



Meeting Minutes

Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)

Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm

- In Person & Online via Teams – Tuscany School

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:36PM

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

It has been an amazing start to the year, it's been a beautiful month. The kids are excited about the year so far.

Parents are all part of council and don't need to be on executive committee. Please feel you are part of council and please participate in voting. This is a safe space and a place to bring up concerns and discussion points. Please feel free to approach us any time. We want everyone to feel heard.

Introductions

President - *Mariana*

Vice President - *Chelsea*

Secretary - *Carissa*

Casino Chair - *Carrie*

Treasurer - *Quinn*

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Danielle.

Approval of September 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motioned for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Karen.

Updates

Budget - Quinn (Treasurer)

1. General Account as at October 12, 2022
 - Previous balance of \$3,293.61 as at August 31, 2022
 - We received \$2,600 in one-time donations which were allocated as follows:



Donation allocation

	Value (\$)
Home Reading	\$ 171.68
Technology	\$ 206.66
Arts	\$ 181.66
Gen Enhancements	\$ 125.00
Any of Above	\$ 1,915.00
Total	\$ 2,600.00

- The lone outstanding cheque to Tubby's (mini-golf) from last year's BBQ cleared in October for \$278.25.
 - Total balance as at October 12, 2022 is \$5,615.36
2. Casino account – As at October 12, 2022
- Previous balance of \$6,000.04
 - In late September we received a bill for one month of insurance as our broker is switching insurers. The one-month bill from previous provider was \$144.56 which clears the bank in October. Insurance is valid until October 31st and we are awaiting the bill and coverage for the remainder of the year based on conversations with the broker. No line of sight right now on what the bill is going to be for the next 11 months
 - Increases in premiums are to be expected and may need additional approval for funds.

General budget Update

We are currently awaiting confirmation of funds raised via the Casino during the summer. Patrick and the TSES have put together a preliminary wish list, approximately \$33,000 in funding is required and is made up of most of the same activities as prior years. We are not ready to put the budget forward for approval yet as we await funding confirmation.

There are two items that we are looking to get approval on from Council that will be included in the final budget and are part of the wish list:

- The first item for vote is \$1,000 (\$500/day) for Artist in Residence - Elder Shirley for services provided October 6th and 11th.
- The second item for vote is \$1,597.48 for Je lis! Online License and Individual school license (French Resource Materials)

Motion to approve elder Shirley fees for \$1000. Motioned for approval by Danielle. Seconded by Maureen. All in favour, motion passed

Motion to approve online license for Je lis. Motioned for approval by Melanie. Seconded by Samantha. All in favour motion passed

Casino – Carrie (Casino Chair)

No updates on casino. Should hear about the funds next month. It is too soon for numbers as quarter just ended on September 30.

New Business



None

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:44PM



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 6:45PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Annette.

Approval of September 2022 Meeting

Motioned for approval by Maureen. Seconded by Danielle.

Chair Update

It's been an amazing, successful start to the year. We have already had 3 different staff appreciation days, have Special Events working on the Halloween Dance, Kiss and Drop is underway, Communications has put out another article.

Committee Introduction & Updates

Chair – *Mariana*

Vice Chair – *Danielle*

Secretary – *Carissa*

Treasurer – Amit

In short there were mostly deposits this month and not much for spending. Spent \$581 for Welcome Week. There are a few outstanding cheques: \$540 deposits for kinder snack; apples are \$11,000. We are expecting about \$2900 profit for apples. This is a bit less than the \$5,000 that were budgeted. The online deposits are working well, and we haven't experienced any significant issues yet. Hoping to go full e-transfer for apple fundraiser next year.

Vice Chair - Danielle

We have started Jacket Racket. Please bring in gently used winter items until November 10 for up to 18 years. We have a few volunteers but need more people for driving the drop offs to the location in the South.

A parent asked if we can we combine drop offs with TMC- probably but need to coordinate.

New bulletin board at front with meet the exec with profiles and pictures. Also updating website as we go.

Teacher appreciation – Mariana (on behalf of Sasha)

We've already had several teacher and staff appreciation days

- Had first potluck for the Meet the Teacher, thanks to all for contributing. This was well received by teachers.
- Custodian workers recognition day: herbal tea, coffee and chocolate were provided as a thank you for their hard work
- World teacher day: coffee tea, hot chocolate and cookies
- Contributing apples from the apple fundraiser



We are planning potlucks or other contributions for parent teacher interviews

Dishes from the September potluck have been left so please come pick them up. Mariana will send an email reminder to pickup

Fundraising Chair - Natalie

The Apple Fundraiser was a success but not as successful as last year. There were competing fundraisers for Davison within the community. We made \$2,842 as a profit, thanks for the support. October 14 is pick-up day from 11AM-6:30PM. Anything not picked up will be donated. Great success going digital for payments and we are hoping to go fully digital going forward.

Communications - Karen

November's issue was submitted on October 6. Any submissions for December must be received by November 6.

Kiss 'n Drop - Chelsea Broos

There isn't much to update. We do have 3 new volunteers, which is very appreciated. Just one shift a month is meaningful, and we would love to have some new faces. We especially need volunteers for cold weather as drop off can be more challenging

A reminder on traffic safety - please don't jaywalk.

The Calgary Parking Authority will come to check on parking.

A volunteer is needed for next year as Chelsea will be finishing. It's an easy role and provides an invaluable service. We really need someone to step up.

Special Events - Chelsea Baxter

The next big social event is the Halloween Dance on October 27. The invites will come out on October 14. There is limited capacity so please buy early. \$10 for a family of 4. Special events asked for some additional funds for the dance. Looking to access \$1,600 in funds for the dance and other events. This will allow us to keep the \$10 price point for a family. We want to add a photo booth, and this would help pay for that. Looking for people to allow us to borrow Halloween inflatables but otherwise they may need to be purchased. The dance will have a loonie concession stand, DJ, and popcorn will be provided and included in the entry fee. There have been some community donations for prizes from Boston Pizza and the Last Straw. We don't anticipate spending the full \$1,600 but it allows us to have access to funds just in case. Remaining funds will be carried over to future events.

Motion to approve \$1,600 for special events. Motioned for approval by Chelsea Broos. Seconded by Carrie. All in favour, motion passed.

Volunteers are needed for the dance. Sign-up Genius will be up October 14.

Spirit Wear - Haley

Spirit Wear has had its first order. There were about 50 orders which should arrive the week of October 17th. We may require a few volunteers for handing out orders.



Another campaign will be done in time for delivery prior to Christmas break. We are looking for ideas of products that people want. People really like the pink shirts, t-shirts, and hoodies. Sweatpants were available this go round but they haven't been as popular.

CBE Liaison - Mariana (on behalf of Sasha)

First meeting is next week. Mariana will be attending.

Fun Lunch - Maureen

The first Fun Lunch is October 20. Order cutoff is October 14. Everything is up for the year, can order now for the whole year. There were some pricing issues with Papa John's, but they have been fixed. There is now a no sauce option for pizza. As of now, there are 356 students registered, 297 have ordered for Papa John's, 219 have ordered for Volio's. Six classes are still without volunteers, so more volunteers are appreciated. The first two treat days are fully volunteered - thank you volunteers!

A parent asked about whether location information is available for vendors to check on allergy information. Maureen will see if that information can be put on Healthy Hunger.

Kinder Snack - Lucie & Ciara

Kinder Snack forms went out electronically and hard copy. We had 83 forms come back, payments were a mixture of e-transfer and cash. The first snack will go out on October 20 and is a cute Halloween themed orange and candies. There are 95 Kindergarten children so the school will approach those that haven't signed up, so these kids don't miss out.

Naturalization - Morgan

No significant updates - will wait until Spring for new projects. A teacher is still watering the new trees because of the warm weather. Huge thanks to Ms. Batchelor for taking on that responsibility!

Grade 4/5/6 farewell - vacant

Leadership Coordinator - vacant

Principal's Update

It has been a busy and great start to the school year. We met our projected numbers of 514 students which is what we expected. Implementing new curriculum for English Language Arts, Math, Physical Education. Teachers are taking additional professional learning outside of school hours.

We took some Kids down to the Education Centre to speak to Trustees about Indigenous Education. The First Nations Stampede Princess, Sikapinakii Lowhorn will be visiting the school, dancing for the children, and telling them about her journey. Elder Shirley was here for two days sharing her knowledge, speaking about dancing, and introducing students to Lemon the Bear. Elder Shirley works with many Calgary schools and shares stories and knowledge in a fun, playful and joyful way.

Sound Kreations will be starting up next month and Alien In-line later in the year. These programs are very expensive costing over \$9,000 each. TSES covers the costs which prevents parents from having to pay a fee for these activities.

Several field trips will be occurring during the year.



Teachers have sent a wish list of what they want for the classroom / school. There is a consensus about technology being needed. We currently have two iPads per class, which is too few, and would like to ask TSES for additional iPads. Need about 20 additional iPads, costing about \$10,000. 20 is the preferred amount as it would allow the whole class for the younger grades to use iPads for activities / learning.

Big on the wish list is also the climbing wall. It is a permanent asset that will benefit the school for many years. It is a two day install.

A couple other small asks from the school is Handwriting Without Tears, for both French and English. It is a minimal expense but impacts all kids in the school.

Council and TSES is asked not to spend money on school supplies. The school receives money from the province for school supplies. If the school doesn't spend the provincial money it has to be returned so would prefer TSES and Council not to pay for supplies and instead to pay for things that have a more significant impact. We are also well stocked on school supplies.

Amit asked how long iPads last. They last about 7 years. The school has about 40 iPads and would like 20 more. Old iPads need to be returned and the Province only gives the school the current value, not the replacement cost. iPads are preferable over Chromebooks, even though Chromebooks are cheaper, because younger children lack the motor or typing skills to use a traditional laptop. The school might keep some of the old iPads instead of sending them back for evergreening.

Maureen asked about buying 10 iPads this year, 10 next year and 10 the year after so they don't all expire at once. However, the school really wants 20 at once so they can be used by an entire classroom at once.

A parent asked about if we have Apple Care. CBE does not, they have a vendor that provides support for devices.

A parent asked if we could lease i-pads. This is not an option for CBE, they must be purchased. The school must go through the technology department and procurement services which can take approximately 2 months.

A few parents asked whether swim lessons are being considered for field trips. They are not at this time because the school wants to do activities that are not accessible to most kids or are cost prohibitive for families. Some parents expressed an interest in having swim lessons be an option for field trips and the Principal will discuss this with teachers. Ideas for field trips haven't really been proposed yet.

New business

Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser

Danielle brought forward a fundraising pitch to have a Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser for Christmas which would raise funds for the General Account. This could cover costs for things such as field trips, bussing, or guest speakers on bullying or mental health issues. The funds could be used to purchase mental health related tools from teachers wish lists such as books, fidgets etc. Another, possible use of funds would be to

purchase items for inclement weather school activities such as puzzles and games, or raise money for technology. The school can receive up to 25% profit for orders over 1,000. Free shipping in Calgary. The



suggested cutoff is December 1. Danielle asked Patrick if there is a space that can be used for sorting. A large space is required and it can't be over 20 degrees. Christmas is ideal timing since many families purchase chocolates for Christmas. A family can purchase only one box and be a part of the fundraiser.

Motion to approve Purdy's fundraising campaign. Motioned for approval by Melanie. Seconded by Karen. All in favour, motion passed.

Grade 4/5/6 coordinator

Still don't have a volunteer coordinator. This position is important for the transitioning years for the kids and we still don't have a volunteer coordinator. Annette has come forward to do the position.

Motion to approve Annette as Grade 4/5/6 coordinator. Motioned by Samantha. Seconded by Amit. All in favour, motion passed.

Next Meeting

Thursday November 17, 2022 at 7:00PM

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM

Attendance

Online: Lisa, Deanna, Laura, Vanessa, Kurt, Yeil, Lisa

In person: Patrick T. Laura D., Mariana H. Maureen A., Melanie G., Angie A., Karen T., Samantha B., Annette K., Morgan K., Ciara C., Lucie D., Danielle M., Carrie O., Amit S., Debora V., Diego C., Chelsea B., Chelsea B., Quinn C., Carissa S.,