



## Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)

January 14, 2020 at 6:30pm

- Via Zoom -

### Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Vicky, seconded by Melanie.

### Approval of November 12, 2020 Minutes

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Karen.

### Updates

#### Budget Update

The General account is at \$10,466.05. We issued two cheques in December for the Holiday Zoom dance totalling \$312.70.

Here is the breakdown of the account we have:

\$3,875 this year's One-time Donations

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

\$249.58 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>

Deanna - I will be working hard this month to get out everyone's onetime donation tax receipt.

The Casino account is at \$62,483.64.

	Casino Account Budget 2020-2021	
Description Of item	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	
Allotted Amount to hold in account	-\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Insurance for 2019-2020	-\$840.00	-\$840.00
Document Camera (Equipment)	-\$3,000.00	
Chrome Books	-\$6,100.00	
PE Equipment	-\$586.38	-\$586.38
Sound Creations	-\$5,906.25	
TU4HL(\$500 from previous year and \$500.00 this year)	-\$1,000.00	-\$320.50
<b>Total wish list</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 year's budget)</b>		
iPads May be moved to general acct)	-\$1,500.00	

I have just completed our AGLC Audit for reporting period of Oct. 31, 2019 – Nov. 30, 2020.

Update from Cindy that the Chromebooks have been ordered and are on the way.

Casino is on hold again with COVID closures.

**New Business**

Positions opening for 2021-22:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30pm.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.



## **Minutes**

Tuscany School Council Meeting

January 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

- Via Zoom -

### **Call to Order & Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 6:41pm.

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Marty.

### **Approval of November 12, 2020 Minutes**

Motioned by Deanna, seconded by Karen.

### **Committee Updates**

**Special Events** – Update by Marty: In December we held an epic event – virtual dance party! Prizes for dancing, sweaters and decorated houses. In all, we had 68 families RSVP. Waiting to see what we can do next. Interest expressed to hold another one.

**Fundraising** - Shaz is not here, as her family has temporarily relocated. We have one campaign left – Read-a-thon. Looking for help if anyone is interested in helping on this.

**Spirit Wear** – Update by Shaun: Another campaign is an option if we want to do a winter one. The fall fundraiser was very slick with online payments. Pink Shirt day is upcoming on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> so if we are going to do another round, we would send out forms this Monday with campaign closing on Friday. May be looking to change with a cable knit toque that is best suited for girls, but may add another beanie type for boys. Socks for Down Syndrome Day – do we want to do that again? March 21<sup>st</sup> is the day (3-21) of recognition (Sunday), so Tuscany School so could mark the day on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. Are we going to look at sock dyeing again? Cindy is thinking that they might have the opportunity to run the kindergarten kids through and fit new kids into a schedule – Cindy will check with Colleen and Keri. Might look to dye socks at home. Adrienne has suggested that the school can do the crazy socks from what you have at home. Celebrating 'who you are'. The ongoing challenge with an 'at school' activity is a lack of volunteers in the school, so may look to defer the in school decorating until next year. Suggestion that parents don't want to go searching for cotton socks with current restrictions. Cindy: We will definitely do a unique sock event in March – just 'how we do it' is to be figured out.

Question – What do we have for security at the school, as it has become a hotspot for teenage activity? Cindy has asked parents to call the police if they witness anything. Tuscany School playground has an element of privacy that makes it inviting. Cindy has asked the CBE for a security system, but there is significant cost involved and the current request was declined. Cindy is asking for anyone observing the activity, to please call the non-emergency police line to have them drive by at 403-266-1234. If the CBE were to put up a camera – it has to be a camera that is monitored and would generate a security team response to any activity. CBE response may be a different story if there were actual vandalism of the structure of the school. This activity was not a problem at Tuscany School until kids were being made to isolate – there is some lashing out against that. Can we just put up a sign? Cindy to investigate.

## **Principal's Report**

Kinder & FI Grade 1 – Virtual Open House

Highlight 2 major areas:

FI K&1/Community K – We have put up signs in Tuscany, Rocky Ridge and Royal Oak, we have also put it out in the Tuscany Sun and to local daycares about the January registration for Tuscany School. We have 65 registrations already. Covid restrictions have meant that the registration is all done online rather than in person. Difficulty in that personal information should not be emailed, so have to set up one on one appointments to have parents come in with the documents to lift the 'conditional' acceptance into the school. There is a video available on the school website for both Kindergarten and French Immersion.

How do we create opportunities for the kids to come together – the 'quilt project' – if we can't come together in person, classes come together virtually. Colleen update on the quilt project. How we are all unique in our strengths and areas of need. We all belong to the 'Tuscany' community. Every child got a quilt square to contribute – some of the squares were designed using fabric markers, tie dye and crayons on sandpaper ironed on to the quilt patch. Each piece makes a masterpiece. Thank you to Colleen's parents who put the quilt together.

### **Carnaval de Tuscany & Writing Project**

Keri – had a whole school "Tuscany Together/"Tous Ensemble a Tuscany" Google Meet sessions – have had a few of them now – where the classes gets to share school activities, such as decorated Christmas windows. Classes have signed up to take a month to share what they have done in their class.

Interest in translating Sa'akokoto's stories into French. We have another 'virtual session' with him in March.

Want to build excitement around Carnival de Tuscany – Bonhomme will look into classrooms, build ice sculptures, set up outside and Folklofolie is doing two virtual shows – desk dancing and spoons. Celebrating the light coming out of the darkness of winter. Snowshoes are pulled out and will be part of the activities.

We have new Blackfoot sayings painted on the walls of the school.

### **New Business**

Quite a few positions open for next year – descriptions are available on the council website. Anyone who may be interested – please feel free to ask any questions. It's hard when we don't have the face-to-face ability to chat.

Succession for 2021-22 School Year:

Chair

Vice-Chair

Secretary

Communications

Fun Lunch

Fun Snack (One-year term)

Teacher Appreciation

Grade 4 & 5 FI Farewell (One-year terms)

Special Events

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00pm.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

**In Attendance:** Michelle PB, Jennifer D, Deanna H, Morgan, K, Shaun H, Marty K, Vicky A, Melanie G, Sasha, Adrienne, Karen T, Chelsea Br, Carrie O, Emma C, Maureen A, Judith M, Barbie W, Chelsea Ba