



Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting

March 17, 2022 at 6:30pm

- Via Zoom -

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.

Land Acknowledgment

In advancing reconciliation and encouraging knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit culture, I would like to begin with the following acknowledgement:

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 Jennifer.

Approval of the February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Melanie

Special Guest Presentation: Regarding the transition from elementary to middle school education.

Introduction from Patrick T.

- Mr. Derek Rakowski – Principal | TMC School
 - Approx. 850 kids. 6 Home rooms for each grade level.

- Ms. Lesley Scullion – Principal | F.E. Osborne School
 - Approx. 730 kids. Grades 6-9 w/French Immersion (small but mighty)

Feel free to contact Derek or Lesley if you have any questions.

Lesley: ljscullion@cbe.ab.ca

Derek: darakowski@cbe.ab.ca

TMC School and FE Osborne Councils: We'd love to have you. Neither school would be successful without you.

Executive Committee Updates

Secretary - Yéil

Just a reminder to the Executive and Committee Leads to please send your notes for this meeting by email to schoolcouncilsecretary@gmail.com.

Budget – Amit

Expense cheques picked up today. A couple of cheques to write.

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					\$0.00
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		\$2,293.23			\$2,293.23
Kinderfun snack		\$30.00			\$30.00
Memory books					\$0.00
Promo addict		\$329.61			\$329.61
Readathon					\$0.00
Interest		\$1.48			\$1.48
Totals	\$0.00	\$20,009.52	\$12,210.19		\$7,799.33

EXPENSES				
Item	Approved-2021-2022	Spent to Date	Budget Remaining	Comments
Administration fees	300	415	(115)	
Banking fees	100	-	100	
Contingency	2,000	1,115	885	Field trip
Folders K-4 (2020/21)	326	-	326	
Fun Lunch	75	212	(137)	
Naturalization	2,000	-	2,000	
Parent Education	300	-	300	
Special Events (Contingency)	500	99	401	
Spirit Wear	350	-	350	
Teacher Appreciation	1,000	300	700	
Terry Fox	300	252	48	
Tuscany School Wish List	700	-	700	
Welcome Week (2019-20)	900	-	900	
Yearbook (Memory) Contingency	200	502	(302)	
Year End BBQ	4,000	-	4,000	
kiss and drop sign	2,200	1,188	1,012	
Teacher one time		2,094		
Totals	15,251	6,179	11,167	

Bank balance	\$	24,660.54
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Last year bank Balance Sept 1	\$	23,039.97
Income		\$20,009.52
Expenses		-\$18,388.95
End Bank Balance	\$	24,660.54
Check	\$	-

Kiss N Drop – Chelsea Broos

Big shoutout to Jeff dressed all in Green!

We really encourage walking and biking. Less cars, and please don't stop in front of the school or by the stop sign. That is not the intention of the Kiss N Drop. April and May – when it's this nice, we don't need to be idling. Are there enough places to lock the bikes? Yes.

A request for more volunteers - if you have 20 mins in the mornings of Tues, Wed, Thurs, we could really use your support. Please contact Chelsea via email at: tuscanykissndrop@gmail.com

Fundraising - Natalie

Read-A-Thon is complete. Still waiting for the forms and the money. Please send to your child's teacher with cheque or cash sealed envelope on or before March 28. Thank you to everyone who participated. I will know more at the next meeting with final dollar figures raised.

Communications - Karen

May submission due April 6

CBE Liaison – Sasha Bailey

Three Year School Capital Plan

- Factors that contribute to new school proposals (site availability and suitability, readiness, population of communities, enrollment projections etc.)
- Major Modernizations: considerations include (programming requirements, enrollment projections, ability to upgrade teaching/learning environment, minimize costs to operate and maintain facility etc.)
- Over 55% of CBE buildings are greater than 50 years old
- Trend towards more major modernizations than new school requests (likely to see an increased focus on major modernization going forward)
- Include Link to building and modernizing section:
- [Three-Year-School-Capital-Plan](#)
- [Building & Modernizing Schools](#)

Covid-19 Update:

- Board received approval from Minister to use up to \$14 million from our operating reserves to cover previous costs related to covid
- In-person school activities are resuming (end of school year activities etc.)
- [Health & Wellness in Schools- Coronavirus](#)

Other:

- General budget process described with dates
- Draft Curriculum: Board of trustees continue to ask for no implement of draft curriculum in Sept. Reduced the number of subjects are planned to be implemented in September (i.e. ELA, math, art and literacy, phys. ed depending on grade) Feedback to Minister of Education on curriculum: [Feedback on Draft Curriculum](#)
- Multi-aging schooling philosophy: Is this a model that CBE is moving towards? Local decisions (principal), Decision or direction is not from CBE

Breakout Rooms

1. Would we like to connect with other NW Calgary elementary school councils?
 - Goal: Make connections on what's working and what's not, ideas for how to encourage new members, cross collaboration, looking for neat and new ideas, succession planning tips, mentorships
 - Action: Bring back to Tuscany council to gauge interest. If interested, email Dana. dacdowney@cbe.ab.ca
2. Is there anything that Trustee can do to help support our councils?
 - Email Trustee Downey to introduce yourself, connect about maybe connecting with other NW Calgary elementary school councils.

We can connect with the other school councils in the NW. For Mariana, it would be ideal. Sasha will connect us. We are interested in connecting.

Special Events – Chelsea & Carissa

Our next event is the year end BBQ. Meet with Patrick after spring break and set up possible dates. We will need some help – not sure what the looks like. Please send us and email if you'd like to volunteer. Email: tuscanyeventsteam@gmail.com

Kinder Snack - Susan

Status quo. End of March is the next for the kinders.

This committee position is a one-year term and Council is looking for a person to fill this role for next year.

Spirit Wear – Shaun & Yéil

Our last campaign had a decent sized order. Mariana, Patrick and Yéil had a meeting about Orange Shirt Day for September 30, 2023. Yéil has done work around this and will discuss more at the May TSC Meeting.

Issues Raised for this Meeting

Teacher Appreciation – Sasha

We bought the teachers Boston Pizza on the night of the teacher conference. The was a last-minute purchase using the funds in the TA Budget and with Sasha's help. That amount was just under \$300. Having voted early in the year, the current budget \$500 extra.

Chelsea suggests that pot lucks have been successful. A great opportunity for parents who can't contribute in other ways. This will be put to the agenda for May and vote in an appropriate amount.

Grade 4/5 Farewell – Julie

Discuss plans and vote on budget.

- Memory Book
- Field Trip at year end at Heritage Park and
- Tree planting at year end with an Ice Cream truck in attendance.

The Ice Cream Truck will be about \$420/tax. There would be considerations for allergens, and would like to give them a bit of a gift as a memento from the school.

Heritage Park is paid by the parents and would like Council will pay for the Ice cream truck on the same day the tree planting.

The outgoing President (Michelle) advised that Council has too much money and shouldn't be carrying this much year over year. It just requires careful planning about where the money comes from and out of what budget.

Deanna suggests a budget of \$1,000 to the Grade 4/5 Farewell.

Motioned by Melanie, seconded by Sasha. All in favour.

Amit will review (after Tax period) the establishment of a Slush fair float so that topics like this do not run into this budgeting issue. Mariana will review past-years' minutes about this issue.

Naturalization – Morgan

We are always looking for ways to improve the landscape. We now have four mature trees (tougher to damage, grow quicker) to plant and will continue a theme of using indigenous species that are hardy and survive. These trees could be planted for the outgoing grades 4/5, EES and one for Cindy (and have Cindy join) the week of June 20th the last week of school. This would cost \$1,500 (trees) and \$500 (installation). Could also be coming back to council for more funds – we should probably be prepared to do this annually as this sets a precedent and will nail down the costs for the April meeting.

Fun Lunch – Maureen

Discussion regarding Thank You Gift for Out of Chaos who provided approximately 600 cookies for the Pink Shirt Day event and accommodated gluten free.

Mariana motions for a \$50 G/C and Spirit Wear Water Bottle; seconded by Deanna. All in favour, motion passed. Mariana will work with Maureen on this.

Kinder Snack, Fun Snack, Fun Lunch are delineated now. The Google Calendar is updated.

We are in need of more volunteers. The SignUp Genius has been updated. We now have spaces for 2-volunteers per class. I've also changed the requested start time for volunteers the Fun Lunches to 10:45am. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094CA4AF2EA3FB6-tuscany3>

Reminder: if your child is absent on any Fun Lunch or Treat Day, make arrangements for their order to be picked up that day. Anything not picked up will be disposed of at the end of the school day.

\$500 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant Money – Mariana

This new grant provides funding to school authorities for each school in order to support school councils fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement and engagement. It's a limited use prepaid card with very specific rules around how it is used. Mariana will meet with TMC, Bowness and Eric Harvey to discuss spending and will report back.

Principals Report

Painting is ahead of schedule and has started. The new lighter colour looks great and brightens the space.

Spring Break is around the corner.

Asking Council to fundraise for a lateral climbing wall \$25-30K. This is the type of wall where you climb sideways rather than up towards the ceiling. Waiting to meet with the project manager. Asking Council to fundraise for updated seating for the gathering space, so that it could be intentionally used for the students to gather. Currently, there are mismatched chairs and random tables that are being stored in the area. Met with a furniture rep and am expecting a quote \$25-30K.

Field trips are on again. Grade 1/2 s are going to Heritage Park in April. The grade 3/4/5s are going to Glenbow Ranch. Additionally, the farewell 4/5 event will be scheduled at Heritage Park. Grade 4/5 Farewell ongoing discussion to finalize details – perhaps the ice cream truck / cookies are at Heritage Park. Working with Landscaping and Facilities regarding the tree planting. During winter/spring months ice, snow, thaw and melt are a priority. My thoughts are that Naturalization and Tree planting be a separate event from Farewell as it's for the entire school.

New Business

Executive Committee Roles Update & Volunteer Opportunities

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: [Library Volunteers](#) - Tuscany School Learning Commons is in need of daily volunteers to assist with shelving books, updating displays and other various tasks that arise.

Link: [Reading in French Volunteers](#) - Thank you so much in advance for helping to make our children's reading experience that much richer!

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, April 14, 2022 at 6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.



Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting (TSES)

March 17, 2022 at 7:30pm

- Via ZOOM -

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 8:32pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion for approval by Melanie. Seconded by Melanie.

Approval of the February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Melanie.

Updates

Budget - *Deanna*

We currently have \$6,705.50 in the General account. 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.

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	\$0
Any of the above	\$1,725.00	-\$476.27	\$1,248.73
Total Amount	\$2,585.00	-\$493.27	\$2,091.73

We will continue to work closely with Patrick on spending one-time donations and planning on clearing casino funds.

In the update last month, I made an error putting the balance before two cheques: \$1,000 for Saa'kokoto; and, \$386.08 for musical instruments. They have cleared. The Casino account balance is currently \$23,515.36

Our request for a retention of casino funds has been approved. Our extension is approved until January 24, 2023.

Here is a breakdown of where funds have been spent so far.

Casino Account Budget 2020-2021		
Description Of item	Budget	Actual Expenses
2021-2022 Budget Items		
Artist In Residence	-\$7,000.00	-\$2,845.72
Artist in Residence- Saa'kokato	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Educational Equipment - Volleyball Equipment & Curling	-\$7,000.00	--
Artist in Residence - Carnaval	-\$2,500.00	-\$483.85
Educational Equipment - Fish wall	-\$2,000.00	--
Resource Materials and Supplies- Library	-\$3,000.00	-\$1,911.91
Visual Journals	-\$2,400.00	-\$2,426.97
Words, Words, Words	-\$500.00	-\$515.62
Insurance for 2021-2022	-\$865.00	-\$865.00
Educational Equipment - Musical Instruments-	-\$500.00	-\$386.08
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	-\$7,166.61
Educational Equipment - Hand writing without tears-	-\$3,638.70	-\$3,638.70
Allotted amount to hold in account	-\$5,000.00	--
TU4HL	-\$1,500.00	--
Total Wishlist	-\$51,659.01	

The school has also asked if we could cover Early literacy decodable texts (resource materials and supplies) for \$3451.89. Can I get a motion to approve this expense?

Motioned by: Maureen

Seconded by: Marty

All in favour, motion passed.

Casino - Carrie

The casino date is in the summer: Elbow River Casino for August 7 and 8. We'll have to get the date out before the school year ends.

This is Deanna's last year in the Treasurer's Role for the TSES. The TSES is now actively seeking a new person in this role and Deanna will be around to shadow for next year. If you are that someone or know someone, please let Mariana or Deanna know.

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Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Yeil, Shaun H, Maureen, Afraa, Sasha, Ave Z., Colleen G., Dannielle M., Deanna H., Eli B., Helen H., Patrick., Mariana, Holly, Kristal M., Mike F., Steven G., Dara K., Geordie M., Janice J., Samantha., Karen., Amit S., Morgan K., Laura D., Melanie G., Lesley., Jennifer., Jenn., Karisa., Julie., Chelsea Broos., Brooke N., Darine W., Emma C., Fabian & Marci., Haley., Julie., Kate., Tanya P., Lisa., Nicole., Tyla., Sasha., Shaz