

## École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

### School Council Minutes for Monday, October 28, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm 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 reminded us of 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 shared that Jamie Rawlusyk was unable to attend tonight, so Geannette Lehman will share the Annual School Results Report. We will share busing information at a later date.

**1.0 Minutes of the September 30, 2019** meeting were presented for approval. Jennifer Bahler moved to accept the minutes from the September 30, 2019 meeting. Carried.

**2.0 No circulation to share.**

**3.0 Robert Pack introduced Geannette Lehman and Kirsten Dezutter** to share a presentation on study skills.

Geannette shared that the LST teams really felt the need to help the Grade 9's as they struggled collectively in certain areas. Organization, planning, study skills, prioritizing, wellness and health. Helping to find balance in all that. Years ago we had a “Raider Program”. This year we are implementing a transitions for success taught to all our Grade 9 classes. Every 6 weeks the Learning Assistance Teachers are going into classes and staying thru flex to teach these skills. There will be a link on our website so that parents will be able to see what lessons the Grade 9's are going through. Teachers are present for the lesson as well, so that collectively we can help the students.

Kirsten Dezutter shared a handout that helps with skills on homework habits and study smart skills. Kirsten compiled a list after questioning the students themselves. The key is to find a system that works for the student. What works for them in Math might not work for them in English. Sometimes there is a subject specific way to prepare. Students also came up with some of their bad habits as well. Kirsten also included a

Flex schedule planner that parents can use to help your student keep track of where they are going for flex sessions. It will also help you as parents come up with a plan to talk to your child about. Create a good study place - but not in their room. We want them to keep their room as a place to relax.

If parents have any items you would like us to discuss - send an email to Kirsten Dezutter at: [kirsten.dezutter@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:kirsten.dezutter@rdpsd.ab.ca)

#### Parent Questions:

*How can a parent find out what assignments are happening in each class?*

Some teachers use google classroom - which a parent can access. But if they haven't set that up, please feel free to contact each individual teacher.

*Do you go to Gateway to teach these skills as well?*

Yes, we are going to Gateway next week.

### **4.0 Student Leadership Report - Ainsley Lirondelle shared the Leadership report.**

#### **1. Introduction**

- a. Leadership would like feedback from these meetings as well as all of the events mentioned. Please share any feedback to our email ([ThurberRaiders@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:ThurberRaiders@rdpsd.ab.ca)). We would like both positive and negative feedback from students, staff, and parents.
- b. I wanted to better introduce Leadership before my report of events. As I said last time, we have our 15/25/35 Classes where you earn credits, and our Leadership Executive members who are interviewed for positions at the end of each year, who gain valuable volunteer experience. They both help our student body, but our Exec team plans more directly all of the events. Leadership as a whole works to improve the atmosphere of Thurber and boost school spirit. As Student Body President, my job is to make sure the Executive is a well-oiled machine and serve as a communicator with the students, staff and parents.

#### **2. Past Events**

- a. SPC cards (Student Discount Cards), School T-shirts with new logo and Scarves are being sold for \$10 in the Exec Office Tuesdays and Thursdays during Flex
- b. We are using Instagram ([@ThurberRaiders](https://www.instagram.com/ThurberRaiders)) to inform the student body of upcoming events
- c. We have a calendar posted on our broadcast board outside of the exec office with an overview of the events of the month
- d. We continue to have announcements every Monday and Wednesday morning, done by our new voice of Thurber, Emily Dawe
- e. Our community team hosted the Coffee for bus drivers event on Friday Oct 4th, with donuts, coffee and thank you cards. It was incredibly appreciated by everyone
- f. Community held a Winter Clothing drive, which started on October 15th and ended on the 25th, for the Mustard Seed. We accepted both physical and cash donations everyday at flex in the Exec Office

### 3. Future Events

- a. Week of Wicked
  - i. Began today and ends on Halloween.
  - ii. Decorated the cafeteria last Friday, selling butterbeer and pie, having our annual costume contest on Halloween day, "Tape a Teacher" as a fundraiser tomorrow
  - iii. New this year, we are hiding our clown from the storage room all throughout the school which we call the "Clown Hunt", and whoever takes a picture with it all four days and sends it to our instagram account gets a prize at the end of the week
- b. Our Internal team has started planning for Winter Formal on Dec 12th, our lovely Delane White has created a website with her vision and a form to submit suggestions  
(<https://sites.google.com/rdpsd.ab.ca/ltchswinterformal2019> )
- c. We received feedback at the last School Council from a parent and our PR team will be creating a Leadership Facebook page as not everyone has instagram
- d. For November, our Community team is planning our annual Chocolate Mustache Sales from the 18th to the 22nd, a Coin Drive and making Cards for Veterans at the Remembrance Day Ceremony on the 6th

### 4. Closing Remarks

- a. Questions, comments, concerns

Geannette Lehman shared that Leadership also helped with our 46th annual Volleyball Tournament this past weekend. Instagram handle @thurberraiders

**5.0 School Report** - Geannette Lehman shared the Annual School Results Report. Report attached. This is based on the pillars of support. This is how we are scored by Alberta Education.

**6.0 ASCA** - Nov 23rd from 1:00 - 4:00pm there will be an on-line meeting - Fall member engagement opportunity. Ask & Answer for School Council. Minister of Education will be on-line. If you register on the ASCA website, you can also submit a question for the Minister. Currently looking to simplify the resolution process. Bring forward a resolution regarding vaping. ASCA has received funding for their board. Sarah & Shelley will lend a hand where they can if you sit on any other councils that need help.

**7.0 City-Wide Council Meeting Report** - Sarah Rollinston shared that the meeting was at Mountview School. Gail Foreman shared a vaping presentation - she will speak at a Council meeting if we are interested. Bruce Buruma shared our 6 key word values. Discussion on where do parents want to see this branded? We need to promote our schools.

Nicole Buchanan shared that our Superintendent is retiring at the end of this year. The ad is out on RDPSD website. What do parents want to see in a new Superintendent?  
Next meeting is on Nov 12th at 7pm at Barrie Wilson.  
Please contact Sarah Rollingson if you have any questions or comments at:  
[Rollingson.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:Rollingson.sarah@gmail.com)

**8.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm**