

## École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

### School Council Minutes for Monday, Nov. 27, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm 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 Robert Pack shared the correspondence file** and invited parents to help themselves to the newspapers within.

**2.0 Minutes of the Oct. 30, 2017** meeting were presented for approval

Jennifer Harman moved to accept the minutes.

Juan Aguilar seconded.

Carried.

**3.0 Dan Lower introduced Femi Akinola** - founding member of Model UN here at LTCHS. Ms. Young supports this club and encouraged Femi to share what she is doing in Model UN. Femi shared that Model UN is a political club discussing socio economic issues. They meet once a week and discuss what is going on in our world. They are getting ready for an upcoming Model UN conference. Femi shared that each of them are delegated a country. Last year they had the nation of Peru. They decide what kind of issues they want to talk about. One of the benefits of doing this has been an increase in her confidence. This is an important part of her student career. At the conference they dress up in formal attire, talk to other delegations about their experiences, meet new people, talk about governance, leadership, offer solutions about world issues. Femi would encourage any other students that are interested, to join as this is a good way to connect and be part of a small group. The Model UN club has grown from 5-6 students to now upwards of 15 students.

**4.0 Brian Plastow our Grade 9 Vice-Principal** shared that our Grade 9's are starting to get used to our school. Brian has challenged them to become leaders in our school. Brian also liaises with our Social department, World Languages and Student Supports. Brian is responsible for the educational technology in our school. We are going to be upgrading our computers, CTS labs, etc. We are increasing our chromebooks - up to almost 500. With his involvement in the World Languages department, Brian will be travelling on our French exchange trip. This year the french students arrive on Nov 30th and then we will travel to France in the spring. We are doing both exchanges this school year because of the upcoming Canada Winter Games in 2019.

**5.0 Dan Lower School report - verbal** - Dan shared the School Results Report.

Information comes from actual results from standardized testing as well as district surveys. Dan shared the areas that we are doing well in and also shared the areas that we need to improve.

Dan shared our improvement strategies: Learning Support Teams, Intervention Strategies, Assistive Technologies, Growth Goals, Character Education, Connections, Stakeholder Feedback, Extracurricular, K & E Changes, Post-Secondary, Transition Plans, Early Intervention, Promotions, Classroom Showcase, Professional Development and FNMI Curriculum. See attached report.

Dan shared a survey on our Flex block. Dan asked School Council to share any suggestions for other questions that should be added to the survey.

Dec 7th is our Winter Concert at the Red Deer College. This is a fantastic time. Basketball is underway. Football team won it's first game in two years.

**6.0 West Side Story** - we went over to the Drama room and had a sneak peek at our upcoming musical "West Side Story". We heard from the students that participate in the musical about what it means to them to be a part of this production.

**7.0 ASCA report - Robert Pack** shared that the Association is preparing resolutions for their upcoming annual general meeting. Deadline for any resolutions you want to bring up is December 19th.

**8.0 City Wide Council meeting - Jennifer Harman shared** that the Nov 13th meeting had a presentation from Denise Fredeen. Darwin Roscoe Principal at HHHS shared details of the incident that derailed their Bike-A-Thon fundraiser. Stu Henry shared about the Step-Up fund. Next meeting is in January.

**9.0 New business:** Dan shared that we will be training staff with the naloxone kits. We had approx. 80 people attend our Drug Awareness evening. We would like to have another one of these in the future. Student council parents would like other parents to know that coming to one of these events does not mean that you or anyone you know has a drug issue - this is just for education. The presentation was very powerful. Parents would like to see a presentation geared towards students. Flex session ideas on drug sessions, cyberbullying, digital citizenship.

**10.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.**