



Meeting Minutes
Tuscany School Enhancement Society (TSES)
Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm
- In Person & Online via Teams – Tuscany School

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

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 & Introductions

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motioned for approval by Danielle. Seconded by Melanie.

Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motioned for approval by Carrie. Seconded by Annette.

Updates

Casino –Carrie (Casino Chair)

No updates. Specific date for casino will be announced next month.

Evergreen Theatre Residency Presentation – Ms. Glowacki

Evergreen Theatre is a performing arts group that the school would like to have come in for a 2-week residency – every class will have 5 days of participation during the residency.

Students will engage with a team of professional theatre artists to explore concepts and questions related to science curricular topics and forms of drama and movement. The work will evolve in response to student ideas. Students create the theatre performance as a class, but all connect for the performance. There will be an evening performance for families to watch.

Focus will be on ongoing work with our land-based learning with our Elders. Questions students will explore:

- How do we engage with the land to care and protect the land?
- What are our responsibilities to the land as members of the community?
- How can we continue to stay meaningfully connected to the land?

Student driven:

- Share ideas and make connections to curriculum
- Developing and deciding on story, characters, choreography, sound / music
- Engage in drama movement activities to support further learning in the classroom



Collaborative work with students, teachers, and artists

Residency booked last week of January (English program) and first week of February (French Immersion Program). Will make every effort to have French artists. Schedule is 5 days with 5th day being the day of performance. Also get to do performance for peers.

Get two free performances for students by the Evergreen Theatre Company on March 11 (AM and PM shows).

Cost is \$18,298 which includes 2 weeks residency and 2 touring show performances. Approximately \$35 per student. Significant cost – however great opportunity. Drama is a powerful way to learn and a great opportunity for the school. Asking for help to offset the cost.

Budget – Quinn (Treasurer)

Bank balances

- In the general account, we currently hold a bank balance \$11,603.67. So far, we have received \$2,815 in one-time donations.

The breakdown of balance that funds can be spent on is as follows and will be discussed further while presenting the budget:

Funds	
GIC	1,750.00
Tips	324.00
One-time donations	4,075.00
Corp donations	3,994.67
Total Anything funding	10,143.67
Home reading	371.68
Technology	676.66
Arts	286.66
General enhancements	125.00
Total	11,603.67

- In the Casino account, we currently hold a balance of balance of \$44,532.39



General Account			
Opening Balance - September 14, 2023			8,044.62
Benevity	Corporate Donation		744.00
Donations	One-time donations		2,345.00
Donations	One-time donations		470.00
ConnectFirst	Deposit Interest	9/30/2023	0.05
Bank Balance - October 12, 2023			11,603.67
Casino Account			
Opening Balance - September 14, 2023			44,532.03
ConnectFirst	Deposit Interest	30-Sep-23	0.36
Bank Balance - October 12, 2023			44,532.39

Budget update

We worked with Patrick and Laura to come up with a budget that was similar to past programs. Overall, we are requesting a budget of \$35,787 for the 2023/24 school year.

- There are two new items in the budget this year one being Evergreen Theatre which was discussed earlier to which the TSES would like to decrease the overall burden and is requesting \$12,000. The other item is digital stage piano for the music room requested in the previous meeting by Mr. Chapman which has an estimated maximum cost of \$2,500. The school is not planning on having Sound Creations back and thus the estimated \$9,000 spent on that in previous years would help cover these items.
- Other items on the wish list/budget for the year are:
 - Elder Shirley visits again, budgeted for \$7,250
 - French Immersion resources for \$1,250
 - Alien Inline for \$7,665



- Fish wall maintenance and supplies - \$500
- Je Lis Subscription - \$1,622; and
- Contingency for only approved budgeted items of \$1,500

Finally, please note that insurance spend is being requested to have an additional \$300 as premiums are increasing due to event size for the BBQ which was previously not contemplated by our insurer. Overall, if all funds were spent, we would be left with \$7,700 to start the 2024/25 school year. This amount may be higher if costs come in lower than anticipated for a couple of the items. The carry forward would be within rules to spend casino funds within 36 months of receipt. Further, we will continue to work with administration to see if any other programs could be funded and make a special budget request if this is the case.

As noted earlier in the bank balance update, we hold \$11,604 in the general account made up mostly of one-time donations, corporate donations, and an old GIC redemption. We are proposing to spend a sizeable amount of this cash during the year and requesting \$9,300 of the amounts allocated to “anything” funding for new musical instruments deemed high priority by Mr. Chapman and as discussed in the last meeting. We are looking to fund the expansion of the xylophones, including stands, as well as expanding the range for both the contrabass bars and the tone chimes. The estimated request is on the higher end of the range put forth by administration.

Further, we'll look to allocate the money for reading, technology, arts, and general enhancements as follows:

- We have \$371.68 for home reading and Danielle has priced out two box sets of the Wings of Fire series for \$350. The school only has one set of the books, and they are quite popular amongst the students.
- We have \$677 for technology of which we have allocated \$410 for headsets, audio splitters, and 2 apple adaptors. The remainder will be allocated to other items throughout the year.
- Finally, we have \$287 and \$125 for arts and general enhancements and will work to spend this during the year based on requests from administration or carry it forward to next year.

Overall, the request will be for \$10,760 and would leave us with \$844 remaining in the general account based on today's balance; however, we are expecting approximately \$2,000 to come in from corporate donations and any straggling one-time donations.



Casino Account Budget 2023-2024				
Description Of item				
2023-2024 Budget Items	Budget	Actual Expenses	Remaining	Comments
Artist in Residence (Breakdown below)				
Elder Shirley / Dancing	7,250.00		7,250.00	
Evergreen Theatre	12,000.00		12,000.00	
Insurance for 2022/2023	1,500.00		1,500.00	Pre-approved at September Council - request extra \$300
French Immersion resource materials/supplies	1,250.00		1,250.00	
Alien In-line	7,665.00		7,665.00	
Fish Wall - Maintenance/Supplies	500.00		500.00	
Digital Stage Piano	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Je Lis	1,622.20		1,622.20	
Contingency	1,500.00		1,500.00	Supplement any of the above if low
Total wishlist	35,787.20	0.00	35,787.20	
Casino Account - October Balance	43,532.39			
Balance EOY	7,745.19	Could fund 24/25 early programs		

Motion to approve Casino account proposed budget for 2023/24 year made by Maureen. Seconded by Danielle. All in favour, motion passed.

Motion to approve General account budget for 2023/24 year made by Maureen. Seconded by Natasha. All in favour, motion passed.

New Business – Items for Next Month’s Agenda

None

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 6:30PM

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM



Meeting Minutes
Tuscany School Council (TSC)
Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm
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Committee Introductions & Updates

Chair – Mariana

Thank you to volunteers. Volunteers are imperative to everything we do. You are so appreciated!

Tuscany Community Coalition

- Created to connect schools, councils, community association
- It's a great way to share ideas and connect communities
- One thing they do is Nod to Neighbour
- Decided to do a pumpkin carving contest this year – submit a picture to Tuscany Community Coalition of your pumpkins for a chance to win a Prize
- Lighting of the Christmas tree – Christmas tree by St. Basil. Neighbours all decorate it. On November 25th are trying to light the tree in Tuscany. Looking for funding from the community to light the tree.

Last year we pooled \$500 grant money with TMC, Bowness and Eric Harvie. We purchased Jody Carrington video and purchased books for parent library. Also purchased two presentations both online and in person with Allan Donsky. His presentation is going to be on November 30 in our gym. Capped at 436 people.

Vice Chair – Danielle

Updates:

- Launching jacket racket tonight. Looking for more people to drop offs.
- Launched Kiss N Drop safety moose colouring contest. Still looking for Kiss N Drop coordinator.
- Had some concerns from a parent regarding Fun Lunch. Working with Fun Lunch team and parent on other options.
- Purdy's Fundraiser is back. Launching November 1st, will go all month until the 26th. Pickup will be in December.

Secretary – Carissa

No updates

Treasurer – Amit



Have some outstanding cheques.

October 2023 Council budget update

Tuscany School Council 2023-2024				
INCOME-2023-24				
Main Fundraisers	Estimated Profit - based on last year	Income	Expenses	Actual Profit
Apple Fundraiser (September)	\$2,948.01	15,575.00		
Purdys' Chocolates (December)	\$4,571.82	-		
Read-a-thon (March/April)	\$7,197.85	-		
Healthy Hunger (Ongoing)	\$3,919.98	-		
Spirit Wear		-		
Interest	\$2.40	0.23		
Total:	\$18,640.06	\$15,575.23	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Projects		Income	Expenses	
Kinder snack		750.00		
Memory Book (Farewell Grade 4/5/6)		-		
Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant		-		
Halloween Dance		1,713.00		
Year End BBQ		-		
Committees:	Description	Anticipated Expense	Spent To Date	Remaining
Chair	Website, Team Snaps, Administration	\$600	0	\$600
Vice Chair	Vice Chair	\$0	0	\$0
Treasurer	Banking Fees/Cheques	\$100	0	\$100
Secretary	No anticipated Expenses	\$0	0	\$0
Fundraising	Photocopying, Prizes for Read-a-thon	\$1,500	0	\$1,500
Communications	No anticipated Expenses	\$0	0	\$0
CBE Liaison	No anticipated Expenses	\$0	0	\$0
Spirit Wear	Spirit Wear	\$0	0	\$0
Social Committee			0	\$0
Welcome Week	Welcome Week	\$300	-137.5	\$143
Contingency Fee	Contingency Fee	\$500	0	\$500
Halloween Dance	Halloween Dance	\$500	0	\$500
Year End BBQ	Year End BBQ	\$4,000	0	\$4,000
Teacher Appreciation	Meet the teacher dinner, supplies, treats, gifts of appreciation	\$1,500	0	\$1,500
Kiss N Drop	Education, Promotion, Equipment	\$300	0	\$300
Naturalization	Garden Pots	\$300	0	\$300
Fun Lunch	Printing	\$100	0	\$100
Kinder Snack	Printing	\$50	0	\$50
Grade 4/5/6 Farewell	Legacy Project, Field Trip & Event	\$2,000	0	\$2,000
Other Initiatives:	Description	Anticipated Expense		
Family Fee Support	To help school pay for unpaid fees	\$1,500	0	\$1,500
Terry Fox Run	Snacks for entire school	\$300	-160.34	\$140
Parent Education Night	Contributions towards a Parent Education Night	\$300	0	\$300
Wish List	School Wish Items	\$750	0	\$750
Grocery Gift Cards for Families in Need at our school	To support Families in Need	\$1,000	0	\$1,000
Kinder Open House	Council Booth & Gifts	\$150	0	\$150
Bike to School	Prizes	\$500	0	\$500
Total:		\$16,250	-\$318	\$15,932
Select an account		39 Susan Hay	85.27	Kinder Fun Snack
Community Strong 336612621159 \$25,560.76		34 davidson	12,308.00	apples
		37 mariana	101.64	terry fox
		43 maralima	97.64	fun lunch
		44 natasha miller	617.49	Teacher appreciation
		45 Namrata Dekete	326.78	Teacher appreciation

Fundraising - Sasha & Laura

Had a successful fundraiser this year, especially because of Pears. Estimated profit will be \$3,500.

**Events Committee – Karisa & Chelsea**

Halloween Dance is the next big event. Have fire capacity restrictions. Sold out quickly. There is a waitlist for tickets. If anyone becomes aware of people who can't use tickets, please let Events team know. This event is 100 percent volunteer run and we are very short on volunteers. If you can, please volunteer!!

CBE Liaison – Kate

First meeting is October 26th.

Spirit Wear – Haley

Promo Addict shop is ready to go. Will be launched next week. Will offer Tuscany blue shirts and Dri Fit options as well as toques. Will be kept open the end of October. Delivery should be mid November. If anyone is going to Edmonton over November break and can pick up will save about \$250 in shipping.

Kinder Snack – Annette & Vanessa

Lots of interest, families are excited. First snack is October 19th.

Fun Lunch – Maureen

No updates. Cutoff for first lunch is this Friday.

Discussion regarding the vendors chosen for lunches. Papa John's is used a lot because not many vendors can support a school of our size. Papa John's is always on time and gets the orders correct. There has been issues with other vendors in the past.

Looking for someone to take over this role and ideally shadow Maureen. If don't have someone in place for April of this year, there will be no fun lunch.

Teacher Appreciation – Natasha & Namrata

Have done a few treats and a meal for the teachers. Have a few potlucks planned. Will do a coffee cart again and start a buy your teacher a coffee campaign.

Farewell – Natasha

No updates.

Communications – Karen

Will be doing submissions for Tuscany and Rocky Ridge Royal Oak.

Kiss N Drop – vacant

Still need someone – please reach out if interested.

Naturalization – vacant

Still need someone – please reach out if interested. Works with Ms. Batchelor on outdoor learning projects.

Principal's Report – Laura Devitt

Education directors are working hard to hire a principal for our school – should be announced soon and in place sometime in November.

While M. Trevor is acting as interim assistant principal, have welcomed a substitute Mme. Abbey Brown.



Hired a replacement for maternity leave for EES.

Hired new lunchroom supervisor.

Have hired a new EA for EES.

No updates on climbing wall. Will communicate as soon as possible. Confident project will go forward.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriate and in layers for the cooling weather.

Two assemblies coming up. Grade 2 French Immersion is hosting an assembly on student wellbeing. In two weeks, grade 3/4 English classes will be presenting on their learning.

New Business – Items for Next Month's Agenda

None.

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Thursday November 16, 2023, at 7:00PM

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Attendance

In-person: Quinn, Mariana, Maureen, Laura, Melanie, Namrata, Chelsea, Debra, Jessica, Haley, Carrie, Karisa, Andrea, Annette, Vanessa, Kate, Sasha, Amit, Karen, Danielle, Carissa, Ms. Devitt, Ms. Glowacki

Online: Emma, Bonnie, Samantha