost for the school and parents.

This would bring our budgeted expenses including \$5,000.00 to hold for casino advisors to \$31,582.63 for this year. Leaving \$35,404.66 +5,000.00 going into next year so we have more than enough funds to support the Sound Kreations request.

If we can have a vote for \$5903.25 for Sound Kreations and to switch the \$6,100 funds that we previously approved from a new Smartboard to Chromebooks. Motioned Maureen and seconded by Shaz. Motion passed.

Description Of item	Casino Account Budget 2020-2021	
	Budget	Actual Expenses
<b>2020-2021 Budget Items</b>		
Artist In Residency	-\$6,000.00	
Visual Journals	-\$2,400.00	-\$2,336.80
Words, Words, Words	-\$500.00	-\$427.99
Gardening Supplies	-\$250.00	
Alotted Amount to hold in account	-\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Insurance for 2019-2020	-\$840.00	-\$840.00
Document Camers(Equipment)	-\$3,000.00	
Smartboard	-\$6,100.00	
PE Equipment	-\$586.38	-\$586.38
Sound Creations	-\$5,906.25	
TU4HL(\$500 from prior year and \$500.00 this year)	-\$1,000.00	-\$320.50
<b>Total wishlist</b>	<b>-\$31,582.63</b>	<b>-\$9,511.67</b>
Starting Account Balance	\$66,987.29	
Total of Wishlist Items	-\$31,582.63	
Estimated Balance for 2021-2022 school year	\$35,404.66	
<b>Alien in Line</b>	<b>-\$5,500.00</b>	<b>-\$5,283.20</b>
<b>(Came out of last years budget)</b>		
IPADS (Equipment - May be moved to general acct)	-\$1,500.00	

Next casino likely pushed 6 months out.

#### Next Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:30pm

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 6:39pm.



## **Minutes**

Tuscany School Council Meeting

November 12, 2020 at 7:00pm

- Via Zoom -

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Deanna.

### **Approval of October 8, 2020 Minutes**

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Deanna.

### **Committee Updates**

Treat Day/Fun Snack – Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> for all grades including kinders. Orders close this Friday at midnight. Vicky will follow up with admin after to see how it went and may look to have another one in December. Kindergarten orders are not going thru Healthy Hunger. Kinders will be doing three fun treat days this year.

Spirit Wear – Campaign was a big success and we actually netted approximately \$52, as none of the amount voted on to subsidize student masks or teacher masks was spent. Fundraiser funds from orders covered the subsidy for masks, so that money voted on wasn't needed. Online fundraiser was very easy this year – Shaun recommends doing it online going forward.

Jacket Racket – We collected so much! Michelle is collecting from Eric Harvie next Friday (20<sup>th</sup>) if anyone happens to have more items to drop off.

Fundraising – BC Apples campaign was amazing. The apples are fantastic, and we made \$3,218.44. We sold about double from last year. As we made a lot of profit on that campaign and didn't spend \$2,800 between welcome week and the masks, we are not going to do the Sobey's Campaign this year. We will hold onto it for next year in case we need it, but might suggest one of our sister schools do it if they need an additional campaign for this school year.

COSC – CBE Update. All the information was sent in the document Michelle sent last weekend. Does anyone have questions about the notes? No questions.

### **Principal's Report**

School Development Plan

Fee Report to parents – the school always pays the overage – School tries to come in as close to the \$ as we can and school will cover any extras. Unusual year last year. School held onto the milk fees, but have now issued cheques for unused fees Mar – June.

Kindergarten - Fees collected were \$1,760 and \$340 covered by school.

Grades 1-4 – Fees collected were \$23,534 and school took care of \$1,024.

This is a published report available on Tuscany School website.

Report card data used to make decisions on the school – in school program ended in March and online learning turned to focused to literacy and numeracy...so some fields reported as NER – not enough information gathered. We knew we would be addressing topics in September to cover March – June gaps.

Our data story looks great – but may not be complete story. Compared December to March data to monitor progress of students. Student development goals were met, with substantial growth in both writing and math. Tuscany School also publishes the annual results report on our website.

Third goal around wellbeing – we rank quite high in the citizenship skills. We saw increase of 2%. We hold a strong profile/pillar in the excellence range. Partnership between home and school, elders teaching, circle of courage.

Pillar survey completed by grade 4s – school improvement showed ‘red’ which is a negative due to uncertain responses – we are still in the high 70’s, but usually are in the high 90’s. There was a drop from parental surveys – an answer of “I don’t know” has a profound impact on results. In the last 7 years – school has gone thru so many changes in our population. We have done our best work thru these changes. Last year we had 4 grade 4 classrooms, one which was French Immersion and new population attending Tuscany School – The question was “Has our school improved/maintained/declined?” A whole group would have replied ‘I don’t know’ as they had only been with us for one year. That is what caused us to go in the ‘red’ – the parent group without the history, would have replied I don’t know. Cindy does not have concerns after investigation.

Both of our learning leaders are teaching full time – working in small groups to lift students in literacy and numeracy. Targeting what our students need the most this year.

We have 60 students in HUB – 12 teachers working with our students in the HUB program. Grant has been working with those additional teachers to support the Tuscany HUB students. Relationships are so different when being built online, but we are becoming more accustomed. Cindy has a strong wish for the parents to be back in the school and the parents are missed – Doing their best to share in a new way, like doing the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

All reports will be published on the school website.

Tuscany School will be doing a celebration of learning via online and ask is for parents to complete a follow up survey online.

#### Questions

Some concerns on not being able to view the videos (Pumpkin and Remembrance Day) right away. Seems to work when trying again later.

#### **New Business**

Comments on how well the school is doing keeping the school clean and safe. Big thank you to all.

Scholastic book fair is open through to the 26<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten open house in January may be done as a video – registration opens on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Cindy is getting calls on registration already.

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7:00pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

#### **Attendance:**

Michelle PB, Jennifer D, Maureen A, Karen T, Deanna H, Melanie G, Carrie C, Sonia M, Shaun H, Marty K, Morgan K, Chelsea B, Angela F, Judith M, Vicky A, Amit S, Tanissa S, Shaz E, Krista C, Emma C  
Cindy W, Grant J, Collen G, Keri G