

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, September 25, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm 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.

1.0 Student Leadership Report - Kayden Wall - Kayden shared that the Leadership retreat is this Thursday & Friday for bonding. We helped set up DYEversity relay for tomorrow. We are focusing on smaller events, and more frequency in events this year. Focusing on Thurber pride and spirit. Our big event is X games this year. This is an afternoon of games, waterslides, mudslides, mini carnival style games, food trucks, etc An exciting day at no cost to students.

2.0 Minutes of the May 29, 2017 meeting were presented for approval

Wanda Oler moved to accept the minutes

Discussion: Dianne Macaulay brought up a concern regarding the Sons of Odin. Have we been contacted by them? Dan shared that the Initial concern of this organization was brought forward from Edmonton Police. A chapter has now opened in Red Deer. We have had no contact.

Seconded by Robert Pack

Carried

3.0 Dan introduced Geannette Lehman our Grade 12 Vice-Principal. Three staff members have volunteered to attend our meetings: Caley Carr, Math teacher, Alyson King, Counsellor and Aaron Monteleone, French Immersion teacher. Dan introduced Mrs. Dianne MacAulay our School Trustee liaison until the Oct 16th election. After the election, we will likely have a new Trustee liaison assigned to our school. Mr. Rob Moltzahn is our Senior Admin liaison but sends his regrets. Students are welcome to attend any School Council meetings. Students will be encouraged to sit on our Student City Wide Council meetings. If your student is interested, please contact Dan Lower.

Appointments for 2017/18

Teacher Representatives – Alyson King, Caley Carr, Aaron Monteleone

Secretary – Christine Duffin, Office Manager

Student Leadership Representative – Kayden Wall

Trustee Liaison – Dianne Macaulay until Oct. 16/17

District Senior. Admin Liaison – Rob Moltzahn, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources

Introductions were made around the table.

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

Robert Pack let his name stand for Chairperson.

By acclamation, Robert Pack is Chairperson

Wanda Oler let her name stand as Vice-Chairperson.

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Jennifer Harman & Lisa Loepky will share the City Wide School Council Representative position.

LTCHS School Council meetings for 2017 - 2018 - 7:00 pm Learning Commons:

Oct. 30/17, Nov. 27/17, Jan. 29/18, Feb. 26/18, Mar. 19/18, Apr. 30/18, May 28/18.

City Wide Council Meetings for 2017 - 2018

October 10, 2017 - Don Campbell Elementary - Election Meet & Greet

November 14, 2017 - HHHS - Organizational Meeting

January 23, 2018 - Eastview Middle School

March 6, 2018 - Central Middle School

May 8, 2017 - Normandeau

5.0 Reports: Dan Lower – verbal report. Dan shared that our school population is currently at 1778 students. This was about 80 students above our predicted number. We also had 145 students enrol after August 23rd. This necessitated splitting some classes and hiring new staff. We hope to affect some second semester class sizes as well. 91 teachers and 40 support staff in our building.

Dan shared that we have established 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.”* We begin every Staff meeting and Faculty Council meeting with this statement. We have begun to work on our values and will continue with this at our October 6th staff meeting.

Our school goal is 100% success for all. Success looks different for all kids, but everything we do must be in some way tied to helping kids earn their high school diploma or certificate of achievement. Alberta Education judges us on a three year high school completion rate. We expect to be in the 67-68% range for our 2017 grads.

We have a wide range of issues with our students and we are going to do everything we can to help them be successful. We try to get better every year. This year we support our learners with a Learning Support Team for each grade level. This consists of a Vice-Principal, Counsellor & Learning Assistance Teacher. They meet once a week to look at their grade level students and any referrals that have come in. We also involve our Community Liaison worker and FNMI support worker. If we feel it is necessary, we take away FLEX for some students. If

students continuously don't make good use of FLEX, we take it away. These students then attend at a no-flex room for each grade during the flex time block.

We worked on prioritization of our curriculum last year. Our core areas have met and have decided on what they want to focus on. Focusing on Professional Growth - each of the Vice-Principals and myself divided up the staff and we will meet with them on a regular basis. Our goal will be to meet 5 times this year. We are supporting teachers so they get better at what they do for your students.

We've established a baseline for failure rates in order to monitor success.

Dan shared the results from last year for each grade:

Grade 9 2016/17:

Semester	Courses	Students
Sem 1	232	108
Sem 2	190	55

Grade 10 Reg 2016/17

Semester	Courses	Students
Sem 1	50	39
Sem 2	75	51

Grade 10 CTS 2016/17

Semester	Modules	Students
Sem 1	107	67
Sem 2	25	14

Grade 11 Reg 2016/17

Semester	Courses	Students
Sem 1	90	68
Sem 2	63	43

Grade 11 CTS 2016/17

Semester	Modules	Students
Sem 1	52	32
Sem 2	28	17

Grade 12 Reg 2016/17

Semester	Courses	Students
Sem 1	88	65
Sem 2	77	54

Grade 12 CTS 2016/17

Semester	Modules	Students
Sem 1	52	32
Sem 2	47	30

The challenges that we see are working with our FNMI and ESL students:

Sem 2 Failures - Regular classes

Grade	FNMI	ESL	Total
Grade 9	34/190	28/190	32.6%
Grade 10	12/74	4/74	21.6%
Grade 11	10/62	11/62	33.8%
Grade 12	10/77	13/76	30.2%

Sem 2 Failures - Regular classes

Grade	Attendance>90%	Total
Grade 9	57/190	30%
Grade 10	16/74	21.6%
Grade 11	11/62	17.7%
Grade 12	7/77	9%

Percentage of classes passed by class type and semester

Grade	Class Type	Sem. 1	Sem. 2	+/-
9		87.5 %	89.5 %	+2.0 %
10	Reg	95.4 %	93.6 %	-1.8 %
	CTS	91.8 %	97.3 %	+5.5 %
11	Regular	93.9 %	95.8 %	+1.9 %
	CTS	96.2 %	97.2 %	+1.0 %
12	Regular	89.1 %	91.0 %	+0.9 %
	CTS	93.1 %	93.4 %	+0.4 %

Dan will highlight what students are learning, and will have students attend different meetings of School Council so that they can share with us.

Dan shared that our DYEversity relay will happen tomorrow. Sandre Bevan has spearheaded this relay, celebrating the diversity in our school and community.

In the past, we have made it a fundraiser, but this year we have removed the cost to participate. We have invited different groups to come and set up a booth and help educate us on the diversity in our community. Feel free to come by. We have hired a drone to fly by and take a picture outside of the final dye throw.

Discussion followed on questions from council members

Dan shared that our curriculum is laid out by Alberta Education in all subject areas and is called Program of Studies. Currently, there is a revision of our curriculum taking place. We take that direction and then look at prioritization of each subject.

Dan shared regarding the splitting of classes - we didn't change any student's course requests. We did not ask the students, we had to make that change based on their course requests. This was unfortunate and we tried to meet with each student individually and advise them of the change that would be happening for them.

Dan shared that the Bamfield trip is before the Board for approval. More details will be shared, once the trip is approved. Contact Mr. Jason Zackowski if your student would like information regarding this trip.

6.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.