

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, September 24, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Dan Lower 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.

Dan welcomed everyone.

1.0 Student Leadership Report - Alex Macleod -

1. So far this year:

- a. SPC cards, T-shirts and Scarfs are being sold for \$10 at the exec office Tuesdays and Thursdays at flex.
- b. Leadership class is Tuesday after school and exec meetings are Tuesdays at lunch.
- c. Leadership Remind 101 is set up and open to everyone in the school to stay updated.
- d. We have Instagram and Snapchat up and running to stay updated as well.
- e. Week of Welcome was a success!
- f. Announcements every Monday and Wednesday morning.

2. Upcoming events:

- a. First Pep Rally is this Thursday, September 27th.
- b. Week of Wicked is up next!
- c. Intramurals for floor hockey were cancelled but we are hoping to start basketball intramurals in late October to early November.
- d. Each team is working on their rough estimate dates for this years schedule.
- e. Winter formal is on Wednesday December 12th-fairytale theme! (All grades are able to attend)

3. Questions, comments, concerns? No Questions or Concerns.

2.0 Minutes of the May 28, 2018 meeting were presented for approval

Wanda Oler moved to accept the minutes.

Robert Pack seconded

Carried

3.0 Introductions were made around the table. **Dan introduced** Amanda Wilson our new Grade 10 Vice Principal. Amanda is liaison with the World language and the English departments.

4.0 Election of Executive: Dan Lower reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the positions available.

Appointments for 2018/19

Teacher Representatives – Caley Carr, Cheryl Hay

Secretary – Christine Duffin, Office Manager

Student Leadership Representative – Alex Macleod

Trustee Liaison – Nicole Buchanan

District Senior. Admin Liaison – Della Ruston, Associate Superintendent, System Services

Wanda Oler motioned for Robert Pack to stand for Chairperson.

By acclamation, Robert Pack is Chairperson

Wanda Oler let her name stand as Vice-Chairperson.

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Kristine Plastow let her name stand for the City Wide School Council Representative position.

5.0 Reports: Dan Lower – verbal report.

Dan began his report with the Lindsay Thurber 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.”

Dan shared our school population numbers as of today:

1790 Students. 89 Teachers. 56 Support Staff (20 new/returning staff members this school year)

Dan noted that our goal is 100% success for all. He discussed graduation completion rate. How we support our students? Solid teaching practices, planning and assessment for students success, LST at each grade level, LT-Flex/In -Flex, Connections (This year staff has connections group from all 4 grades).

Dan talked about how staff are using Connections to focus on keeping students on track for graduation. Dan talked about tracking data for the 2 Year Focus of Success and the improvement from one year to the next.

Grad Class 2019 2 year passing rate of 94.8%.

Discussed the 94.6% Completion Rate for 2017-2018 School Year.

Dan discussed the No Scent Policy and the importance of not bringing scents into our school for the safety of our students and staff.

Dan talked about the dress code the school will be more strongly enforcing starting this year. Geannette Lehman will be putting together a group of students to help put together a dress code specific for our school. (No Butts, Boobs, Buds, Booze, Belly, Bad words.)

Due to the cold weather Dyeversity Relay will be rescheduled for May 14, 2019. Dan talked about how we no longer have a fundraising part of the event in order to avoid excluding some students who are unable to pay to participate. We will be changing the event to be held every 2 years. Every second year the school will have a smaller event still focusing on the importance of diversity.

Dan invited everyone to attend Parent Teacher Interviews that will be held October 3 & 4 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm.

Lindsay Thurber will be inducting Erik Nordby (1990 grad) into the LTCHS Hall of Fame. Erik is a Visual effects supervisor. Dan invited parents to attend the ceremony on October 18 at 10:00am. Dan discussed how the inductee is chosen.

Discussion followed:

Dan was asked how the staff is reacting to the Neufeld Training. Dan explained to the group what the Neufeld training is and how staff is using it to help students. School staff watch videos of Dr. Neufeld talking followed by a question and answer session with staff from the Neufeld institute. Staff will complete two sessions in each semester. Most of the LTCHS staff are working on the Anxiety session while some are working on completing the Aggression session.

Robert Pack - verbal report

Robert asked Dan if Lindsay Thurber and the school district have a plan for how to deal with the upcoming legalization of marijuana. Dan shared that students are not allowed to be in the building under the influence of drugs. Dan said they will be observing if behaviours change and decide if they need a larger plan in place.

Robert pointed out that the mural in the Learning Commons was painted by a past student of LTCHS. Dan talked about the FNMI room and the supports offered for students. He talked about the other departments in the school that are bringing the native culture into learning.

Cheryl Hay talked about some of the novels the english department is brining into the classroom to teach students more about the native history and culture.

Robert talked about all the different ways to stay up to date with what is happening at the school ie. website, social media, phone outs etc.

Robert invited everyone to attend the meeting next month on October 29, 2018.

6.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm