



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm**  
**- In Person – Tuscany School -**

**Call to Order & Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

**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.

**Summary of TSES and TSC**

Meeting days consist of two meetings - one for the Society and one for our School Council.

The Tuscany School Enhancement Society is formed by parents only and incorporated under the Societies Act for the purpose of raising funds for the school. This is a separate legal entity from the Tuscany School Council. Our school Principal is not part of this group. It is through the society that we are able to volunteer and fundraise through the Casino. The Society is mandated to spend money in a specific way.

The School Council exists to advise the Principal and Board of Trustees on school matters. Our Principal and at least one teacher must be a member of the school council. It is meant to enhance the well-being and effectiveness of the School, and to enrich learning experiences.

Typically, the TSES meetings are much shorter, and deal with financial matters, casino updates, and voting on how to spend the casino budget.

**Introductions**

President - *Mariana*

Vice President - *Chelsea*

Secretary – *Carissa*

Casino Chair - *Carrie*

Treasurer - *Quinn*

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motioned for approval by Sasha. Seconded by Maureen.

**Approval of June 2022 AGM Minutes**

Motioned for approval by Karen. Seconded by Maureen

**Updates**

***Budget – Quinn (Treasurer)***

TSES is a charitable entity and has two accounts:



1. General account
  - Holds funds from one-time donations, company donations, and other miscellaneous income
  - One-time donations will receive tax receipt and support home reading, technology, arts, general enhancements, or all of the above.
  - As at, August 31, 2022 the account holds \$3,293.61 and there is \$3,015.36 available due to one remaining outstanding check from the YE 2022 BBQ event. The balance consists of consists of \$964.36 of Company Donations, \$301 from tips received at the Casino in August; and \$1,750 carried over from previous GIC redemption (2016)
  
2. Casino account
  - Casino is every 18-24 months and was just held in August
  - Funds are expected to be approximately \$70,000
  - Spent over a two-year period will hold another in 18-24 months
  - Funds are required to be spent from the account every two years and can only be spent on specific categories set out by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission
  - As of August 31, 2022 the account holds \$6,000.04 of which \$5,000 has been carried over from the last casino and is required to be spent by January 2023. The remaining \$1,000 was from a Kinsman donation in 2022 for education equipment.

The Treasurer requested pre-approval for insurance in the amount of \$900. Previous policy from Oct 2021-Oct 2022 was \$865 and the approval should cover premium increases.

Motioned for approval by Danielle for insurance covering October 2022 to October 2023. Seconded by Chelsea Broos

*Preliminary Budget for 2022-2023*

Description Of item	Casino Account Preliminary Budget 2022 - 2023		
	Budget	Actual Expenses	Remaining
<b>2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Items</b>			
Artist In Residency	-\$7,000.00		
Artist in Residence - Sakokato	-\$1,500.00		
Artist in Residence - Carnaval	-\$2,500.00		
Educational Equipment (volleyball pads, posts, nets, curling)	-\$7,000.00		
Resource Materials and Supplies - Library	-\$5,795.95		
Visual Journals	-\$2,400.00		
Words, Words, Words	-\$500.00		
Insurance for 2022 - 2023	-\$900.00		
Musical Instruments - Educational Equipment	-\$500.00		
French Immersion resource materials/supplies	-\$3,500.00		
Educational equipment / technology- two way radios	-\$2,900.00		
Sound Creations	-\$7,855.31		
Hand writing without tears - Educational Equipment	-\$3,638.70		
Alien Inline	-\$5,500.00		
<b>Alotted Amount to hold in account **</b>	<b>-\$5,000.00</b>		
<b>Total wishlist</b>	<b>-\$56,489.96</b>		
Starting Account Balance	\$6,000.00		
Estimated Casino Revenues	\$70,000.00		
Balance remaining in account - June 30, 2023	\$19,510.04		
<b>** We need to have funds cleared by February</b>			



**Casino – Carrie (Casino Chair)**

TSES is allotted a casino slot every 18-24 months. It has been three years since the last casino because of Covid. The Casino was completed in August and all positions were successfully filled. The funds received are based on a quarterly average. The quarter ends on September 30, so we don't know the amount yet. Casino funds make a big difference to the school.

**New Business**

None

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:30pm

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuscany School Council (TSC)**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm**  
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**Call to Order & Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 7:24

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motioned for approval by Danielle. Seconded by Natalie.

**Approval of June 2022 AGM Minutes**

Motioned for approval by Danielle. Seconded by Maureen.

**Summary of Council**

School Council comprises the Principal, Assistant Principal, Teachers, and Parents/Guardians who are committed to advancing the well-being and effectiveness of the school and enriching our children's experiences at school.

**Committee Introduction & Updates**

Chair – *Mariana*

Vice Chair – *Danielle*

Secretary – *Carissa*

Treasurer – *Amit*

There has not been much movement in the budget. Last year it was made to net zero. We are projecting about \$30,000 in income and \$16,000 in expenses. The \$25,655 in the bank is carry forward from the Covid school years. The goal during the course of this year is to spend this money.

One change to our banking that was completed is e-transfer for fundraisers such . The email for e-transfer [tuscanystudentcounciltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:tuscanystudentcounciltreasurer@gmail.com)

E-transfer will be an option for the apple fundraiser. Transfers will auto deposit, no security question is required



Preliminary Budget for 2022-2023

Tuscany School Council 2022-2023

INCOME-2022-23			
Main Fundraisers	Income	Expense	Estimated Profit
Apple Fundraiser	\$17,330.20	\$12,210.19	\$5,120.01
Read A Thon	\$10,242.32	\$1,137.66	\$9,104.66
Gift Certs sobeys			
Healthy Hunger (Fun Lunch/Treat Day)	\$2,439.75	\$100.00	\$2,339.75
Misc Donation			
Interest	\$1.95		\$1.95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$30,014.22</b>	<b>\$13,447.85</b>	<b>\$16,566.37</b>

Projects			
Promo Addict (Spirit Wear)	\$ 423.71	\$ 350.00	\$73.71
Memory Book (Farewell Grade 4/5/6)	\$ 983.60	\$ 1,154.70	-\$171.10
Kinder snack	\$ 930.00	\$ 930.00	\$0.00
			<b>-\$97.39</b>

\$200 Loss is due to sch

Flow Through	Income	Expense	Profit (Loss)
Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant	500	500	\$0.00

EXPENSES			
Item	Actual	Budget	Comments
Administration		300	Website, administrative materials
Banking		100	
Family Fee Support		2,000	Help school with unpaid school fees Field trip???
Promotion & Appreciation		1,000	Stickers (\$200), Thank you cards (\$100), Volunteer Banner (\$200), gift c
Folders		350	
Teacher Appreciation		1,500	
Naturalization		2,000	Green drop etc
Parent Education		300	Contributions towards Tuscany Community Coalition
Wish List		700	TBD
Kiss & Drop		250	Volunteer Incentive
Special Events		500	Cancellation fee (Need clarification)
Welcome week	252	1,200	Yard Signs and Refreshments
Terry Fox		300	Snacks & Drinks
Jacket Racket Lost and Found		300	Photocopying, boxes, etc.
Kinder Open House		200	Photocopying, ie. water bottles or crayons
Farewell		1,000	Legacy Project, gifts, decor, etc
Year End BBQ		4,000	Photocopying, Events, Food, Rentals, Activities, etc.
Bike to School		500	Prizes to support this school initiative
New 5		-	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>16,500</b>	

Net Income -\$31.02

opening balance 25906.24

Community Strong  
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**\$25,655.24**

Fundraising Chair - Natalie

Two main fundraisers are planned for the year. The guiding principle for fundraising is there is a need to ask parents for money. We are not going to fundraise just for the sake of fundraising. The first fundraiser is the apple fundraiser. It's a big fundraiser for the school and will continue to be done as long as we can.



The second fundraiser is Read-A-Thon, it will happen around March. Children will ask for sponsorship to read. There are prizes for participation and for most minutes read. Will also try e-transfer for payment for this fundraiser, but hybrid will be offered.

#### Communications - *Karen*

Karen produces write-ups for the Tuscany sun and helps Mariana. Submissions need to be in for Oct 6 for November submissions

#### Kiss 'n Drop - *Chelsea*

Kiss 'n Drop is located along the bike racks on the west side of school. The purpose is to encourage safe drop off in the morning. Chelsea is looking for at least one volunteer a month. The commitment is 8:15AM-8:35AM and you get VIP parking. This is a crucial role and only takes 20 minutes to complete! Please volunteer.

#### Special Events - *Karisa & Chelsea*

The Special Events committee is hosting a Welcome Back event and is hoping to have a Halloween event in October. The Halloween event is funded through ticket sales. They also coordinate the year end BBQ.

#### Spirit Wear - *Haley*

There are two Spirit Wear orders during the school year. One with delivery in October and the other in the Spring. Kids often wear Spirit Wear on fun lunch and fun snack days. All order processing is done online and 10-15% of each order goes back to the school.

#### Fun Lunch - *Maureen*

There are fun lunch and FUNdraising treat days throughout the year for grades 1-6. Fun lunch occurs one Thursday a month every month starting in October. Fundraising treat days occur one Friday a month starting in November. Orders are completed through Healthy Hunger online. Fun lunch and FUNdraising treat days are a big fundraiser for the school. Last year approximately \$4,000 was raised.

Maureen is looking for volunteers for fun lunch and treat days. It is usually a small commitment and the kids are thrilled to see their parents / guardians.

#### Kinder Snack – *Lucie & Ciara*

Kindergarten is not able to participate in fun lunch and FUNdraising treat days due to their short school days so Kinder Snack is offered as an alternative. Kinder Snack is \$10 for the year and the kids receive 9 snacks. This not a fundraiser; the goal is to break even.

#### CBE Liaison / Teacher and Staff Appreciation - *Sasha*

The CBE Liaison attends Council of School Council meetings. Trustees and CBE administration also attend. They meet 4 times a year and discuss curriculum, protocols, budget, education plan, strategies, and report back to the parent community after the meetings. There are four meetings this year.

The goal with Teacher and Staff appreciation is to recognize teachers and staff for their hard work and contributions to the school. The committee wants to have potlucks and provide treats for the teachers for evenings that the teachers need to be at school such as parent teacher conferences, meet the teacher, and Kindergarten information session. They also want to spoil the staff 'just because' on other days. Sasha is looking for ideas from parents on how to appreciate teachers and staff.



#### Naturalization - *Morgan*

Naturalization manages projects outside on school grounds and irrigation. Trees were planted last year. This committee works with the Principal and a teacher.

#### Grade 4/5/6 farewell – *vacant*

Council is looking for a volunteer for this position and looking for legacy project ideas for departing students. The position organizes a memory book for students and organizes a farewell party. This can be done as a team so more than one volunteer is welcomed.

#### Leadership Coordinator – *vacant*

This role was created last year but has not been filled. The idea is to work with grade 4/5 students and the school to guide a leadership group for the Terry Fox run, jacket racket, and lost and found.

### **Principal's Update**

#### *Laura Devitt, Vice Principal*

Staff and students have been working on establishing routines and expectations and creating a community of belonging. Tuscany School welcomed new teachers and support staff this year. The school had a student assembly to meet all the new teachers and to communicate a message around community and belonging, being kind to self, others, and the school. Staff want to support the students and ensure they succeed. A child's teacher is the best person to address concerns or questions.

Alberta Education has asked school districts to measure literacy and numeracy assessments to evaluate the impacts of Covid-19. Different grades will be at different times of the year and will be starting soon

On September 22 there will be an opportunity for parents to come to the school and learn about their child's teacher and classroom. Parent/Teacher interviews will be on November 24/25.

Tuscany is implementing Alberta Education's new curriculum this year. We have a strong and capable group of teachers to ensure that everyone is supported. Necessary resources are in place.

In June of this year the Principal met with CBE projects and planning regarding traverse climbing walls for the gym. The estimated cost for a traverse wall in the gym is approximately \$20,000. Due to procurement lead time the school requires about four months' notice to get the project completed. A traverse climbing wall will benefit all students. It builds physical skills as well as cognitive and social-emotional skills. This investment will serve the school for years to come. The school is hoping to use casino funds for this project. It is good for mind-body connection, focus, and concentration and will be a fabulous addition to the school.

Amit presented an idea to order this wall soon and use existing TSES funds as a deposit and then use casino funds to pay for the rest or for Council to lend the money to TSES. Patrick is looking into getting a final number. Council and TSES need to look at other funds and needs before it is brought to a debate. Casino funds are earmarked for certain things.

Sakokato has semi-retired. We have been working with another Blackfoot elder to build a relationship and have them come into the school.

Laura is working with Roots of Empathy to have them come into the school. Roots of Empathy is a Canadian



Program that brings a family with a baby into the classroom to do a prescribed curriculum to build empathy with the students. Laura is a Roots of Empathy leader.

**Additional new business**

Amit inquired about sanding doors on the East end of the school.

A parent asked about whether childcare could be provided for meetings. Council is not able to provide childcare currently due to liability issues. Council will explore alternatives.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:00PM

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM

**Attendance**

Sarah M., Sergey P., Vanessa B., Sasha B., Maureen H., Dixit P., Namrata D., Jessica C., Gordon F., Angie A., Tou Y., Andrea Y., Karissa D., Samantha B., Diego C., Debora V., Lucas V., Kelly C., Kate T., Amit C., Carrie O., Chelsea B., Chelsea B., Ciara C., Danielle M., Haley M., Karen T., Lucie D., Mariana H., Maureen A., Natalie S., Quinn C., Laura D., Melanie G.