



Meeting Minutes
Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)
Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm
- In Person & Online via Teams – Tuscany School

Pre-Meeting School Photography Presentation

Tuscany School's contract with Lifetouch is up for renewal for the next school year. Ken Stewart is a local Calgary photographer. He presented information about himself for Council's consideration for photography for the 2023/24 school year.

Ken has a degree in Fine Arts, has been a photographer for over 30 years. Lots of experience with school / children photography. Ken is the only photographer, does not contract out, but as a result needs two days to complete school photos. Ken is supported by his wife. Ken provides support and products for schools, parents, and students. He strives for a relaxed environment so that children feel at ease in front of the camera. Satisfaction is guaranteed.

Can do image upload to PowerSchool, customized medic boards, custom framed wall composites. There are complimentary class photos for all students and staff. Staff receive a portrait package.

Offers a three-proof program with three poses, has a family plan (third child ½ price), does fundraisers like family photo night, panoramic photo (whole school), spring photos. Compassionate care program provides photos free of charge for families where there are financial limitations. There is safe and secure online ordering, gallery is open one year but can be archived. Several photo packages that can be customized. Ken has photo products such as cups, magnets.

Utilizes a greenscreen and up to 100 back grounds are available to choose from. Personalized products have a small extra charge. Does do retouching. Does do retakes. Does class photos and does photoshop so that everyone is looking at the camera and there is a better photo. Can provide memory books for grade 4/5/6

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:44PM

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 7 territory, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nations, including Siksika, Piikani, 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.

Welcome

Here by hybrid.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned for approval by Quinn. Seconded by Samantha.

Approval of September 2022 Meeting Minutes



Motioned for approval by Annette. Seconded by Quinn.

Updates

Budget – Quinn (Treasurer)

Provided an update on the Halloween dance finances, an insurance update (including request for additional budget), and update on the TSES bank accounts.

Halloween Dance

- Income generated of \$1,893 split by \$1,408 on ticket sales and \$485 concession sales
- Expenses totaled \$2,439 with a breakdown in the table to the right
- Two outstanding checks remain to Anna and Chelsea
- Result was a net loss of \$546 for the event. School Council will be reimbursing the TSES general account

Insurance Update

- Paid previous provider for 1 month of coverage at start of year; however, this provider is no longer insuring Councils/Societies.
- New insurance questionnaire completed and sent to Marsh; however, we've yet to receive final invoice and certificate
- Follow-up with Marsh has noted we are insured and will receive invoices when they get through their administrative delays
- In following up, Marsh notes the premiums for remainder of the year will be \$918
- We were pre-approved for \$900 in September and thus the TSES is requesting an additional \$200 budget to fund the remaining insurance when invoice comes in

Motion to approve additional \$200 for insurance to cover Marsh invoice. Motioned for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Samantha. All in favour, motion passed.

Account Update – General Account

- Account transactions during the month are primarily Halloween event driven with an adjusted balance as of yesterday of ~\$6,000
- Of note, we received two corporate donations during the month:
 - o One from Shell and TC Energy via the Benevity platform for \$134. Unsure who sponsored these donations, but thank you
 - o One from Vermilion for \$250

Account Update – Casino

- Two cheques cleared for items approved in October to Tuscany School
- Adjusted balance does not reflect additional insurance
- Follow-up with AGLC on Casino fund timing and amounts have not been returned
- Should be in by next meeting, thus TSES and admin will be ready to table budget
- If don't have money by January should just go ahead and table the budget.

Casino – Carrie (Casino Chair)



No updates. Money is coming eventually.

New Business

None

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30PM

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54PM



Meeting Minutes
Tuscany School Council (TSC)
Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm
- In Person – Tuscany School -

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:54PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned for approval by Quinn. Seconded by Annette.

Approval of September 2022 Meeting

Motioned for approval by Quinn. Seconded by Haley.

Chair Update

We have done so much already this year. There is lots more to come in the New Year. This is the last meeting for 2022. A special shoutout to the Social Committee for the amazing Halloween dance. Such a great event that built community and was a lot of fun for families. Thank you volunteers for your amazing work!

Thank you and congratulations to Maureen for an amazing Fun Lunch. Thanks to Lucie and Ciara for the great Kinder Snack. Also had Teacher Appreciation today. It was a great day.

Thank you again to all our volunteers!

Committee Updates

Chair – *Mariana*

Vice Chair – *Danielle*

Secretary – *Carissa – no updates*

Treasurer – Amit

We have \$28,277.01 in the bank right now. Have a few outstanding cheques / deposits for Chelsea, Namrata, TSES, Tuscany School donation and Promo Addict. Still have a lot of money left over. There are some minor outstanding photocopying expenses from the Apple Fundraiser. Mariana also has some outstanding expenses.

Vice Chair - Danielle

Jacket Racket is wrapping up, we had so many wonderful donations. The final delivery will be on November 18. Thank you to Samantha for handling the delivery of the donations.

Purdy's Fundraiser is going incredibly well. Halfway to our sales goal. Just over \$5000 for current sales, and \$1300 for profit. Final day to order is November 27. Have catalogues if you need a physical copy of the catalogue for family / friends. Once we have shipment confirmation, we will need volunteers for sorting. Deliveries will be no later than December 13. We have an email scheduled to go out to remind people to order. Please encourage people to look online. Will do another email close to the cutoff date.



Communications – Karen

A reminder that the January submission is due December 6. Please reach out if you have anything to add. School will not be in session when we need to send out February submission, so please look out for an email request for February submissions.

Teacher Appreciation – Sasha

Today we brought some soaps for the teachers. We are putting together another potluck for next Thursday and Friday for Parent Teacher conferences on November 24/25. We still need people to sign up to provide food for those days. Numbers are down for the potlucks compared to the past, so we want to encourage people to contribute something. This is a great opportunity for the parent community to be a part of something that is impactful to staff.

Kiss 'n Drop – Chelsea Broos (Mariana on behalf of Chelsea)

Things have been going well and we have some new volunteers which is appreciated. Big thanks volunteers!

Another reminder – please don't jaywalk!

The school will be sending out a cluster crossing email as a reminder.

Special Events – Karisa

Halloween dance went smoothly and there were no hiccups. We hit capacity so had some disappointed families. We underestimated how much help we needed from volunteers. Next year, we will open more volunteer spots, but we did have trouble getting enough volunteers this year.

Fundraising – Natalie

Finished Apple Fundraiser. Danielle took leadership of the Purdy's Fundraiser.

Next up is Read-A-Thon. Would like it to coincide with Book Fair if possible – will discuss with Patrick. Natalie asked if anyone had any suggestions for changes to Read-A-Thon. Patrick suggested that we utilize online payments as some donations got misplaced and found (at a later date) last year. Natalie is open to it but would like to offer hybrid for those who aren't comfortable with e-transfer.

Spirit Wear - Haley

Received \$250 from Promo Addict from last order. Decided to postpone next order to January / February for Pink Shirt Day. Haven't heard from parents that they are interested in anything sooner.

CBE Liaison – Sasha

Was away for meeting in October. Reviewed the PowerPoint which summarized:

- Role of trustees, administration, and school council
- Slide on new K-6 curriculum but wasn't clear on the context
- Key communique will replace other CBE communication. Only came to council, now will be available to all CBE families
- Mariana attended the meeting, it was very introductory

Naturalization – Morgan

Will put a plan together for Spring in the New Year.



Fun Lunch – Maureen

Today's lunch went well. Had a lot of new volunteers which was great! New volunteers were superstars so please come back! We received a cheque for \$250 from Papa John's for the September Fun Lunch. Still waiting on treat day and today's Fun Lunch funds. Will most likely get them in January.

Hybrid Meeting Setup - Amit

Motion by Amit to get properly set up for hybrid meetings by purchasing a microphone and possibly a webcam. Amit will try to get a Black Friday sale. Motioned by Amit to approve \$300 for meeting hardware. Seconded by Samantha. All in favour, motion passed.

Kinder Snack – Lucie & Ciara

We had Kinder Snack today. It was a success, had 90 kids participate. We made snowman popcorn bags and have received lots of positive feedback!

Grade 4/5/6 farewell – Annette

No update. Will work on farewell ideas in the New Year.

Leadership Coordinator – vacant

Principal's Update

Traffic safety continues to be a concern. Will be sending out an email, especially with respect to parking in the no stopping zone. There was a fender bender yesterday which caused a lot of issues with bus drop off. It is unfortunate that this kind of stuff is still happening.

An email was sent from the Chief Superintendent regarding flu / cold season. Please read. Tuscany School is still in outbreak status from AHS. Still trending over 10% absentee rates. Encourage students to stay home if sick. We must send kids home every day because of illness. Please keep children home if they are sick in the morning. There have been several staff absences and sub shortages due to illnesses. As a result, we won't have a Christmas or Winter assembly. We will have something else – celebration of dancing in smaller groups - likely 60-80 students and their families. A virtual option will not be offered for this as many children don't have consent for video / photo recording and sharing. December 16 will be the performance day for Grade 1-6. PM Kindergarten will be December 16. AM Kindergarten will be December 15. Details will be emailed soon. The performance lasts for ½ hour, each child will perform for 5-10 minutes

Book Fair starts this week. All info on website. Can purchase virtually or in person in the library. Can shop on the night of Parent Teacher conferences on November 24.

Parent Council will receive another \$500 this year. This is to be spent on different resources such as workshops and parent development. Needs to be spent by June 16

New curriculum implementation is going well, no concerns. The province has been generous in providing resources. Opportunity for staff development throughout the year. Quite a bit of stuff happening for the teachers with respect to this curriculum.

Asked Ken to join and give a presentation regarding photography. Ken works with lots of CBE schools and is local / independent. Lifetouch is multi-national company. Can either renew with Life Touch for one year in



Fall 2023 or try Ken. There was a lot of support for supporting local and trying someone new from Council. Please reach out if you have any other feedback with respect to the photographer.

Purdy's link has been posted on School website.

School Development plan – final cycle of a three-year cycle. Working on literacy goals. In second year of a two-year cycle for math. Continuing to build comprehension of numbers. In third year of a three-year cycle of wellness and well-being, focusing on emotional regulation and building language on expressing needs emotionally and socially. In the Spring will reset all goals on a three-year cycle. A report will be posted on the school website by the end of the month.

School Improvement results report will be shared when Alberta Ed allows it – can't share at this time as Alberta Ed has asked for a pause on the results. Will send out via email to parents.

School fees report has been posted on school website. Will go over in January meeting. There is a deficit every year as not all parents pay their fees. School council has a contingency fund to balance this off.

Laura will do a presentation on Roots of Empathy next meeting. Two classes are participating in the program - grade 3 and a grade 1/2 class. This is a program where a parent and baby come to the school to watch the baby grow and for the students to build social emotional skills. There has been positive feedback on the program.

New business

Amit asked if the school needs recorders. The school does not need recorders as they would need to be disinfected to reuse. Parents are to purchase recorders as they shouldn't be shared.

It was discussed if games were needed for indoor recess on inclement weather days – they are not needed as the school has lots of games. Patrick has indicated a need for more sleds. The school only has a few left. Canadian Tire has some for \$60. It doesn't have to be the specific ones from Canadian Tire but must be something durable as so many kids are using them. This is an idea fundraising or an idea for Council if they want to purchase. Need to purchase about 15-20 sleds. The most popular are the ones that more than one child can sit on. Council checked during the meeting and the Canadian Tire ones are now on sale for \$42.

Maureen made a motion to spend \$800 to purchase up to 18 sleds. Danielle seconded. All in favour, motion passed.

Next Meeting

Thursday January 12, 2023 at 7:00PM

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

Attendance

Online: Danielle M., Karen T., Sasha B., Melanie G., Ciara C., Lucie C., Carrie O., Karisa D., Jenn D., Natalie S., Morgan K.



In person:

Amit S., Maureen A., Mariana H., Patrick T., Haley M., Quinn C., Carissa S., Laura D.