



Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)

Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:30pm

Via Zoom

Call to Order & Welcome

Called to order at 6:35pm.

Introductions

We start with the society meeting and then continue to the council meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Chelsea.

Approval of September 10, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Maureen.

Updates

Budget: A huge thank you to everyone who submitted a one-time donation, we are so grateful for your support! We raised an amazing \$3875.00 to date.

Here is the breakdown:

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

The General account is at \$10,777.44. Here is the breakdown of the account we have:

\$3,875.00 this year's one-time donations

\$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.

The Casino account is at \$66,987.29. The following items we are looking to vote on:

Artist In Residency	-\$6,000.00
Visual Journals	-\$2,400.00
Words, Words, Words	-\$500.00
Gardening Supplies	-\$250.00
Allotted Amount to hold in account	-\$5,000.00
Insurance for 2019-2020	-\$840.00
IPADS(equipment)	-\$1,500.00
Document Cameras (Equipment)	-\$3,000.00
Smartboard	-\$6,100.00
PE Equipment	-\$586.38
TU4HL	-\$500.00
Total wishlist	-\$26,676.38

Sa'akokoto as current artist in residence, is taking students on coulee walks. Looking to purchase 2 iPads and 15 document cameras to supplement existing equipment – with this purchase all teachers will have this equipment. Looking to purchase 1 new Smartboard this year to replace aging equipment.

Question – What is Words, Words, Words? Booklets that have vocabulary words and spaces and you can add – typically given at grade 2 level.

Motion to approve all the items above by Maureen, seconded by Karen- motion is passed. One Abstention.

No update on next casino yet.

New Business

Interim Voting Update – Insurance in the amount of \$840 approved via email vote on Sept. 19, 2020. 36 participants voted with 34 voting yes and 2 abstentions.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.



Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order 6:50pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Melanie.

Approval of September 10, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Shaz, seconded by Deanna.

Committee Introductions and Plans for 2020-21

Fundraising – BC Apples Update – Sold \$11, 380 in apples and raised approximately \$3000 for the school. Exact amount pending from Davison Orchards. Double last year. Pick up Oct 23rd in the parking lot. Sobeys fundraiser planned for end of November.

Spirit Wear – Campaign Update. Order due online by Friday, October 9th – Email reminder being sent out following the meeting tonight. Positive campaign \$2000 worth of merchandise ordered already. Everything is being done electronically this campaign.

Treat Day – We have booked a date in November and Kernels will be the vendor. More details to come soon! Easy for early delivery and staff to distribute. Working on something for the kindergarten classes as well.

Kiss n Drop – Volunteers Needed. Please sign up if you are able to take even one shift a month! Kiss ‘n Drop is going well – had a new volunteer today. Hopefully we can get some more volunteers, as need for more volunteers in November. Request to send the link for signing up – link is on the website and sent in email October 4th, 2020.

Jacket Racket – Drop Off Dates Oct. 15/16 & Nov. 5/6 – Cindy & Grant will have bins out front of the school for us at drop on these mornings and Michelle will drop the items off to the Jacket Racket drop center on the Friday of both of those weeks. If parents have larger donations to make, they can contact Michelle directly to drop them at her house instead of bringing them to the school drop offs.

Principal’s Report

School Fee Report – Summary of how we spent fees last year. Refunded milk program funds for regular program grade 4’s, but with program on hold – may look to refund all if further delayed.

Increase for fees from \$30 to \$40 for grades 1-5, and \$20 for Kindergarten. These fees cover all materials that are purchased in bulk. No additional fees for instruments, gym strips, etc.

Typically we would have field trip fees - but those are a bit different this year.

Carried on with photo days, meticulously one way in and one way out – no class photos. Children were not ‘touched up’ by volunteers – these can be considered their ‘Covid year’ photo.

We are going to continue with Sound Kreations – had them booked for end of October. Dates TBD. Dance program.

Discussions continuing, as to whether we will have instructors come in or have a ‘streaming’ instruction.

Forming a committee on how we will mark the Remembrance Day ceremony. Children look for familiarity – what is the way we ‘can do it’ rather than how we did it previously.

Supports & Services

Building resilience in our children – structured routine, initial excitement at coming back fades and get into routine. More is being asked by the teachers and staff is working on the students building their attention and focus. Get them back into the routine. Six months was a long time – everyone is being patient as we go thru this together.

Time spent with Sa'akokoto – we had to adapt with fewer volunteers – Mrs. Grose is coming in to help out and current staff as well. One group planned for Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Walking field trip to Two-Toe pond – we currently can't do any bus field trips. Na'a has always been there with us and consistent even thru this changing time – there are silver linings in what we've gained and learned from March 16th onwards.

What adults need to relearn – admin team is greeting buses, but crosswalks are not being maintained. Safety is paramount for our children. Jaywalking is on the rise. Need to keep traffic flowing – group crossing at crosswalks. Not a big enough pool of grade 5's to offer any kind of crossing guard program. Admin can't supervise both busses and crosswalks – lack of personnel with teachers doing in class supervision. Could we do a similar video to kiss and drop with cluster crossing? Cindy thinks it's a great idea. Eric Harvie may have parents helping at the crosswalks. May be able to add it to Kiss 'n Drop signup – will see how the video goes.

Parent conferences went well – will look to do the same online format in December.

Lost masks are pinned to a triangle stand just outside the office – Cindy continues to launder and reuse masks. Cindy is watching the numbers of masks and trying to recycle the cloth masks. Michelle has material that is ready to be sewn into masks if there are any volunteers.

Questions

May be able to fund Sound Kreations thru Artists in Residency, rather than charge parents.

New Business

Interim Voting Update – Masks for Tuscan School kids supplemented up to \$1500 (\$3 off per mask making the cost \$5 each) and masks for our teachers and staff purchased as a teacher appreciation item up to \$400 both approved on Fri. Sept. 19, 2020.

Grade 5 FI Farewell Position – Kyna O'Gallagher. Will look to vote in at next meeting.

ASCA Survey – Link sent out tonight during the meeting and anyone who wishes to have the link sent afterward can email Michelle to request it. Melanie will compile the answers and submit the actual survey to ASCA as a part of their Task Force.

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

Attendees Michelle B, Jennifer D, Deanna H, Melanie G, Ciara C, Marty K, Kelsey S, Maureen A, Karissa D, Emma C, Rebecca A, Chelsea Br, Sasha B, Karen T, Shaz E, Shaun H, Chelsea Ba, Rahul K, Morgan K, Barbie W, Roxanne W, Tamsyn F