

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, Feb 26/18

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm 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 Introductions were made around the table.

2.0 Minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting were presented for approval.

Shannon Wzykoski moved to accept the minutes.

Aaron Monteleone seconded.

Carried.

3.0 No correspondence to circulate.

4.0 Leadership Report - We will be holding our 3.14 Pie day with proceeds going to the Food Bank. Thurber life was successful in selling candles. We begin planning for our week of wonder for Easter. Internal is looking after the pep rally this Friday. Bucky will be giving out candy on Wednesday. Thurbers Got Talent is on Apr 9, and auditions will be starting. We are also taking video submissions. X-games is on June 11th.

5.0 Dan Lower School report - Dan welcomed Bev Manning, our Trustee Liaison. **Dan introduced our Gr 12 VP Geannette Lehman.** Geannette shared that we have 460 Grade 12 & 13 students. Our LST team is currently updating our grad list. Grad is May 25th. Our Grad advisors are Sylvie Belzile & Renee Rudolph, parent coordinator is Danita Kellough, as well as 6 grad executive students. Our Grad Fashion show is on Apr 25th. This is a busy time with exciting things in the works. We are also working on transitioning and welcoming our incoming Gr 8's in April for an orientation. We are also going to tour our high anxiety, high risk students for their transition. We just had our Basketball extravaganza on Feb. 12th when Central's Gr 8 students joined our teams and we mixed together and gave the Grade 8's the experience of being a Raider. We advise our Gr 12's that they can come back if needed for Gr 13. We usually have about 70 Grade 13's each year.

Dan introduced our Grade 9 VP Brian Plastow. Brian shared the Tech Plan for our school. Our tech team includes Brian, Gilles Theriault, Leanne Gosse, Geannette Lehman, Keith Thomas, and Alan Towne. We want our technology to assist in presenting what we want students to know, assist in assessing what students have learned and assist when students don't understand. In other words, technology is part of our pyramid of supports and assists in our school goal of 100% completion. This year is an evergreening year. We get money from the District to update our technology. We take a look at our current inventory. Some of our

computers are 10 years old. We looked at how our computers are used. 95% of our computer use is web-based. Brian shared what was replaced this year:

Library	Dell Optiplex 3050	40	January
Lab 3301	Dell Optiplex 3050	33	Summer
Lab 3308	Dell Optiplex 3050	31	January
Lab 2311	Chromebase	37	Summer
Lab 3305	Dell Optiplex 3050	32	Summer
Lab 2601	Dell Optiplex 3050	37	January

The plan in the summer is to replace one of our labs with chrome bases. The District gives us \$180,000 to evergreen and that does 6 labs. Every 2 or three years we receive this large infusion of money from the district. We supplement the evergreening with \$40,000 from our school fund. Other acquisitions came from our classroom improvement fund. 195 Chromebooks, 3 Virtual Reality sets, 10 ereaders and a wacom tablet.

We currently have 595 Chromebooks in the school. Moving forward, we want to find new ways to use technology. Balancing replacing what we have and preparing for the future is what we are working on. We want to look at what areas we can implement technology, what is on the horizon and which future technologies will be effective at LTCHS.

Dan Lower shared - High School Completion and Transitions information

1. High School Completion and Transitions information - Semester 1 success

We've changed the way we do things. Every single student in our building is monitored - academic success, mental health, and attendance. Teachers are the frontline and most responsible for the success of their students. Learning Support Teams aid in the monitoring of students and provide support upon request or where they feel it's needed.

Results are in:

Grade 9 students

2061 of our 2179 courses passed = 94.6% passing rate

118 of 2179 courses failed = 5.4% failing rate

Trends

7.6% (9) courses failed by ELL students, 25% (33) courses failed by FNMI students

34 of 118 failures (39%) were by students who had 90% or better attendance

26/118 (24%) - Core 9

24/118 (20%) - Math

17/118 (14%) - PE

11/118 (9%) - Science

11/118 (9%) - Social Studies

Gr 10 Students

Non CTS Courses

1427 of 1489 courses passed - 95.8% passing rate

62 of 1489 courses failed = 4.16% failing rate

Trends

14.5 (9) courses failed by ELL students. 24% (15) courses failed by FNMI students

20 of 62 failures (32%) were by students who had 90% or better attendance

31/62 (50%) - Math

9/62 (14.5%) - Social Studies

8/62 (12.9%) - Science

5/62 (8%) - English

Gr 11 Students

Non CTS Courses

1260 of 1317 courses passed = 95.7% passing rate

57 of 1317 courses failed = 4.32% failing rate

Trends

12.2% (7) courses failed by ELL students. 21% (12) courses failed by FNMI students

13 of 57 failures (22%) were by students who had 90% or better attendance

18/57 (31.5%) - Math

12/57 (21%) - English

10/57 (17.5%) - Science

Grade 12 Students

Non CTS Courses

1062 of 1133 courses passed = 93.7% passing rates

71 of 1133 courses failed = 6.26% failing rate

Trends

25.3% (21) courses failed by ELL students 11.2 % (8) courses failed by FNMI students

18 of 72 failures (25%) were by students who had 90% or better attendance

17/71 (23.9%) - Math

17/71 (23.9%) - Science

12/71 (16.9%) - English

8/71 (11.2%) - Social

10 students who were passing a diploma course before the exam ended up failing and 2 students who were failing a diploma course before the exam ended up passing the course.

Grade 13 Students

Non CTS Courses

86 of 103 courses passed = 83.4% passing rate

17 of 103 courses failed = 16.5% failing rate

Trends

29.4% (5) courses failed b ELL students. 5.8% (1) courses failed by FNMI students

2 of 17 failures (11.7%) were by students who had 90% or better attendance.

7/17 (41.1%) - Math

5/17 (29.4%) - English

3/17 (17.6%) - Science

“If you focus on results, you will never change. If you focus on change, you will get results.”

Jack Dixon

2. High School Completion & Transitions - planning for the future

Connections for Grade 9

- myblueprint.ca
- learning styles
- teaching the diploma requirements
- choosing courses
- inviting parents in April to be part of registration process at school

Connections for Grade 10

- check in on first semester success
- do you remember?
- adjust MyBlueprint plan for courses next year
- register through Connections April 3-13

Connections for Grade 11

- semester check in
- create occupation profiles
- adjust MyBlueprint plan for next years courses to meet requirements for Grad & Occupation

Dan shared a handout on how to access your child's MyBluePrint information

Our plan - Next year each of our Grade 12's will have a plan/idea for what they will be doing beyond graduation. No more - I haven't got a clue.

3. Learning Commons Update - it just keeps getting better

Technology updates from our evergreening, running flex sessions using Virtual Reality sets, new chairs voted on by students, flex is super busy in here - at capacity by 10:00am, E-sports team started this year, blind date with a book promotion, freedom to read week, Admin team from Bishop Caroll High School in Calgary came and walked through our Learning Commons to see what we are doing.

6.0 ASCA report - Robert Pack shared information on the Minister's Youth Council. Go to the asca website if you have a student that is interested. There are also Indigenous student awards as well.

7.0 City Wide Council meeting - Jennifer Harman shared that there has not been a meeting yet, but everyone is welcome to attend the City Wide meeting on March 6th at Central Middle School. Please RSVP to Jennifer.

8.0 New business - Discussion on cost of student events

Robert Pack shared that there is some concern about the cost involved of upcoming trips being shared with parents at a last minute time frame. How can this be addressed? The concern was with the CIG - Canadian Improv Games - this has been a last minute cost. Our Business Manager and Geannette Lehman are going to sit down and discuss how to help this. Dan shared that we will have the Farmers Market for at least one more year as a fundraising opportunity for students.

9.0 Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm