



Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society Meeting (TSES)
October 14, 2021 at 6:30pm
- Via Zoom -

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion for approval by Melanie and seconded by Maureen.

Approval of the September 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion from Maureen, seconded by Melanie.

Updates

Budget – School Wishlist Vote

We currently have \$4076.13 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
- \$2061.55 Company Donations
- \$1765.00 carry over from a previous GIC.

Deanna has tallied up all the one-time donations for this year and we were able to raise \$2435.00. We still have a couple more parents who have reached out and are sending theirs in as well. Thank you to everyone who donated to the TSES we really appreciate your donation. Deanna will be completing tax receipts within the next couple months. Here is a breakdown in how funds were allocated based on donation receipt.

Donation Designation	Allotted Amount 2021-2022
Home Reading	\$307.50
Technology	\$262.50

Arts	\$240.00
General Enhancements	\$0.00
Any of the above	\$1,625.00
Total Amount	\$ 2,435.00

The Casino account is at \$48,709.28. I have issued a cheque for Handwriting Without Tears for \$3638.70 and another cheque for our insurance for \$865.00 which was an increase of \$20.00 this year. After cheques clear we will have \$44,205.58. We have been working closely with the admin team on a wish list for Casino funds as we need to clear funds by February. They have come up with some amazing ideas and needs for the school that we will need to vote on tonight.

Anything in Yellow needs to be voted on. We did have to issue the cheque for insurance as our current policy was expiring and needed to be renewed application was completed and payment sent. It has not cleared account yet. It is showing an overage under funds remaining to spend however those are items we will be paying for from the \$5000.00 carry over we need to hold to pay for casino advisors. I will closely track the funds being spent and work with Carrie on when our next casino date is. If we need to apply for an extension through AGLC I will do so.

Description Of item	Budget	Actual Expenses
2021-2022 Budget Items		
Artist In Residency – Karen	-\$7,000.00	
Artist in Residence - Saa'kokato	-\$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	
Visual Journals	-\$2,400.00	
Words, Words, Words	-\$500.00	

Insurance for 2021-2022	-\$865.00	-\$865.00
Musical Instruments - Educational Equipment	-\$500.00	
French Immersion resource materials/supplies	-\$3,500.00	
Educational equipment/technology - two-way radios	-\$2,900.00	
Artist in Residency - 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 (Teaming Up for Health Learning)	-\$1,500.00	
Total Wishlist	-\$51,659.01	
Starting Account Balance	\$48,708.06	
Total of Wishlist Items (including 5000.00 in holding)	-\$51,659.01	-\$4,503.70
Funds Remaining- budgeted items to come from 5000.00	-\$2,950.95	
Remainder of 5000.00 to spend	\$2,049.05	
Alien in Line	-\$5,283.20	-\$5,283.20
School has credit sitting in account due to covid		

Judith: a local artist living in Rocky Ridge and personally works with different theatre companies doing artists in residency - would love to share information with companies that she works for if there is interest from the School and Council, who might not know of other possibilities in the future. If that is of interest to the community.

Patrick: thank you and interested – will connect with Judith (Judith to email)

Approval of Budget – School Wishlist Vote

Motion for approval by Maureen and seconded by Jennifer.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.



Minutes

Tuscany School Council Meeting
October 14, 2021 at 7:00pm
- Via Zoom -

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:54pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion for approval by Deanna and seconded by Sasha.

Approval of the September 9, 2021 Meeting

Minutes Motion from Maureen, seconded by Julie.

Committee Updates

Treasurer- Update & Expense Form (Amit)

Terry Fox Run - Update

Mariana: Thanks to everybody who participated and helped out. \$1300 was raised from the Terry Fox Run. Chelsea Broos was fabulous for getting donations, working with Sobey's and worked with TMC. We paid \$252.14 in getting snacks and waters and a lot of that was through Dana at Sobey's – huge success and thank you Chelsea and Milan for delivering it.

Chelsea: Support Tuscany Sobey's! – they are always so helpful.

Patrick: Thanks to families for participating and sending in toonies - and it was a great event and seeing the kids participate and have fun was rewarding.

Great job Patrick for running out the whole 2-hours in the afternoon – non stop!

Fundraising – BC Apples Update

The apple fundraiser was a smashing success. We sold 504 boxes! We are still waiting on a final invoice from Davison's but we are expecting roughly around \$5000 in profit on this fundraiser.

Big congratulations to Sawyer Broos, who sold a whopping 38 boxes! Sawyer wins a Davison's orchards t-shirt that will be available at the time of apple pick up. Pick-up is October 21st between 4-6. If someone wants to help with pick up and volunteer, please reach out. Many thanks in advance for all your support.

Special Events - Fall Social Proposal & Vote

Mariana: Chelsea Baxter and Karisa have been talking about the Fall Social and coming up with ideas during uncertain Covid times. After the Welcome Signs, we are now looking at Halloween. Two brainstormed ideas include a) for Halloween, a flashlight Friday reading; and, b) giving the teacher funds from council to do something social IN the class.

Chelsea Baxter: Flashlight Fridays promotes reading, fun. Knowing that we can't gather in the school our big hope would be for year end BBQ outside (as a school wide event) Morale boosting, and engaging. We don't want to put this ON teachers as another thing in their list of to-dos'. Timeline would be in the autumn and document the event for social media so parents can see how the money was spent. Open ended idea. Suggested cost would be \$100 per class (24 classes). One singular event.

Patrick: I think it's a great idea. There are a number of flashlights already at the school, which came through Spirit Wear, with the Tuscany logo. Laura & Patrick went to the public library and got out Halloween books and the idea is that Laura and Patrick would go class to class.

Amit: Is the expense reimbursable? (Teachers will spend the money, then Council repays them)
Answer: Yes, and there will be a deadline (will provide optional dates) – so that the cheques are issued in one-three batches. Will also include a 10% buffer/contingency. Expense form template will be used.

Funds for the teachers, proposing \$100 per teacher (2400 from council finds) for social event in the classroom in the fall (up to Dec 1). Teachers can get assistance from council to coordinate ideas.

Karisa: it would be to the teachers and students to plan their event. This might eliminate the comparison. More than \$100 would make it more awesome – but it's more about having the event and social coming together.

Chelsea Baxter: we don't want this to be a burden to the teachers. If the feedback from the teachers is negative, we will want to come back to the drawing board. Even if just one teacher feels that way. No intention to make work for a teacher.

Motion to spend \$3000 on social celebrations within the school/individual classrooms, subject to the teacher's agreement, by Shaun, seconded by Maureen. All in favour. Motion passed.

Communications - Update

Karen: The November submission was put into the Tuscan Sun this week. Sending out an email to all the different Council coordinators to have your updates for the December edition to Karen on or before November 1.

Spirit Wear – Campaign Update

Shaun: sent out the new catalog this week. There are no flashlights and we will look to adding them to the next Spirit Wear email push. Purchases are all digital so no cash orders making it easier for tracking. Delivery will be early to mid November.

Kiss n Drop – Volunteers Needed

Chelsea Broos: I need volunteers. People forget how to use the Cluster Crossing and some are impatient and not following our guidelines. Winter is going to be real concern. The road isn't plowed very well so our two-lane road becomes 1½ and the Kiss N Drop becomes problematic.

Karisa: Can a Grade 5 student run the crossing?

Sasha: Cindy has said many times in the past that this is a complex crosswalk. Chelsea: The admin staff used to help this, but staff was needed to open doors. Chelsea could look into having admin help again. We could try it.

Mariana: previous years we used a VIP "gift"?

Chelsea: but this year we can only push VIP parking. Volunteering will only take 20 mins. It will come down to training people. A solid 14 days will help retain knowledge. I will add it to the Sign up Genius. I will also set up the Kiss N Drop signs first, then leave them to its own devices and manage the crossing and see what happens. As a trial.

Marty: up at Eric Harvey School they have a parent volunteer team that manage a two-way cross walk. With a button – and a sign. Could we develop a Cross Walk Committee? Push it on social media, looking for volunteers? Do volunteers need police check, for Cross Walk? Chelsea: Yes

Fun Lunch - Update and Volunteers Needed

Maureen: We now have 305 total registered on Healthy Hunger. That does mean they order each time but they are ordering at least once. Looking back to my list of the classes from the beginning of the year, after adding the two EES classes, which we didn't have them before – minus the kinders there are 402 – we have quite a good chunk registered.

Fun Snack - Update

Susan: we've got all the forms back. We have 86 kinders signed up. 1-person left to pay, and then will drop off the money. The only one thing I'm hesitant about is regarding allergies. Some forms are missing that information. An email was sent to the teachers to help straighten this out.

Mariana: We are not getting many subscriptions to TSC emails, from kinder parents, but if you know any kinder parents, please let them know.

Jacket Racket – October 12-November 18, Volunteer Drivers Needed

Happy to find out that Tuscany is one of their biggest supporters. We are able to donate IN the school, so drop off at the front of the school or send it with your kids. Patrick has some student leaders involved in this as learning about charity work. They've labelled the drop off boxes, decorated. We are now looking for drivers to drop those off.

CBE Liaison - Update

Sasha: There were three (3) themes from the CBE's Council of School Councils Meeting held on September 29, 2021 (virtual).

- 1) Covid: messaging from the CBE advertised heavily that the CBE meets or exceeds government health measures and will continue to do so, and they are strongly encouraging vaccination for staff and eligible students. The Covid situation is ever changing, and we anticipate their decisions will change also. For example, the reimplementation of contact tracing in schools.
- 2) Assessments: Grade 2-3 assessments completed in September and Grade 1 assessments begin in January. Results will be submitted to Alberta Education. There is \$45M in targeted provincial funding for students struggling with reading and mathematics.
- 3) Alberta School Council Grant: The Alberta government is providing more than \$1 million directly to school councils through the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant to enhance collaboration between parents and schools on education priorities. This grant gives each school council in the province \$500 this year under a new direct funding approach.

Sasha has provided the link for the slide deck:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Documents/COSC-Presentation-20210921.pdf>

Naturalization - Update

Morgan: No update

Teacher Appreciation – Update

Sasha: We did a Flowers-to-The-Teachers. You can view those flowers/pictures that were given to staff on the Social Media accounts.

Principal's Report – Patrick Tomczyk

We are really encouraging everyone and sharing the importance of literacy. In my last email to Tuscany School families, there is a section speaking about the literacy work Laura (Devitt) has been doing.

On October 15 – IPPs will be sent home. Then on October 18th – CBE Indigenous Professional Learning Day / Non-Instructional Day – No School for students

October 25-27 – Saa'kokoto will be at Tuscany School working with kids down in the Coulee which everyone is looking forward to.

October 27th – French Immersion Parent Session 4:30-5:30: "I want to help, but it's in French! Learning to read." This will be a very informative session.

October 28 – Fun Lunch / Kindergarten Fun Snack Day. Parents are encouraged to reach out to the School Council with questions or if they would like to volunteer to assist. And, on October 29 is Pumpkinfest & Halloween Costume Day. I will be sharing more information very shortly. Any costume should be allowed, assuring it is appropriate. A reminder that a Halloween Mask is NOT a Covid Mask.

Power School rolled out for High Schools first, then through to Middle Schools and now all Elementary schools are live. The teachers/schools are mandated to use the Grading Section. You are encouraged to log in there and you will now see this information. Our teachers are required to enter information weekly, in the Grade Book. If you have questions about the marks or comments you see, please let the teacher know. We are working, towards the end of the semester, when you will all receive Report Cards.

Sasha: Regarding Power School – is the Lunch Time Supervision section corrected? Patrick: Yes, there was a delay between steps in the registration process for this payment. In the previous Principals Message Email (last week) I provided a link for parents to access tech support for Power School.

New Business

Grades 4 & 5 Farewell

This position needs filling and would be a "in the New Year" work load. Danielle nominates

Julie to the Grade 4 Farewell. Jennifer seconds. All in favour. Motion passed. Welcome Julie to the team!

Mariana: we are now looking for Grade 5 as well. Mariana will put that in an email and send out to parents. Thank you, Julie.

Social Media & Google Calendar

Mariana: David, who is on the call, brought this to attention - that there was a Google Calendar that parents could register to so Mariana reached out to Michelle (Piper Bergman (Council Chair Emeritus) and then Rahul was contacted. He is going to update this Calendar and provide a link.

Karen: In previous years, the reminders were coming up on the phone after 9am, after the days school begins – it would be better to have early reminders like at 8am.

Marana: TSC has Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts and we currently have 100 followers on Instagram. Please pass on the word to parents you know, to subscribe.

Patrick: I forgot to mention, we've come up with a digital device policy. That will be sent out again, but I made mention of it in the communication sent out. Note: theft of- and the responsibility of electronic devices is on the parent. And any inappropriate use of a phone [for social media] will result in consequences.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Attendees: Barbie W., Mariana H., Shaun H., Patrick T., Deanna H., Chelsea B., Chelsea Bx., David T., Emma C., Erin M. Jennifer, Julie, Karen, Karen, T., Karisa, Kate McG-T., Keri G., Marty K., Maureen A., Melanie G., Morgan K., Quinn & Lauren C., Sasha, Sonia M., Susan, Vanessa B., Amit S., Carrie O., Judith M., Danielle, I's., Anne S., HUM Family.