

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School
School Council Minutes for Monday, January 28, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm 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.

Robert also read our 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 November 26, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Vandy Bowyer moved to accept the minutes from the November 26, 2018 meeting. Kristine Plastow seconded the motion. Carried.

2.0 Circulation file was passed around.

3.0 Student Leadership President Alex MacLeod shared her report from leadership:

1. Introduction

- a. Leadership would like feedback from these meetings. Please share any feedback to our email (ThurberRaiders@rdpsd.ab.ca). We would like both positive and negative feedback from students, staff, and parents.

2. Past Events

- a. School T-shirts and Scarves are being sold for \$10 in the Cafeteria Tuesdays and Thursdays during Flex
- b. Leadership Remind 101 is open to everyone in the school to stay updated (rmd.at/lindsayth)
- c. We are using Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter ([@ThurberRaiders](https://www.instagram.com/ThurberRaiders)) to inform the student body of upcoming events
- d. We have been doing a weekly showcase of members of leadership on our Instagram page
- e. We have a Calendar outside of the exec office with an overview of the month
- f. Week of Winter was put on by our Thurber life team on December 17th and continued throughout the last week of school with candy grams and the Wishlist Wall!
- g. Community team put on door decorating event as a part of Week of Winter and 13 doors were decorated

- h. December's Food Friday was hot chocolate and eggnog
- i. Winter formal was on Wednesday, December 12th and it was a success!
- j. Basketball intramurals ended on January 17th

3. Future Events

- a. There is no Food Friday this month because of exams
- b. Thurber Life is finalizing plans for Week of Wonder which is March 18th-22nd
- c. Internal team is planning Thurber's Got Talent which will be held on April 15th
- d. Planning for the upcoming February 11th Pep Rally is in the works with our Internal team
- e. Community team is doing Exam Carts starting today and selling flowers during Week of Wonder March 20th-21st
- f. Community team will also be selling pies on Pi Day
- g. Women's shelter dinner for March 9th is being put on by our Community team as well
- h. Leadership encouraged other departments to showcase during our Pep rallies.

4.0 Dan Lower welcomed Nicole Buchanan our School Board Trustee Liaison. Dan also introduced our Vice-Principal of Grade 11, Jamie Rawlusyk. Jamie also graduated from Thurber.

Dan shared that there was positive feedback from the blanket exercise. Each of our Grade 10 classes will be experiencing that exercise as well in the upcoming semester.

Dan shared the LT Flex survey results. Dan did not get much in the way of feedback from students other than students would like more time to just "chill". Dan shared a Flex model proposal where we add another flex block in the afternoon, with some adjustments to the other classes. (Proposed model attached.)

Discussion followed: Like the idea of having flex in the afternoon as well, teachers could have students come twice a day, students can make up assignments or quizzes, teachers find they always have students in their class during flex, students miss when they don't have flex, majority of students are using flex well, help students to prioritize their time, concern about the transition time being tough, students are able to study and help other students.

Dan has shared this proposal with the music teachers and they will give this plan some thought as well. The Career Centre feels they will still have enough time to bring in presenters. We cannot alter our bus times, so our school day has to work within the same start and end schedule, our only way of tracking the efficacy of flex is from student surveys.

Dan will take this to Faculty Council and staff and report back to School Council before we implement anything.

Dan shared a proposal for helping students with 10% or more absences. Some schools have tied attendance to participation in Grad ceremonies, sports teams, dances, etc.

Discussion followed: parents felt that this must be communicated well if this would be a plan. Dan mentioned that verified absences are not an issue. We want to send the message that you need to be here to learn. Could there be incentives for good attendance?

5.0 ASCA Report - Robert Pack shared that the ASCA website has resources that are available.

6.0 City-Wide Council Meeting Report - Kristine Plastow shared that the meeting was at Joseph Welsh. Bruce Buruma talked about part 2 of the public engagement Thought stream. Nicole Buchanan shared the values we want students to have. Taking the thoughts of approx. the 1400 people that participated. Similar words were grouped together. Results will be taken back to the Board retreat.

There was also a presentation about ASCA. The ASCA conference is in April. LTCHS will sponsor parents to go as well.

Shari Jensen shared a presentation about the numeracy mindset. They would like to do presentations for parents as well.

7.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Dan took parents up to the Robotics lab and our robotics teacher Charlotte Hiles explained robotics.