

## École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

### School Council Minutes for Monday, March 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Brad Vonkeman 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 Agenda Review** - agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**2.0 Minutes of the February 27, 2017** meeting were presented for approval and were adopted, with an amended spelling error.

**3.0 No correspondence to circulate.**

**4.0 The LAT's were unavailable for this evening - we will reschedule for the April meeting.**

#### **5.0 Reports:**

**5.1 Leadership Report - Jade Weber** was unavailable but sent her Leadership news. The Internal team is still planning for Thurber Idol, the auditions ended last week. A 3 on 3 intramural basketball tournament is happening for a few more games. We just finished the celebrations for St. Patrick's day last week.

**5.2 School Report** - Dan Lower was away on the French exchange, Jamie Rawlusyk filled in and shared the School report. Jamie highlighted that our goal this year is 100% success. We are focusing on inflexible flex and the chronic non-attendance or completion issues. To date we have already assigned 202 students to inflexible flex, 135 students have been released. In order to encourage the students that aren't being successful, we are now instituting a no-flex room. When the student is here, they will not be released for flex at all - they will be held in until assignments are caught up. We are starting to take our connections students and begin their registrations. Grade 10's will happen from Apr 3-14, Grade 9's from Apr 14-28, and Grade 11's in classrooms. Jamie shared the myblueprint program and how we use it. This is a planning program and walks the students through some self-reflection surveys, career planning, etc. These questionnaires help direct them as to study skills, interests, career paths, etc. This is what we are using to help students realize their graduation progress and what they can strive for in post-secondary. We will be encouraging our Grade 11 & 12's to sign up and use this tool as well.

**5.3 ASCA Report - Brad Vonkeman** shared that Bill 1 has been introduced in the legislature. The Board of directors has approved a revised budget. Conference details are coming together. Robert & Yvonne Pack are attending to represent our school this year.

**5.4 City Wide Council Report - Jen & Teresa both attended.** Gateway did a video presentation. There is a Women's fun run supporting the Mustard Seed that will take place on the mother's day weekend. They have also added a mother son run this year. Mustard Seed provides lunches to every single school in the city. Theresa shared that a school resource officer attended the meeting. There are four resource officers.

They have 936 files of students that they are following. There was some discussion on what parents can do to help them - make sure there is support for parents, and especially families and children under 12. There was some discussion regarding the upcoming Canada Winter Games. Is there interest in planning events ex: live stream opening ceremonies and invite students in to watch? Reminder that there will not be school during that week of the Canada games.

There was some preliminary discussion about taking away a few of the full Friday PD days and having a ½ day PD with an early dismissal on another day.

There will be an Election this fall - parents are encouraged to run for school trustee. If anyone is interested in helping with a forum for the candidates - contact Cyndi Ramsfield at Central Office.

Next City Wide Council meeting is May 9th at 7pm at West Park Elementary School.

**5.5 City Wide Student Advisory Council** - Mason Lantz shared that there hasn't been a meeting since we last met. Next meeting is probably late April, early May.

Mason shared that he enjoyed participating in the musical. Work began six months ago, with six hours a week practicing, dancing, singing, blocking, etc. This was a very rewarding experience.

Mason is off to Calgary for another robotics competition in April. Mason reminded us that a video presentation regarding different departments would be effective in helping the registration process.

**6.0 Old Business** - no old business

**7.0 New Business** - no new business

**8.0 Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

Next meeting is April 24, 2017 at 7pm in the Learning Commons.