



Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting

April 14, 2022 at 6:30pm

– Via ZOOM –

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Land Acknowledgment

I would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 7 territory, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nations, including Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai, the Tsuut'ina Nation, and Stoney Nakoda First Nations. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Deanna.

Approval of the March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Melanie.

Executive Committee Updates

I want to thank you all for your work and support. March and April were busy, I want to thank Natalie for all her work in the Read-a-thon that was an amazing success.

I want to thank Patrick and Laura for their support and work on various projects, including the tree planting initiative. I want to thank Julie for all her work this past month on the Memory Book and Colleen for her assistance with the book as well. This has been a big learning curve for us but Julie and Colleen have done amazing work.

A special thank you to both Amit and Deanna for working with me this past month to review the budgets and I think we are in great shape. We are so lucky to be in this position from years past, and a lot of you here were key contributors to that. I think this group has the momentum to keep going, and I'm super excited for it.

Secretary - Yéil

Nothing to report.

Budget – Amit

We should look at electronic payments for next year; and, huge surplus from last month due to the Read-A-Thon Fundraiser.

Tuscany School Council 2021-22 Budget

INCOME-2021-22					
Main Fundraisers	Estimated Profit	Income	Expense	Contingency used	Estimated Profit
Apple Fundraiser		\$17,330.20	\$12,210.19		\$5,120.01
Read-a-thon		\$10,242.32			\$10,242.32
Misc-Donations		\$25.00			\$25.00
Year book-Deposit					\$0.00
Additional Income Sources					\$0.00
Healthy Hunger (Fun Lunch)					\$0.00
Fun Snack Recycling		\$2,439.75			\$2,439.75
Kindertun snack		\$930.00	\$460.87		\$469.13
Memory books					\$0.00
Promo addict		\$423.71			\$423.71
Readathon					\$0.00
Interest		\$1.69			\$1.69
Totals	\$0.00	\$31,392.67	\$12,671.06		\$18,721.61

EXPENSES				
Item	Approved-2021-2022	Spent to Date	Budget Remaining	Comments
Administration fees	300	415	(115)	
Banking fees	100	-	100	
Contingency	2,000	1,113	887	
Folders K-4 (2020/21)	326	-	326	
Fun Lunch	73	-	73	
Naturalization	2,000	-	2,000	
Parent Education	300	-	300	
Special Events (Contingency)	300	99	401	
Spirit Wear	350	-	350	
Teacher Appreciation	1,000	370	430	
Terry Fox	300	252	48	
Tuscany School Wish List	700	-	700	
Welcome Week (2019-20)	900	-	900	
Yearbook (Memory) Continge	200	302	(302)	
Year End BBQ	4,000	-	4,000	
Kiss and drop sign	2,200	1,188	1,012	
Teacher one time		2,094	(2,094)	
Grade 4 farewell	1000		1,000	
Totals	16,251	6,237	9,014	

Bank balance	\$	35,524.53
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Last year bank Balance Sept 1	\$	23,039.97
Income		\$31,392.67
Expenses		-\$18,908.11
End Bank Balance	\$	35,524.53
Check	\$	-

Bank balance
 Cheques outstanding
 212 chelsea baxter
 1 Marlana
 5 Tuscany school
 6 natalie

Adjusted Balance



The Read-A-Thon was a huge success, raising more than \$10K. The Fundraising committee still has some outstanding reconciliation due to late forms/funds arrival.

We had over 150 participants this year. Unsure of previous years participation numbers. The feedback we have gotten from the school staff is that the kids were super excited and proud to be bringing in their forms and raised money. Very positive feedback.

Next year, we are going to look at a hybrid model of payment options as going digital will reduce the burden of money handling and counting. Natalie will be working with Amit and Mariana on this and a big thank you every one (council, parents, staff and children) for your support in this Fundraiser. And to Mariana for the ongoing social media push/e-communication to the families.

Laura Tobin Photography reached out to us as a Fundraising option. TMC utilizes Laura. The sitting fee, paid for by parents is donated at 100% to the school. Laura earns money on the purchases of photos that parents make from the photography session. Natalie will learn more and report back to council.

***To Natalie from the entire School Council, Staff and Students:
WELL-DONE!! Thank you so much for all the hard work and creative energy that
this Fundraising effort took. It was a monumental task and we are so grateful!***

Kiss N Drop – Chelsea Broos

Council sends a huge thank you to Chelsea and team for their ongoing labours! Chelsea and crew are working on a May incentive package for volunteer engagement. Please contact Chelsea via email at: tuscanykissndrop@gmail.com

Communications - Karen

Karen will reach out on or around the 1st of May for the June submission.

Farewell Committee – Julie

The only update at this point is that the Memory Book deadline is May 2nd and that the Grade 4/5/6 Farewell Field Trip is scheduled for June 13th. We are still looking for ideas on how to make the day fun/memorable for them.

Special Events – Chelsea & Carissa

June 16th from 5-7pm for the year end BBQ. The team is currently securing vendors and will have more information for the May Council Meeting. Please send the Special Events committee an email if you'd like to volunteer. Email: tuscanyeventsteam@gmail.com

Fun Lunch – Maureen

The lunches are working well and efficiently now. The Subway Lunch in June has, in the past, been an outdoor picnic and Maureen will work with Patrick to see if that's something to go forward with. And a huge Thank you to Melanie who has always been available to support!

Kinder Snack - Susan

No update right now.

CBE Liaison – *Sasha Bailey*

Trustee Downey was emailed an invite to meet with school council. Nothing heard back yet.

Spirit Wear – *Shaun*

Nothing to report.

Issues Raised for this Meeting

Naturalization – *Mariana on behalf of Morgan*

For the last few years Morgan, our Naturalization Chair, has had a \$2,000 budget to use for important maintenance of the school grounds, which includes aeration, fertilization and other upgrades. At the beginning of this year, when we were discussing what to do with the abundance of funds collected from previous years, Morgan had an idea for a special project, in addition to his work on Naturalization, to plant trees in our school yard. His idea was to dedicate one tree to our former Principal Cindy White, who retired last year, and then to plant trees to celebrate each class of the outgoing students. We thought this was a great idea, but we brought the amount down significantly from the original proposal of every student and every class to a total of 4 trees - one for Cindy, one for the Outgoing Grade 4s (English Program), one for the Outgoing Grade 5s (French Program) and one for the Outgoing EES students.

After much deliberation, consideration and debate, we have the following proposal for council:

We are requesting \$2,150.00 from the School Council to put towards this tree planting celebration. \$1,200 would cover the cost of four (4) trees (Aspen and Poplar) and \$950 for Installation.

We hope to have this finalized as soon as possible so that we can secure a late June date for the tree planting ceremony.

A few things I want to make clear:

1. This is not a proposal to do this every year. Setting this up as a tradition is onerous on the school and future Executive members, may take away from other Naturalization projects and needs to be given special and new consideration each year. Maintenance, viability of trees and other such concerns have been raised.

2. I propose each year the outgoing students work with the Farewell Committee to come up with a "Legacy Project" - something for the school they can leave behind. This year it will be the trees, but in following years this can be painting of boards to hang on the fence, a bench for the school grounds, a special design with Spirit Wear for a grad shirt - the options are endless and the Farewell Committee member would work with the school to come up with the right idea for that specific year. Council could support with funds or with fundraising to assist the Legacy Project.

As a result, the tree planting would be this year's Legacy Project, in addition to a very special tribute to Ms. Cindy White.

Feedback regarding Naturalization:

The trees will be planted along the East side of the school, along the fence line bordering with the houses that back onto the school. As this area is considered a play area, the trees will be specially placed so children can still be supervised during school days; as well, the roots of the trees require the space to grow. There is also concern about the timing of the planting and potential vandalism. Due to the watering requirement and early frost concerns, June is the best time for the planting. While it could be an expensive lesson to learn, it's a lesson none the less – a lesson the kids could learn from if the trees are vandalized: "You're putting something here. You're leaving something behind. Take pride."

Motion for approval of \$2,350 (tree planting celebration and plaques) by Deanna. Seconded by Karen. All in favour.

Teacher Appreciation – Sasha & Emma

The committee is currently working on two initiatives: a teacher care package, including toilet paper (a specific request from the teachers); and, bringing the staff snacks and treats for one of their last-of-the-year staff meetings. As there is much more money right now thanks to the last fundraising effort, the committee would like an extra \$200 to add to their \$145 left-over.

Motion for an extra \$200 to Teacher Appreciation by Deanna. Seconded by Maureen. All in favour.

\$500 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant Money - Mariana

Next year, council would like a committee/sub-committee to work on this.

There will be a vote at the May meeting regarding how to spend this current \$500 which comes with specific rules on it's use.

Principals Report

Please help us plan with enrollment projections for next year and complete this 3-minute survey. We ask that you complete this survey by Tuesday, April 19.

Next week we will have another after school session for our French Immersion parents on the Neurolinguistic Approach. If you are curious about how our students learn French, please join us on Tuesday from 4:30-5:30. This session will not be recorded.

A reminder there is no school Monday April 18th. Monday is a professional learning day, and our French Immersion teachers will be attending a Languages Symposium. We are so proud that they will also be presenting their work on Concept Based Learning and Language Acquisition to other CBE language teachers. Our English program teachers will also be taking in professional development in literacy, mathematics, and Indigenous education on Monday.

Thursday April 21 is class picture day. This was delayed from the fall due to previous restrictions.

On Friday April 22nd the Tuscany Community Coalition invites all of our families to participate in Earth Day activities from 2-4pm. There will also be a walk/scavenger hunt to the Coulee. There

will be swag giveaways and mental health kits courtesy of AHS. Please meet at the Tuscany Community Gardens at 2pm. The garden is just adjacent to our field.

In the month of May we have another three (3) days in the coulee with Stephanie and Karen to work on the land art and the school is looking forward to displaying the canvas in our newly painted school. As well, in the first week of May the CBE will be recognizing Mental Health Awareness. Also in May, we will launch the "Bike to School" kick off with some help/support from Marty. We also have inline skating coming up at the end of May and into June, and the upcoming "Welcome to Kindergarten" information sessions for parents and new-kindergartners.

The Read-A-Thon was so successful. A big shout out to Natalie! The children had so much pride in how much reading they did. I went to each class to present the certificates and they were so proud of and excited for the random draws. Having this fundraiser coincide with the bookfair could not have been better timed.

While moving to digital payments is a great idea for many reasons, there is something to be said about what the children feel carrying their own forms and money to hand over. Next year we are doing three (3) book fairs and increase French content. The most recent one was almost entirely English with only one cart in French.

Reminder for all parents and families to make sure they are using the daily health checklist. There have been many more reported absences in schools this past week.

New Business

Executive Committee Roles Update & Volunteer Opportunities

If you are looking for a way to help School Council, we have roles for you! Council appreciates all the volunteer hours put in.

Shaun is leaving the Spirit Wear role after many years in that position. (Thank-you Shaun!) Yeil will be stepping way from the Secretary role and is interested in taking over Spirit Wear. More information will be available for the May meeting, in order to promote and advertise at, and for, the AGM. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Mariana by email at: tuscanycouncilchair@gmail.com

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

The Council is hoping for a volunteer Vice Chair for the next school year. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mariana.

Link: [Kiss n Drop Volunteers](#) - To help keep our morning school drop offs smooth and traffic jam free, we are looking for one or two volunteers per morning to run our Kiss 'n Drop program!

Link: [Fun Lunch Volunteers](#) - Making our Fun Lunch days a reality would not be possible without you.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.



Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting (TSES)

April 14, 2022 at 7:30pm

- Via ZOOM -

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Sasha.

Approval of the March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Amendments of Approval of the February Meeting Minutes. From Motioned for approval by Melanie. Seconded by Melanie; to, Motioned for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Melanie. Motion for approval of the amended Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2022 by Deanna. Seconded by Melanie.

Updates

Budget - *Deanna*

We currently have \$6,705.50 in the General account. I have issued the following cheques: \$286.11 for Home Reading, \$416.50 for Technology, \$1,600.38 (\$1,389.47 OTD Art and \$210.91 Company Donations). After cheques clear we will have \$4,402.51 in the account.

Here is the breakdown of the account we have:

- \$249.58 carry over from special events Halloween dance two (2) years ago
- \$2,388.28 Company Donations
- \$1,764.65 carry over from a previous GIC.

We have cleared all one-time donations from the account.

TSES ONE TIME DONATIONS			
Donation Designation	Allotted Amount 2021-2022	Actual Amount Spent 2021-2022	Funds Remaining
Home Reading	\$307.50	-\$307.50	\$
Technology	\$278.50	-\$278.50	\$
Arts	\$257.00	-\$257.00	\$
General Enhancements	\$17.00	-\$17.00	\$
Any of the above	\$1,725.00	-\$1,725.00	\$
Total Amount	\$2,585.00	-\$2,585.00	\$

We currently have \$23,515.56 in the Casino account. We need to hold \$5,000.00 in the account for upcoming casino advisor fees. That leaves \$18,515.56 for spending.

I have issued the following cheques (3- cheques totaling \$3,450.00 for Artist-in-residence):

- \$1,450.00 for Carnaval expenses
- \$2,383.09 Educational Equipment
- \$550.39 Library Resource Materials and Supplies
- \$77.20 Musical Instruments
- \$2,534.08 Two-way radios (We put our \$500.00 donation from kinsmen club of Calgary towards technology purchase)
- \$254.96 Library resources materials.

Once cheques clear we will have \$7,815.84 remaining in the account. We are waiting on remaining invoices for PE Equipment for \$4,616.91 and invoices for Artist-in-residence for approx. \$704.28 leaving us with \$2,494.65. The school has purchased more resources materials (reading box sets for \$3,641.89). We would like to spend the remaining funds from Casino and then the rest would come out of Company Donations.

Could we get a motion to spend \$2,494.65 more in Library Resource Materials & Supplies and \$1,147.24 from Company Donations?

Motion for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Karen. All in favour.

Casino Account Budget 2020-2021			
Description Of item	Budget	Actual Expenses	Remaining
2021-2022 Budget Items			
Artist In Residency	-\$7,000.00	-\$6,295.72	704.28
Artist in Residence - Saa'kokato	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00	
Educational Equipment (Volleyball pads, Posts, Nets, Curling)	-\$7,000.00	-\$2,383.09	4616.91
Artist-in-residence - Carnaval	-\$2,500.00	-\$1,888.85	611.15
Resource Materials and Supplies - Library	-\$3,000.00	-\$2,717.26	282.74
Visual Journals	-\$2,400.00	-\$2,426.97	
Words, Words, Words	-\$500.00	-\$515.62	
Insurance for 2021-2022	-\$865.00	-\$865.00	
Musical Instruments - Educational Equipment	-\$500.00	-\$463.28	36.72
French Immersion Resource Materials & Supplies	-\$3,500.00	-\$3,500.00	
Educational Equipment/Technology - Two-way radios	-\$2,900.00	-\$2,534.08	365.92
Sound Creations	-\$7,855.31	-\$7,166.61	688.7
Hand writing without tears - Educational Equipment	-\$3,638.70	-\$3,638.70	

Allotted Amount to hold in account	-\$5,000.00	\$-5,000.00	
Total Wishlist	\$48,159.0 1	\$40,895.1 8	

Casino – Deanna on behalf of Carrie

The casino dates are in the summer at the Elbow River Casino for August 7 and 8. It's very important to get the dates out and the volunteer Signup Genius out before school year ends. Reminder that all spots must be filled (18 spots) including 3-back ups. If we do not have all spots filled, Tuscany School will lose the eligibility for Charity Purposes position as per the AGLC regulations. Anyone in the community can volunteer, it does not have to be "just" parents.

The Tuscany School is given the opportunity to utilize Casino every 18-24 months and we have the potential to earn between \$60-70K from each Casino. The summer spot is not ideal but due to the pandemic, this year we took what we could get and we were able to re-secure Paul and his team so he just submits the standard fee (AGLC regulated guideline) and Cindy will be assisting him. Carrie is putting together the required package that has to be submitted asap.

The Casino does so much for Tuscany School and it is super important. We are going to promote this to the school and show the families what this money does for us to help generate volunteers. This school year to date, \$50K spent on the School Equipment. Equipment that will be used for years to come and the Casino earnings creates an opportunity for a greater enriched learning experience.

New Business

Karen (Communications) will add the Casino information for the June newsletter with information provided by Deanna/Carrie.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Attendance: Shaun H., Mariana H., Emma C., Deanna H., Karen T., Laura D., Patrick T., Michelle R, Karisa, Amit S., Melanie G., Maureen A., C. Baxter, Natalie., Yeil W.