

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, Oct 30, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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 Pack shared the correspondence file and invited parents to help themselves to the newspapers within.

Our visit to West Side story has been rescheduled for Nov 27th.

1.0 Minutes of the Sept. 25, 2017 meeting were presented for approval

Jennifer Harman moved to accept the minutes.

Caley Carr seconded.

Carried.

2.0 Dan Lower introduced Kiana Schneider. Kiana shared that she has been involved in the full IB program, and is training for the Canada skills baking competition in April. Kiana is not involved in the Foods program, but Ms. Irons encouraged Kiana to come and bake. Kiana also helps new students to prepare as well. Kiana is able to come in and bake once a month on a day that we don't have school and she can bake all day. Kiana has 3 other students that come along and bake with her.

Dan Lower introduced Ky Hawthorne a Grade 12 student. Ky went here in Grade 9 and took all 3 of the CTS courses - mechanics, carpentry and fabrication in one semester. He liked carpentry, but then switched to welding. They start with Oxy welding which is the hardest. Ky shared that he is reinforcing the picnic tables around the school with steel. Ky is also in the RAP program. Ky has to get 1560 hours for his first year in welding. We try to tailor their school program around the student's timetable. Ky's goals are to live cheap and travel.

Dan introduced Tristan Fehr who is involved in the *tootor* program. Students here meet up with students in the north end schools to help them brush up their band skills. Glendale and Central have also asked for our help. Tristan shared that when she was in Grade 6 band, it was really hard. So she wanted to help students be able to get some individual help. There are 4-5 students that are currently helping with this program.

3.0 Sandre Bevan shared a video showing our DYEveristy relay that was held here on Sept 26th. Dan shared that because it was such a nice day, they noticed that attendance was up. Parents shared that students were thankful that they did not have to fundraise or put a team together. Students were given a passport to go around and get stamped and then they were given a package of dye to throw at the end of the event. If you have any questions or concerns,

please let Dan Lower know.

4.0 Student Leadership Report - Kayden Wall - Kayden shared that Leadership is doing the Week of Wicked. Right now we are doing our Haunted house. We also had pie sales and we sold out. Fright night had low attendance, but was still very fun. Upcoming is the Chocolate Mustaches for prostate cancer, ½ the leadership class will be going to the senior's homes in November. Leadership retreat went very well. Nov 13th we will be having some games for bonding. Winter formal theme is Masquerade ball. Thurber's got talent has had a name change to Thurber Idol.

5.0 Dan Lower report - verbal - Dan shared that we had our first Grad meeting and Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Thursday, Oct 19th. Dr. Roby Ryan class of 1996 was inducted. Dr. Ryan was involved in full IB and football. Dr. Ryan has received many awards, but was thrilled to receive this one from our school. He and his family flew in from Seattle and spoke to our grad class. We also had our first Grad parent meeting. We currently have 323 students on the grad list. Our LST teams are busy working on the rest of the students to find out why they are not on the list.

Connections update - we are being more purposeful with our Grade 9's. We will continue to have more presentations to our staff to share with our students. Digital citizenship, sexting, etc. Showed an anti-bullying video to help educate students. We are working hard in building relationships with these students. We had a dodge ball game and involved different connections groups so that they could get to know each other. We encouraged them to stop and say hi to the new students that they met through this.

The first Grade 9 connections assembly will be on Wednesday. We will talk about the use of flex and no-flex. We will also talk about behavior in the hallways and on the buses. We will also do a check in with our current Grade 11 students. We want to make sure that all students are set up on MYPASS with Alberta Education. This is how they will find out their diploma exam marks. We also want them to check into their myblueprint program to confirm they are on track for graduation. We will check in again with our current Grade 10's next Monday.

Our awards assembly was on Oct 26th. About three years ago we moved to an assembly during school hours. While this is a bit problematic for parents, we are trying to focus on honoring our students in front of their peers. We used to run an honors breakfast, but attendance was low at this as well. We have, for two years, had calculation issues. We follow the Rutherford Scholarship program for our criteria. Unfortunately, we missed some course numbers when we did our awards. We are re-running the program and will give a certificate to the students who missed getting honors or honors with distinction.

Discussion followed on feedback on awards: It was a great event. Hearing applause from their peers carries more weight than their parents sometimes.

Nov 7th is our annual Remembrance Day event at 1:00pm. Please come if you are able. We have had to turn away Middle Schools as we just don't have room.

6.0 ASCA report - Robert Pack shared the website if you would like to check it out.

7.0 City Wide Council meeting - Jennifer Harman shared that the last meeting was a meet and greet for the election.

8.0 No new business.

Dan asked for feedback on continuing to bring students in to highlight what they are doing: parents enjoyed meeting the students that shared. Robert Pack encouraged all parents to encourage others to attend these meetings.

9.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm