

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School
School Council Minutes for Monday, November 26, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm 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 October 29, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Kristine Plastow moved to accept the minutes from the October 29, 2018 meeting. Vandy Bowyer seconded the motion. Carried.

2.0 No Circulation to pass around

3.0 Dan Lower introduced Vice-Principal Geannette Lehman - Geannette is the Vice-Principal for Grade 9's. She is also our liaison for the Social, Phys. Ed, Athletics, Student Leadership and Student Support Department. She is a liaison with our partner school Gateway and she looks after our Emergency Response program.

Geannette shared that Grade 9 is different than Grade 12 - which is the area she looked after last year. This is a good year so far. Geannette is also working hard on getting our Grade 13's through. Looking after the Student supports is a new department for her.

4.0 Dan Lower shared that our students can self identify as an FNMI student. We currently have 165 FNMI students. 9.4% of our population. We are using a three pronged approach in helping our FNMI students - supporting the students, increasing our foundational knowledge of our staff and educating our students.

Supporting our students - all of our students want to feel that they belong. We have a full time FNMI worker that is here to help students with any needs. We also have a CLW worker that supports these students. We read our recognition statements at our meetings. We have played a Cree/English/French National anthem. Our FNMI students hold a special grad ceremony where they receive a stained glass feather. We have also had Smudge ceremonies and orange shirt day,

We want to increase our staff empathy, understanding and broaden our knowledge base. Brian St. Germain has spoken to our staff on the history of residential schools. The Science department brought in an Elder and found ways to incorporate the medicinal use of plants. We also purchased treaty maps as an aide for staff and students. Our English department has done a novel study around Indian Horse, and Diary of a Part Time Indian - which is now pulled from AB ED. Our PE department is introducing an Indigenous games unit. The new TQS will ensure that all teachers take a look at how we can incorporate this component into our plans. In the future we would like to bring this blanket exercise to our students, possibly incorporate it into a Grade 10 Social class.

Tonight we have invited our Learning Services staff to present the blanket exercise to you. Welcome to Hayley Christen, Brian St. Germain and Terry Lakey.

5.0 ASCA Report - Robert Pack shared a document regarding Advocacy from Alberta School Councils' Association. Robert reminded us of the Community Engagement survey that closes on Nov 30th.

Our Football team played Harry Ainley in Edmonton. Robert shared an email from Brenda Campbell that states Raider parents and fans were the best ever seen. Football banquet was held on Friday night. Social media does not have enough football coverage.

6.0 City-Wide Council Meeting Report - Kristine Plastow shared that the meeting was at Oriole Park. They watched a special edition of the Oriole Park news. Also, a presentation from Patrick Bone letting us know what CARC is. A kick off of the Community Engagement Survey by Bruce Buruma. Report from Bev Manning about what the Board has been doing. ASCA presentation task force - needs more high school representation. Next meeting is in January.

7.0 Student Leadership Report - Alex MacLeod was not here tonight.

Student Council thanked Donnalee for the Cannabis presentation.

Council moved to the Blanket exercise and Sharing Circle.

8.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.