

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School
School Council Minutes for Monday, April 29, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Robert Pack with the recognition statement:
Nicole, Caley, Theresa, Merridi, Wanda, Kristine, Robert, Della, Dan, Chris, Teresa Brandt

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven territory to the South of the Red Deer River.

We acknowledge and give thanks to all the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

Mission Statement: ***“École Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School is committed to educating our students in a safe, inclusive learning environment, that embraces the diversity of our students and ensures the supports are in place to reach their full potential.”***

Robert Pack welcomed everyone to our meeting.

1.0 Minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were presented for approval.

Wanda Oler moved to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting.

Carried.

2.0 No Circulation to distribute.

3.0 Dan introduced Della Ruston, Associate Superintendent, System Services - our Senior Admin Liaison - Della shared that 1.5 years ago we added a strategy to ensure that

students were transitioning well. They created a task force and identified some needs. Della shared how the transition section works on PowerSchool. We also have a Virtual Backpack on PowerSchool that has information. Next steps - they have developed a questionnaire that parents can fill out. We will answer these questions tonight and send our feedback in.

4.0 Leadership Report: Alex was unable to make the meeting, but shared her report.

1. Introduction

- a. As always leadership would love your feedback! You can email us @ ThurberRaiders@rdpsd.ab.ca.

2. Past/Continuing Events

- a. As usual, school t-shirts and scarves are being sold for \$10 in the Cafeteria Thursdays at Flex during our exec office hours
- b. We continue to use Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter (@ThurberRaiders) to inform the student body of upcoming events
- c. We are also still doing a weekly showcase of members of our leadership class on our Instagram page

- d. As mentioned at the last meeting, the rest of the school year we will be putting together a calendar for each teacher of the school showing all the events planned for the month
- e. Internal team put on Thurber's Got Talent in April.

3. Future Events

- a. Community team is planning on doing a janitor appreciation event on May 7th. This will include giving gift cards, writing thank you notes, and doing a school-wide clean up to give our thanks!
- b. Community team is also considering partnering up with Mr. Towne's environment club and/or Kerry Wood nature centre to plant trees
- c. They currently have cardboard boxes set up around the school to collect plastic bags, that project ends tomorrow.
- d. And finally they will be reaching out to local businesses to put together Exam Carts for June exams
- e. Thurber Life has interviewed students to promote the class and find out what the student body thinks leadership is. The interviews took place at flex and lunch on April 24th, 25th and 26th. We will take the footage we get from these days and put it into a promo video!
- f. Dodgeball intramurals began last week and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday at lunch
- g. Internal team's final Pep Rally will take place on June 10th and it will host the dodgeball intramural finals

5.0 Dan Lower had us give feedback on Della's transition questionnaire.

Dan shared that after collecting feedback from staff - there will not be a new LT Flex schedule. Enrollment Numbers - Dan shared how he comes up with the projected enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year.

Dan shared his Staffing update. We have five staff retiring, 3 returning from leave, 2 transferring in, and we will be hiring 3-4 more teachers. Staffing F.T.E. will be 92.5 up from 88.5.

Learning Commons update - two of three staff have changed over in the last month. We have hired two library science majors, Jill Bryar has been hired for 20 hours a week and will work in our makerspace area and former LTCHS grad and Grant MacEwan grad, Alayne Baggaley has been hired full time. We have many things happening in the Learning Commons. We are running E-sports teams, tabletop board and games club on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school, two classes per period are booked in the Learning Commons. We usually have 175 students in at flex and lunch. We are getting sessions out into the classes, and recently we had a Japanese speech contest and a community services fair for our Pathways and Foundations students. We also host evening meetings, including the RAP meeting and the French exchange meeting. We are also looking at more ways to expand.

DYEversity relay update - May 14th. We are considering other ways to celebrate the diversity in our building. We have thought about maybe only having the DYEversity relay every other year. Dan asked for feedback on this idea. Feedback - if the relay is too often maybe the focus is lost, a taste of LTCHS is a good idea, get Leadership more involved in planning, Dan will share feedback on the 3 year Educational plan at our next meeting.

6.0 ASCA Report - Robert Pack will share info from the recent conference at the May meeting. There were many great sessions!

7.0 City-Wide Council Report - Kristine will share next month as the next meeting is May 7th at CS.

8.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Parents were adjourned and went to the Work Experience/RAP office and met with Renee Rudolph. She shared an explanation of the Work Experience and RAP program.