

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, March 19, 2018

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.

Jennifer Harman moved to accept the minutes.

Aaron Monteleone seconded.

Carried.

3.0 Robert Pack introduced Zoe Kachor and Cindy Fubara. This is the first year in a lot of years that we have had the right people in place to run a cheer team and Zoe and her mom Tracey are the primary push behind this. We've asked LTCHS cheer team members Zoe and Cindy to speak to you this evening about the important role this team has come to play in our school. Cindy shared that Zoe convinced her Mom to bring back the cheer team. It has been the best thing ever. They cheer at basketball games, football games, Basketball Extravaganza, pretty much anything the school wants. They practice 2-3 times a week. They have performed at the Pep rally and will be again at the one coming up. The best part about it since we have been together is that we have built a family, if anything happens we band together. We have also become community builders - raking leaves, socks to the homeless, cheered at a cancer survivor's last treatment, dressed up as a team for DYEvercity, post it notes on lockers, trick or treated for food bank, performed at Stampede's halftime, candy canes to the mall, volunteered at Santa Run, Ronald McDonald ice cream sandwiches, walked out of the school on March 14th for the students shot, as well as many leadership events. They have 17 members and are inclusive in their cheer team members. Tracey shared that school work comes first and that they help each other stay up to date on their grades. They are a team on and off the gym floor.

Robert Pack introduced Wyatt Grainger. In his grade 9 year Wyatt was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. I'm sure it came as quite a shock for this active, focused, high achieving young man. Wyatt is here today to talk about how he has taken on the challenge of the life as a diabetic through his cycling. Wyatt shared that he is a grade 10 student. Thanks to Mr. Lower for the opportunity to speak to School Council tonight. On January 26th, 2017 I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. I am just a regular high school kid but this news changed my life. Since then, this disease has taught me a lot about adversity. Diabetes is a manageable disease. In regards to my diet I can eat whatever I want but I choose to eat well. I have a continuous glucose monitor that sends me messages every 5 minutes. I will be getting an insulin pump in the next few weeks. For exercise - I ride bikes. I googled and found a cycling team. I have

joined Team Novo Nordisk, a pro team based in Athens, Georgia. I applied to go to their camp, and received an invitation. I had access to all the team's resources and I represent the organization proudly. Locally, I belong to Juventus Cycle Club in Edmonton. I have also founded Equipe Cycle Club here in Red Deer. I am currently training hard to prepare for the upcoming season. Here at the school I compete in track and cross country running. I also joined the triathlon class. I will participate in my first spring triathlon in May. Wyatt shared that his peers and friends are OK with his disease. Sometimes his peers think it is funny. But it's just another thing that makes us all different.

4.0 No correspondence to circulate.

5.0 Leadership Report - Kayden Wall shared that we have just finished our Pep rally. In this one we included the Fine Arts department and had the West Side Story students and Improv team run thru the banner. We received a nice email from Mrs. McNiff-Wolfe thanking us for including the Fine Arts department in this pep rally. Thurber's Got Talent will be happening on April 9th. We have a lot of singers and a rhythmic gymnastic team this year. We are promoting it out in the community as well. We are working on the last details. Tickets are \$13 and are on sale at school and the door. Our X-games planning is ramping up. Community and PR had their pie sale - it went well. Thurber Life is thinking of putting on a neon clothing day to brighten the day, as well as a teacher appreciation day.

6.0 School report - Sandre Bevan shared the school report as Dan Lower is in Calgary.

Sandre shared some of the school highlights. In athletics - grade 9 girls and boys basketball finished 4th at CWAJHAA's; Junior girls finished 2nd, Junior boys finished first, senior girls and boys both were 4A zone champions (they faced stiff competition at provincials, losing their first two games and winning their third)

Fine Arts - Tara Koett did a wonderful job. We had all 7 sold out performances of West Side Story, CIG team finished second and will head to nationals after Spring Break, Music Dep't hosted their annual Snowball Dinner and Dance

FRIM - French Exchange group left Sunday for 17 days in Holland, Belgium, and France

Grad - Wakefest on Thursday, Fashion Show in April

19 Staff members at the Students at Risk Conference in Calgary this Monday and Tuesday.

Registration is the big event coming up and we actually began our trial run with our grade 11's today. Sandre shared the registration timeline. Sandre shared the 2018-19 registration course highlights for the upcoming year. Sandre walked us through the registration screen for students. If a student doesn't have the prerequisite for a class, they can make a special request. We had over 1400 special requests last year. Sandre also showed us the registration page on our website.

7.0 ASCA report - Robert Pack shared that he will have more information after the annual meeting in April.

8.0 City Wide Council meeting - Robert Pack shared that a trainer came down from Edmonton to share what should be happening at School Council meetings. This was very informative.

9.0 New business - no new business

10.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm