



Minutes

Tuscany School Council AGM
Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 6:30pm
- Via Zoom -

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order 6:34pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Roxanne, seconded by Maureen.

Approval of May 2021, Minutes

Motioned by Melanie, seconded by Deanna.

2020-21 Council Reports

Special Events - Marty

With Covid this year we only hosted one event, the most epic of all time virtual holiday dance party. We were able to give away prizes to 13 lucky participants.

Treasurer - Amit

Bank Balance	
Bank balance	\$ 23,553.20
Bank Reco	
Last year bank Balance June 30	\$ 12,857.79
Last year items net	\$ 174.19
Income	\$22,346.68
Expenses	-\$11,795.46
End Bank Balance	\$ 23,553.20

Account Transactions

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Community Optimizer

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\$23,553.20

Income

INCOME-2020				
Main Fundraisers	Estimated Profit	Income	Expense	Estimated Profit
Apple Fundraiser	\$1,500.00	\$11,348.00	\$8,320.29	\$3,027.71
Read-a-thon	\$3,500.00	\$7,541.01	\$92.81	\$7,448.20
TBD	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Misc-Donations		\$394.00		\$394.00
Additional Income Sources				
Fun Snack Recycling		\$1,248.97		
Promo addict		\$277.77		
Interest		\$6.93		
Totals	\$7,000.00	\$22,316.68	\$8,413.10	\$12,369.91

Expenses

EXPENSES			
Item	Proposed Budget	Spent to Date	Budget Remaining
Administration fees	300	17	283
Banking fees	100	9	91
Contingency	2,000	267	1,733
Folders K-4 (2020/21)	326	-	326
Fun Lunch	75	399	(324)
Naturalization	2,000	990	1,010
Parent Education	300	-	300
Special Events (Contingenc	500	-	500
Spirit Wear	350	225	125
Teacher Appreciation	500	318	182
Terry Fox	300	189	111
Tuscany School Wish List	700	-	700
Welcome Week (2019-20)	900	-	900
Yearbook (Memory) Contir	200	969	(769)
Year End BBQ	4,000	-	4,000
Totals	12,551	3,382	9,169

We didn't have a lot of expenses this past year, so we have more funds than normal going into the next year.

*** Need to move the expense from the Fun Lunch row to Fun Snack. *** Final version will come in by end of June.

Fundraising - Michelle

- This year we held two fundraising campaigns. In October we ran our second BC Apple fundraiser with 358 boxes sold and brought in a profit of \$3243.48. In March we held our annual Read-a-thon, with a profit of \$7590.81 and almost 73,000 minutes read collectively. We were quite pleased with the year on a whole, especially considering the state of the Covidemic.

- Our plan is to repeat the Apple fundraiser and Read-a-thon again for the 2021-22 school year. We will also add the Sobeyes campaign back in if we feel the funds are required at that time.

Teacher Appreciation - Vicky

- The Teacher Appreciation Committee provides treats and gestures to express the parent's appreciation for all that the staff and teachers do at Tuscany School.

- This year with Covid restrictions we were unable to provide some of our usual events like the Conferences Potluck. We did however still find small ways to make them smile during this difficult school year.

- In the fall we started off by dropping off Tim Horton's smile cookies for everyone. Shortly after we provided several Bath & Body Works hand soaps for the staff washrooms. Before the holidays we brightened up the office with four beautiful poinsettias. In the new year we 'woke them up' with a fresh supply of coffee pods for the Keurig in the kitchen. For Kindness Day we dropped off individual chocolates for all the staff. As spring rolled around, we partnered with our local Sobeys who so generously gave us a discount on some colourful macarons, all individually bagged for each staff member.
- Our budget for the year was \$500 and we are working on something special for June.
- Vicky - This is my final year in this role, and it has been a lot of fun. There is a successor to take it on for next year and I hope they can get back in the school to continue the work of showing our appreciation!

Fun Lunch - Vicky

- Fun Lunch is a lunch or treat provided by a vendor through Healthy Hunger to the students in Gr 1-5, usually once a month. With Covid restrictions in effect and on the advice of the principal, Ms. White, we exclusively provided Treat Days for the year. Treats were less work for the staff to organize and distribute than a lunch, since parent volunteers were not allowed into the school building.
- Treat Days are a fundraiser with \$1 added to each treat's cost. Over the course of the school year, we provided 8 Treat Days. Our highest order total was Yogen Fruz, with 302 orders at a profit of \$255.17, and the highest profit was Kernels popcorn, with 293 orders at \$344.80 raised. The average number of orders was 272, and the total in profits made was \$2263.23 (not including all of June profits) With the phenomenal help of the teachers and staff to make these days a success, there were always extra treats to thank them.
- Vicky - This is my final year in Fun Lunch, and it has been wonderful. There is a successor for the role, and I have already organized next year's dates with the principal. Hoping everyone can get back in the school next year and continue making the kids smile with Fun Lunch!

Fun Snack – Karen

- We held seven fun snacks for AM and PM kindergarten in both the Community and French programs. This year we made them similar to the Grade 1-5 snacks whenever possible, to make them more cohesive across the grades. We had great uptake in the program this year!

Communications - Susan

- Regular communication about activities and campaigns with to the parent population, maintained via email correspondence, our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/tuscanyschoolcouncil/) and website (www.tuscanyschoolcouncil.ca).
- A monthly update was provided to Tuscany community through the Tuscany Sun magazine.
- The hope is to continue with similar methods and level of communication for the 2021-22 school year, but to expand on the content as the restrictions open in the coming months.

Kiss 'n Drop - Chelsea

- Tuscany School Council is immensely proud of our Kiss 'n Drop program. It allows parents to drive up to the side of the school and have a volunteer open their back door for their children to hop out quickly and with assistance when needed, ensuring the safety of the students, and keeping the flow of traffic going in the morning. During Covid this last year, we were unsure if parents would be comfortable using the program. Kids were encouraged to open their own doors. Volunteers wore masks and used hand sanitizer before, during and after their shift. We were happy to see parents embrace the program. On average, we filled two to three volunteer slots per week this year. The program was adopted quite well and seemed to operate smoothly even without volunteers. In the colder winter months, we had to fill a few more volunteer slots when parking before and after school became an issue. Our "No Parking Anytime" sandwich boards had to remain out until 10 minutes after pickup to remind parents the side of the school is a no parking zone. The reserved parking spot was a definite draw for new and existing volunteers.
- For the 2021-22 school year, we are hoping to attract new volunteers and increase the number of slots filled per week. There will be a push in mid-September, to focus on training new volunteers, as well as parents, on how to use the program. The example set at the beginning of the school year goes a long way to how well the program runs for the remainder of the year. Volunteers will also be strongly encouraged to sign up November through March when Kiss n Drop tends to be utilized the most. Hopefully, we can bring back the reserved VIP seating at school performances as an incentive to entice new volunteers.

Naturalization - Morgan

- This year we continue to strive to keep the Naturalized areas looking good. We have bought some replacement shrubs for some that have died but are still using native plants that should thrive in the schoolyard.
- We will also be undertaking round 2 on seeding the planter next to the parking lot. Hopefully with a little more TLC we can encourage some more plant life.
- Aeration to take place tomorrow – grass is looking good.

Grade 4 Farewell - Roxanne

- A memory book is planned for each student in the Community Grade 4 and French Immersion Grade 5 programs.
- Due to COVID-19, a field trip was unable to occur.

Cindy – Update, with students at school this year versus at home and with more parents at work and kids in afterschool care – a drive by (as held last year) may exclude more people and not be as successful. Want to incorporate a whole school send off. Colleen G – students present something to the departing students – Tuscany Together presentation and window decorations that they can tour on the outside of the school. Departing students will be leaving a legacy piece on the outdoor fencing. Home Depot has provided the supplies – very generously – big thank you to Rueben from Tuscany Home Depot!

- For the 2021-22 school year we will work with the staff to plan a day that celebrates the students' time at Tuscany School, while blending with the curriculum being taught next year.

CBE Liaison - Sasha

- Provided the parent population with updates from the Council of School Councils (COSC) meetings at our monthly council meetings. Intend to continue sharing this important information as we move into the 2021-22 school year.

Spirit Wear - Shaun

- We held two spirit wear clothing campaigns this year, both offering English and French options. October approx. 300 items including masks and then again in the spring with about 33 items sold. The campaigns were both extremely successful, we made approx. \$550 this year.

- For the 2021-22 school year we are hopeful that we can run two campaigns again and anticipate Spirit Wear continuing to be in high demand.

Electronic payments made things much easier, may look to do orange shirt day in the fall – but Sept 30th might be a tight turnaround. Suggestion to donate the profits of orange shirt day to a worthy cause – look to get Saa'kkokoto's advice.

Principal's Report - Cindy

Welcome to our new Principal, Patrick Tomczyk. Looking forward to getting to know all of the parents and hopefully more parents in person come the fall. Background includes French Immersion, special ed, fine arts, complex needs, students at risk – bring a lot of experiences to this school. Looking forward to continuing the work with Saa'kokoto and have worked with him in the past. Looking forward to using the coulee area with the students – likes being outside and learning on the land with the students.

Staffing updates. Staffing is still ongoing – open rounds of postings going on this week and next. Stay tuned for principals message to come out this month.

Signs being posted within sight of the playground. Cindy has had a conversation with neighbor – difference with more people working at home. Conversation can shift perspectives – conversation brought up about the partying and when informed about the cameras and the 'chirping' noise to deter weekend activities. Neighbor wasn't aware of the camera. Informed neighbors to call the non-emergency police line – encouraged to call as it will get more police response and will be added to the police patrol.

Another complaint on increase of volume – we had stopped using that entrance when school population dropped – it was the screaming that seemed new this year. We have 2 special needs classrooms that go in those doors – some non-verbal students who vocalize differently – use those same doors for field trips, playgrounds. That is perhaps why the sounds are different this year. Neighbor didn't know about this – students working on different self-regulation techniques. Overall, the incidents are becoming fewer and fewer. Was a rewarding conversation with the neighbor and hopefully that conversation will move down the fence line.

Teachers wanted to know how they could recognize these 215 indigenous students found at the site of the former residential school— need to work on forever events and home. This event has opened all of our eyes. Going to weave orange and blue ribbons into the legacy fence line. Invite families to bring your ribbons, bring your symbol and add it to the fence - something that represents your love of children, families, and home – see how that grows over time. This invitation will be coming out in principals report as an invitation. Talking about who we are as a community, families and that we all belong. Eric Harvie has an outdoor mural as part of their 5-year anniversary with the representation of their work with Saa'kokoto.

Elections

Executive Committee positions:

Chair – Marianna Hohman standing for election. Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Deanna. Motion passed.

Secretary - Barb Wepler standing for election. Motioned by Jennifer, seconded by Maureen. Motion passed.

Fundraising - Natalie Shelby-James standing for election. Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Karen. Motion passed.

Special Events - Karisa Derdall & Chelsea Baxter standing for election. Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Deanna.

Motion passed.

Fun Lunch - Maureen Adams standing for election. Motioned by Vicky, seconded by Barb. Motion passed.

Fun Snack - Susan Bidwell standing for election. Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Deanna. Motion passed.

Teacher Appreciation - Sasha Bailey standing for election. Motioned by Melanie, seconded by Natalie. Motion passed.

Communications - Karen Trenholm-Boyle standing for election. Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Deanna. Motion passed.

Kiss 'n Drop - Chelsea Broos standing for re-election. Motioned by Vicky, seconded by Karen. Motion passed.

Naturalization - Morgan Keith standing for re-election. Motioned by Jennifer, seconded by Melanie. Motion passed.

Spirit Wear - Shaun Hohman standing for re-election. Motioned by Karen, seconded by Chelsea. Motion passed.

Grade 4 Farewell - Open - to be filled in September.

Grade 5 Farewell FI - Open – to be filled in September.

THANK YOU to our departing Executive members!!!

New Business

Vote on 2021-22 School Year Expenditures

Welcome Week Events \$900

Terry Fox Run \$300.

New Kiss 'n Drop & Bus Stop Signs (11 signs at a maximum of \$175 each) \$2200 maximum.

Vote on all new business 2021-22 School Expenditures above of \$3400. Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Barbie. Motion passed.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00pm. Hopefully in person.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:32pm.

Attendance

Michelle PB, Jennifer D, Deanna H, Vicky A, Susan B, Sasha B, Marty K, Morgan K, Shaun H, Maureen A, Melanie G, Amit S, Ciara, Karen T, Natalie S, Carrie O, Amy E, Chelsea Br, Chelsea Ba, Danielle M, Roxanne W, Keri, Colleen, Patrick T, Cindy W, Laura D, Susan H, Karisa, Kelsey S, Haley M, Emma C.

NOTE: This applies to both the Council and TSES meetings.



Agenda

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)
Annual General Meeting
June 10, 2021, at 7:30pm
- Via Zoom -

Call to Order & Welcome Back

Call to order 8:34pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Deanna.

Approval of May 2021 Minutes

Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Vicky.

2019-20 Reports

Casino - Carrie

Our last casino took place on October 8 & 9, 2019 at Elbow River Casino and brought in a revenue of \$67,260.60. Our next casino is slotted for Q4 of 2021 at Elbow River Casino, however this will likely be pushed into 2022 due to delays from the Covid-19 closures this Spring. We continue to spend our casino revenue as per AGLC regulations.

Budget

Here is the breakdown: The General account \$5,489.97. The school has ordered two more stationary bikes under general enhancements we are just waiting for the invoice to come in. The cost is approximately \$1490.00 this will clear the remaining of one-time donations and we will use \$141.26 from the company donations funds. Closing account balance for 2020-2021 school year is approximately \$3,999.97.

Here is the breakdown of the account we have:

\$1348.74 remaining in this year's One-time Donations (Will be cleared).

\$249.58 carry over from special events Halloween dance last year.

\$1961.55 Company Donations (-141.26= \$1820.29).

\$1930.10 carry over from a previous GIC+ interest.

GENERAL ACCOUNT			
TSES ONE TIME DONATIONS			
Donation Designation	Allotted Amount 2020-2021	Actual Amount Spent 2020-21	Funds Remaining
Home Reading	\$	\$0.00	\$
Technology	\$350.00	-\$350.00	\$
Arts	\$		\$
General Enhancements	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$
Any of the above	\$5,650.52	-\$4,301.78	\$1,348.74
Total Amount	\$6,050.52	-\$4,701.78	\$1,348.74

The Casino account is at **\$49,285.83**.

We would like to vote on the following items for purchase:

STEAM Resource materials and supplies: \$1100.00.

Writing Resource Materials (Handwriting without tears): \$3500.00

After items clear we will have approximately: \$44,685.83 (including \$5000.00 we carry in holding for next casino) going into next school year.

Casino Account Budget 2020-21		
Description Of item	Budget	Actual Expenses
2020-2021 Budget Items		
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	-\$2,270.76
Chrome Books	-\$6,100.00	-\$5,825.13
PE Equipment	-\$586.38	-\$586.38
Sound Creations	-\$5,906.25	-\$5,112.45
TU4HL (\$500 from previous year and \$500.00 this year)	-\$1,000.00	-\$320.50
Total Wishlist	-\$31,582.63	-\$22,720.01
Starting Account Balance	\$66,978.86	66,978.86
Total of Wishlist Items	-\$31,582.63	-\$22,720.01
Estimated Balance for 2021-2022 school year	\$35,396.23	\$44,258.85
Alien in Line	-\$5,500.00	-\$5,283.20
(Came out of last year's budget)		
IPADS (Equipment -May move to Gen Acct)	-\$1,500.00	

Use of Proceeds Casino Break Down:

Administrative Costs	\$840.00
Resource materials and supplies	\$3,085.29
Artist in Residence - Salaries, Fees, and honorariums	\$5112.45
Educational equipment	\$8,095.89
PE Equipment	\$586.38
TOTAL	\$17,720.01

Voting on 2021-22 School year Expenditures

Vote on STEM resource materials - \$1100. Motioned by Chelsea, seconded by Maureen. Motion passed.

Handwriting Without Tears – Writing resource materials - \$3500 max. Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Chelsea. Motion passed.

Elections

Executive Committee positions open for election for two-year terms:

President - Marianna Hohman – Motioned by Karen, seconded by Maureen. Motion passed.

Treasurer - Deanna Haugen - one year. Motioned by Jennifer, seconded by Chelsea. Motion passed.

Secretary - Barb Wepler standing for election. Motioned by Maureen, seconded by Melanie. Motion passed.

THANK YOU to our departing Directors!!!

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:48pm.