

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, April 30, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Robert Pack with the recognition statement:

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.

1.0 Minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting were presented for approval.

Jennifer Harman moved to accept the minutes.

Shannon Wyzykoski seconded.

Carried.

2.0 Correspondence file was circulated.

3.0 Dan Lower introduced Liam Lorraine a member of the Minister’s Youth Council.

Liam shared that he is a Grade 9 FRIM student. This is his first year on Council. This council gives a direct line to the Minister of Education. The Minister wants to listen to the needs and perspectives of students. There are 32 members from different backgrounds. There are three meetings over a 10 month term. This gives the Minister of Education a youth voice. Our focus has been on mental health, rural education, caring, LBGTQ. The council hopes to change the curriculum for the better. They would like to include some of these topics in CALM or Social classes. We hope to create a policy in May on these topics. Students have to reapply each year. Liam has enjoyed the informal conversations with peers and would recommend this to other students wanting to get involved. It has been a life changing experience, and he has made some amazing friendships.

Dan introduced Sara Hubert and Alisa Anderson who are involved with Healing Through The Arts. This is for students in the art program or anyone interested in sharing art at the hospital. We meet on Tuesdays in Semester 1 and Mondays in Sem 2. We spend two hours at the hospital and volunteer in recovery unit #35. We create art projects and work with patients in recovery. Over 300 art students have been involved. Sara is using this as a service project with IB. Patients have different levels of involvement. They can join in or just watch. Some patients have had strokes, car accidents, etc. and doing art is therapeutic. Sara has enjoyed getting to sit and talk with patients and hear their life stories. Sometimes they aren’t interested in talking but sometimes they talk your ear off. This has been a great way to wrap up her Grade 12 year. Alisa was quiet at first and didn’t know how to interact with patients, but has grown into being able to visit quite well and has enjoyed listening to their stories. Alisa goes quite consistently now.

Sometimes there are special events. We had a Christmas party and Sara was able to play the guitar, etc. . We have done ceramics and we bring the pieces back after they have been fired. Patients get to keep their artThe art teachers plan ahead and we can sign up for which projects

we like and would like to help out with. The Foundation for RDPDSD donates money for supplies. We have a show at the end of the year of all their work. We would like to invite you to the 14th Annual Year End Art Exhibit & Recreation featuring work created in cooperation with LTCHS Studio Arts Program and Unit 35 RDRHC on May 11th at 7pm.

4.0 Leadership Report - Kayden Wall shared that the Community team will be selling flowers in support of cancer research. The Spring Fling will be on May 31st.

Thurber Life recently had a successful CTS showcase at our pep rally and will be putting on a Week of Wonder during the week after grad. We will be having some X-games promos during lunch soon. Our X-games logo is being digitized. We are almost ready for X-games. Thurber's Got Talent was won by Elijah Chauvet, after performing for the last 4 years. Our final pep rally will be a kick off to X-games on June 11th. We will begin dodgeball intramurals soon.

5.0 School report - Dan Lower shared that he was at a Youth at Risk conference last month with 18 other LTCHS staff members and was unable to be here. This was a great event in Calgary.

Dan shared the proposed 2019/20 District School year calendar and asked for feedback to send to Central Services. Feedback: School Council support the calendar but would like to standardize the spring break with other districts.

Dan shared the enrollment numbers and how he calculates them for next year. These numbers are vital for staffing and courses.

Grade 9 - Projected 420 - Currently at 356 registrations
Grade 10 - Projected 464 - Currently at 431 registrations
Grade 11 - Projected 458 - Currently at 445 registrations
Grade 12 - Projected 388 - Currently at 381 registrations
Grade 13 - Projected 68

Dan shared future plans. We are losing one of our VP's Mr. Plastow. He has taken the Director of International Students position at our Central Services office. We are gaining Ms. Wilson who is currently the VP at Mountview. Ms Wilson is bilingual and we are looking forward to having her. We are looking at staffing of 88 FTE next year. About 1.5 more than we are currently sitting at. We have two teachers coming back from maternity leave. In May we will be working in our departments on the School Ed Goals. Dan will bring plans back to the final council meeting.

6.0 ASCA report - Robert Pack shared info from the ASCA conference. In January School Council went thru the resolutions and these were the ones brought up at the conference. The resolution regarding the Provincial standard for annual criminal record checks was a big discussion. It did not carry. Cumulative CEU cap for High School students (capped at \$150 per CEU), Supports for learning success for all students, early screening, enhanced teacher training, all three of those resolutions were carried. Resolution 1804 - Student led clubs - did not carry. The resolution on the Prism ATA tool kit carried. Ensuring healthy food at schools did not carry.

If we have any resolutions that we would like to bring forward in the future, we can advocate for those. The main theme of the weekend was positive Mental Health.

There is a transportation survey that is currently on our website.

When we asked the Minister of Education if School Boards are going to dissolve, he indicated that they will be around for quite a while. Slide presentations and resources are on the ASCA website.

Dan shared that there will be four ½ day sessions on mental health for all staff for the upcoming school year on our PD days.

7.0 City Wide Council meeting - meeting will happen next week, will update at next council meeting.

8.0 New business - School Trips

The out of country trips require District board approval, and we ask for 12 months notice and notification to parents.

9.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm