

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, Jan 29/18

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm 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 Nov 27, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

Wanda Oler moved to accept the minutes.

Aaron Monteleone seconded.

Carried.

3.0 No correspondence to circulate.

4.0 No new business.

5.0 Dan Lower introduced Anastasia Ilnytska - Anastasia shared her experiences with Junior Achievement. She shared a video and information about Junior Achievement. Their focus is teamwork, business, how to incorporate your ideas, financial strategies, what to do if business fails, etc. If anyone is interested please come out. JA has teamed up with the Donald School of Business. There are three teams in Red Deer and they are in a competition. Anastasia's team came up with the S-box idea. They have 14 people in their team. They collected coffee samples from three local businesses and are selling this with the theme “local is best”. The idea of the coffee sample box came from a desire to bring new ideas and locations to people. The S-box is giving 25% of their profits to support Home of Hope, 25% to the Donald School of business and 50% will go back to the team. The “S-box” name came from the idea of a “sample box”. They may expand into other ideas in the future. Their mentors come from the Donald School of Business. This program also gives them work experience credits. After graduation, Anastasia wants to go into the Bachelor of Science program and become an architect. Anastasia will leave a sign up sheet with School Council.

6.0 Dan Lower introduced Jamie Rawlusyk our Grade 10 Vice-Principal. Jamie is a Thurber Grad. He has his doctorate in Science. Some of Jamie's roles and responsibilities are to liaise with the Math and Fine Arts departments, coordinate our Connections program, coordinate our Parent/Teacher evenings, organizing our exams and the 1016 exam accommodations, as well as looking after our bus fleet. Jamie shared that the exams this semester have been difficult, the wrinkle with the extra time accommodation has been finding locations for the students.

7.0 Leadership Report - Kayden Wall shared that Thurber life is selling Valentine "bee-nificent candles". They will do the paper hearts in the hallways again. They are getting ready for "Thurber's Got Talent". The Community team had successful senior home visits. They found that less seniors were out. They may switch to a different home in the future.

8.0 Dan Lower School report - Dan shared that three new teachers have been added for second semester. This has allowed us to keep the class size smaller. We hired really good teachers, but the volume of applicants was down.

LST's are reporting cool successes - we have been keeping data that will help us see how many students are being successful as they move from Grade 9 to 10.

Dan shared the results of the LT-Flex survey from students and the results from the parents. Copy of results attached. Next steps:

- a) How can we tidy up things to try to honor requests of students and parents?
- b) Start the semester with a consistent message to students about LT-Flex.
- c) Communicate with parents the results of our survey.

9.0 ASCA report - Robert Pack shared that the Association is preparing resolutions for their upcoming Annual General Meeting. Copy of resolutions attached. Each resolution was discussed and feedback given.

P18-01 Provincial standard for annual criminal record check - possibly for volunteers, but if there were any incidents with staff the Principal would be fully aware and would take action. Economically difficult.

P18-02 Cumulative CEU cap per high school student - generally speaking, we are not in favor of this cap.

P18-03 Supports for learning success for all students - agree to advocate for students, but no feedback given as we feel that our district already does many of these things.

P18-04 PRISM ATA Toolkit and Provincial Curriculum Development - we would be in favor of this resolution.

P18-05 Monitoring of school established clubs - our QSA club does not have any educational component - it is just a safe place for kids to hang out.

P18-06 Ensuring healthy food at schools for our children and youth - we currently follow the nutritional policy.

10.0 City Wide Council meeting - Jennifer Harman shared that the meeting was at Eastview Middle School. Information on the Women's Fun Run was shared. New mental health initiatives were discussed. Next meeting at Central Middle School. They would like more parents involved. The meeting is on March 6th. RSVP by the Feb 26th meeting.

12.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm