



## Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting (TSES)

January 13, 2022 at 6:30pm

- Via Zoom -

### Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion for approval by Deanna and seconded by Melanie

### Approval of the November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion from Maureen, seconded by Deanna

### Updates

#### Budget

We currently have \$6,705.50 in the General account. We received company donation from TC Energy Corp for \$837.00. Bringing our company donations to \$2,599.19. Here is the breakdown of the account we have:

- \$249.58 carry over from special events Halloween dance two years ago
- \$2,599.19 Company Donations
- \$1,765.00 carry over from a previous GIC.

I will start working on issuing one time donation tax receipts and have those out as soon as possible.

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
Arts	257.00		257.00
General Enhancements	17.00	-\$17.00	-
Any of the above	1,725.00	-\$476.27	1,248.73
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$2,585.00</b>	<b>-\$493.27</b>	<b>\$2,091.73</b>

The Casino account is at \$34,306.29. The following cheques were issued and cashed in December:

1. \$2,942.59 for visual journals and 'Words, Words, Words'
2. \$3,612.06 French resource materials and supplies (\$3,500.00 from casino remainder \$112.06 from Library resources); and,

3. \$945.72 for Artist in Residence Karen for land art.

We were over by \$42.59 from our previous vote between 'Words, Words, Words' and visual journals. If I can get someone to make a motion for the overage that would be great.

Motioned by: Maureen

Seconded by: Julie

Description Of item	Budget	Actual Expenses
<b>2021-2022 Budget Items</b>		
Artist in Residency	-\$7,000.00	-\$1,845.72
Artist in Residence- Sa'ko'ka'to	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Artist in Residence- Olivia Tailfeathers	-\$7,000.00	
Artist in Residence- Carnaval	-\$2,500.00	
Educational Equipment- Fish wall	-\$2,000.00	
Resource Materials and Supplies- Library	-\$3,000.00	-\$112.06
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	
French Immersion resource materials/supplies	-\$3,500.00	-\$3,500.00
Educational equipment/ technology- two-way radios	-\$2,900.00	
Sound Creations	-\$7,855.31	
Handwriting without tears- Educational Equipment	-\$3,638.70	-\$3,638.70
Allotted Amount to hold in account	-\$5,000.00	
TU4HL	-\$1,500.00	
<b>Total Wishlist</b>	<b>-\$51,659.01</b>	
Starting Account Balance	\$48,708.06	34,303.99
Total of Wishlist Items (including 5000.00 in holding)	-\$51,659.01	-\$14,404.07
Funds Remaining- budgeted items to come from 5000.00	-\$2,950.95	
Remainder of \$5000 to spend	\$2,049.05	
<b>Alien in Line</b>	<b>-\$5,500.00</b>	<b>-\$5,283.20</b>
<b>School has credit sitting in account due to covid</b>		

I have completed and submitted our annual AGLC Audit, and I will be applying for an extension on use of funds as we will not be having a casino till later in Q3 Carrie will give update.

## Casino

Carrie: No guaranteed on any location and this could be pushed into Q4. Not ideal in the summer though if we don't take the summer slot, we can lose our slot entirely. We will learn more about this in February or March.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:30pm

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.



## **Minutes**

Tuscany School Council Meeting  
January 13, 2022 at 7:00pm  
- Via Zoom -

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

Meeting called to order at 6:48pm.

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motion for approval by Maureen and seconded by Melanie.

### **Approval of the November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Motion for approval by Melanie, seconded by Maureen.

### **Executive Committee Update**

#### ***Chair***

Thank you from Mariana to all committee, parents and school who participate. Thanks for the efforts to the Lost and Found to Maureen and Melanie and the staff at Tuscany School. Anything remaining in mid February will be donated. Parents and children are reminded to come and look for any of their missing items before it's too late.

We were approached by Alberta Education and were given a \$500 prepaid credit card to the Council. On the January 20, 2022 meeting we will learn more about how to use it.

#### ***Treasurer***

***See next page (PDF Object Inserted)***

Tuscany School Council 2021-22 Budget

INCOME-2021-22					
Main Fundraisers	Estimated Profit	Income	Expense	Contingency used	Estimated Profit
Apple Fundraiser		\$17,330.20	\$12,140.19		\$5,190.01
Read-a-thon					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Misc-Donations		\$25.00			\$25.00
Year book-Deposit					\$0.00
Additional Income Sources					\$0.00
Fun Snack Recycling		\$1,131.00			\$1,131.00
Promo addict					\$0.00
Interest		\$1.08			\$1.08
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,487.28</b>	<b>\$12,140.19</b>		<b>\$6,347.09</b>

EXPENSES				
Item	Approved-2021-2022	Spent to Date	Budget Remaining	Comments
Administration fees	300	-	300	
Banking fees	100	-	100	
Contingency	2,000	1,115	885	Field trip
Folders K-4 (2020/21)	326	-	326	
Fun Lunch	75	33	42	
Naturalization	2,000	-	2,000	
Parent Education	300	-	300	
Special Events (Contingency)	300	99	401	
Spirit Wear	350	-	350	
Teacher Appreciation	1,000	49	951	
Terry Fox	300	252	48	
Tuscany School Wish List	700	-	700	
Welcome Week (2019-20)	900	-	900	
Yearbook (Memory) Continge	200	502	(302)	
Year End BBQ	4,000	-	4,000	
kiss and drop sign	2200	1,188	1,012	
Teacher one time		1,685		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,251</b>	<b>4,924</b>	<b>12,012</b>	

Bank balance	\$	24,463.04	Notes: Cheques outstanding	
Bank Reco			Income	
Last year bank Balance Sept 1	\$	23,039.97	Healthy hunger cheque	
Income		\$18,487.28	Kinder snack \$30	
Expenses		-\$17,054.21	Expenses	
<b>End Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,463.04</b>	206 natalie	70.56
Check	\$	-	208 marianan	332.05
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**\$24,463.04**

### ***Naturalization***

Nothing to report. Morgan will start thinking about the next project, develop a budget and present to council for next meeting. There may be an opportunity to have the outgoing Grade 4/5 students participate in a tree/shrub planting as apart of their graduation.

### ***Communications***

February submission has already happened. Anyone wanting to submit for March must do so soon. Send to Karen.

### ***Special Events***

Cheslie and Karisa will wait for the Spring and monitor the Covid restrictions before making any new plans.

### ***Fun Lunch***

Maureen needs more volunteers for in class distribution. The time to show up has been changed to 10:45AM to allow for volunteers having their QR codes scanned.

Cheques are available now from 'Kernels', 'Tim Hortons', 'Out of Chaos Cookies' and 'Boston Pizza'. Boston Pizza was not prepared for their first time Fun Lunch for our large school and the BPs contact says he will be providing some kind of recompense for the mistakes. Not sure what that looks like yet.

All children are eligible to receive a Pink T-shirt Gluten-Free cookie for Pink Shirt Day in late February from Out of Chaos and will deliver the day before for ease. Not all parents have signed up and some kids may go without.

Shaun recommends taking funds from budget to thank 'Out of Chaos' for the cookies and Amit suggests giving her a Tuscany T-Shirt from Spirit Wear.

### ***Fun Snack***

Mariana advises we have approached 'Out of Chaos' for February. We are wanting to support her and her efforts.

### ***CBE Liaison***

Sasha will be attending the January 20th Alberta School Council Association's School Council Virtual Engagement meeting and will send some notes in an email afterward to the parent council/parent population.

### ***Teacher Appreciation***

The teachers really appreciated the "Our favourite Xmas things" such as Crackers, chocolate, teas as a year end event. It was well received and grateful.

Recommendation from Emma and Melanie to spruce up the staff room however, as there are covid protocols in place, not all staff can be there at one time and the desks in there are separated at two-meters. Patrick advises that the room will be a part of the upcoming paint refresh that is upcoming. Emma has also suggested more comfy furniture, couches. Giving the room a hygge feel. The teachers and staff input are needed and Mariana suggests putting together a proposal.

### ***Fundraising***

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon begins on March 1. In the past the council/school has given readers \$\$ Gift Certificates and Natalie recommends we do this again. It incentivizes the readers and rewards participation. Another idea (Emma) is to reward using Scholastic Books vs. Gift Cards.

There are 23 classes in total.

Colleen will send the form to Natalie as it's needed to go out by the end of February. Natalie will work on this and keep it simple.

The Council will not be doing the Sobeys Gift Card this year. In talking with Michelle, Dana doesn't see the profits from this as it is corporate and we will continue supporting him and our local Sobeys with BBQ's, Terry Fox Run, etc. This is an item we will revisit next year.

### ***Kiss and Drop***

Shaun believes that the Kiss n Drop and cluster crossing are working. Good work on Chelsea. We are giving Spirit Wear in thanks to Kiss & Drop volunteers. Mariana will work with Chelsea to do more volunteer recruitment. If anyone is available for volunteering or has any ideas on how to encourage people to volunteer, please reach out.

### ***Spirit Wear – Inventory***

Next Spirit Wear coming out shortly for Winter with delivery by Pink Shirt Day in February, 2022.

### ***Grade 4/5 Farewell - Grade 5 Coordinator***

Julie was put in touch with Lifetouch for the Farewell Yearbook and will set up a meeting with Patrick to get the process started, learn about expectations, rules, etc. Colleen will be helping Julie by taking/providing/forwarding pictures for the yearbook.

### **New Business**

#### *Recruitment for Next Years Council Positions*

If there are any parents who are in the process of determining whether to remain on council or leave at the end of this school year, Mariana has made herself available to support any position to allow for smooth ease of transition and information sharing. Please reach out to Mariana if this is you.

### **Principal's Report**

Updates:

- Kindergarten (K to 9) has a new online registration process this year. If you have a child to register and need support, please reach out to Kat for further details. Monday January 17 registration open for English. For further information about this process, please visit: <https://cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/Pages/Kindergarten-to-Grade-9.aspx#section5>  
The process is slightly different for registration into French. A declaration of interest needs to be made first and the registration will then occur in February. Again, please contact Kat.

- The school will be undergoing fresh paint to lighten it up and keep with one colour palette, in all the hallways, the library, the gym, the washrooms, the main entrance, the staff room and the portables (to look like the rest of the school). All painting will be done after instructional hours (3-11PM and weekends).
- Our teachers have reached out to parents via email about the Pink Shirt Day Cookies from 'Out of Chaos' and Patrick will give the total numbers to Maureen next week.
- Thank you to the School Council and the parents for the Teacher Appreciation at year end. It was such a great boost to start the winter break.
- Sound Creations is in the school all month, dancing in the gym. A lot of great different dance styles. It is fun to watch the kids dance as some are just really cute.
- Report cards will be made available for approximately Jan 31. They will be all digital and available on the school portal. Please login to take a look and if you have not yet made payment to the school fees you can do so here. So far, we have a negative balance of \$70K of unpaid fees.
- Grades 1-3 students were assessed earlier this school year to determine who would benefit from focused literacy and/or numeracy support. If one of your children was identified as requiring extra support, homeroom teachers will reach out to you to let you know. Ms. Gibson and Ms. Soroff, two of our education assistants, and Ms. Glowacki will support the English grades 1 and 2 students with small group instruction and/or 1:1 focused intervention. Ms. Gainor will continue supporting our English grades 3 and 4 students.
- In French Immersion, I would like to welcome back Mme Oliva, who has rejoined our staff to support the grades 1 and 2s in French literacy and numeracy for the coming weeks. Mme Roussy will continue supporting our grades 3, 4, and 5.
- Staffing concerns due to Covid in January is difficult. One day this week was at a critical point as many teachers were absent/ill, no subs available. All staff had been on hand to assist and a record number 65 students absent during the week to illness. There is also a shortage of subs in the news. Reminder: Please keep your kids home if they are sick.
- The Provincial Government supplied masks and rapid test kits have not arrived. Some CBE schools have received some, and others nothing. It is very important for parents to follow the instructions that CBE provides with how and when to use the rapid test kits. As well, we have learned that we are not receiving N95 masks as promised, but just regular medical grade blue masks which families can also purchase from stores like Costco, Walmart. Once the masks and kits arrive, support staff in the school will have to sort and pack the masks into individual Ziplock bags. This will take some time as well. The school priority is the kids and maintaining in person instruction so the kids can have as normal an experience as possible. Having activities like Sound Creations in the school and other fun events, will hopefully provide a positive impact on the kids.
- Saa'kokoto has stepped away for the rest of the year to focus on his health and well being. He is a very active member of his community and serves as an interpreter in the summer also. His focus right now is on his health and family and we'll find out more later in the year. He is doing well.

- Karen and Stephanie are still continuing to work with us. Stephanie Bartlett is a learning specialist and a doctoral candidate at the U of C. She is our liaison between Tuscany School and Saa'kokoto and is working with Tuscany School as part of her research.
- There is some exciting stuff happening for our art display at the public library. We are still trying to come up with other options for showing in a public space for parents to go in to see. The public library is booked for the whole month. More info will become available as plans come together. \*Judith recommends the art space at the Shane Homes YMCA in Rocky Ridge. It would be free of cost\*.

Parent recommendation: the distribution of the rapid tests should come with messaging about how to use them and the expectations from the CBE and the school have for the use of the rapid test before sending their children to school and that perspective should be noted, such that in the first week back, 65 of 500 children absent this week. Parents need to know.

The CBE had just sent clear communication with the most up to date daily checklist for all covid rules. Do not send your kids to school with any symptoms.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00pm

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Attendees: Mariana H., Shaun H., Deanna H., Yéil (Barbie)., Amit S., Patrick T., Laura D., Keri G., Maureen A., Colleen G., Julie, Sasha., Judith M., Ciara C., Emma C., Jennifer D., Karisa., Melanie G., Morgan K., Cindy., Cheslie Baxter., Natalie S., Carrie.