

St. John's Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2023

1. Administration - St. John's Updates

- a. Principle Taylor (dtaylor@wsd1.org) – Welcomes parents
- b. **New Vice Principals**
 - i. Jeremy Haines (jhaines@wsd1.org) – VP for Grades 7 – 8
 1. Mr. Haines was the Indigenous Grad Coach
 - ii. Lindsay Young (lyoung@wsd1.org) – VP for Grades 9-12
- c. **Donor** – gives 3 million a year to provide:
 - i. Kitchen staff
 - ii. Food
 - iii. Equipment
 - iv. Outreach workers
 - v. Vehicles
 - vi. bursaries

Mr. Rossi – works for Terra Bay Services, which is supported by the donor, as acting manager. His staff does the following, picks up students for school, prepares meal kits and delivers them to families in need, and develops relationships with the students and their families.

d. School implements

- i. **PATH** – Planning Alternative Tomorrow for Hope “a tool that you can use when a young person has a specific goal or dream for the future, to work out the actions that need to be taken in order to make that happen.”
 1. Meet with key people in student life to help figure out student's path
 2. A diorama is created for student
 3. Students can see their path and how to get there. Post diorama on their walls
- ii. **Outcome Based Learning** – why you are learning and how to apply it and marks are not based on averages
- iii. **Holistic Learning – a goal for this year**
- iv. School wants to figure out what each **students passion**
- v. **TAG – Teacher Advisory Group**
 1. All students are part of a small group with teachers & administration to permit instruction and advising on a more personal level, promoting students' education, personal, and social skills.

New Superintendent – Matt Henderson

- Matt visited the school

Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees - New

- Chair - Tamara Kuly

- Vice Chair - Kathy Heppner

Student Resource Officer

- Discussed the importance of their relationship with the students, staff, and community
- The importance of bringing them back for schools that want them

Sport Teams

- 11 interscholastic sports, fielding 30 teams at the various levels – Junior, Senior, Junior Varsity and Varsity
- Not too late to get involved
- **Games: - need volunteer drives to drive grade 7 & 8 youth to games**
- **Need – parents to sign off on if Grade 9 – 12 can take the bus to games**

Parent Council

- Laurie Kozak was asked and accepted to be chair for 2023 – 2024 school year
- Parents were informed that the WSD Board of Trustees meet twice a month
- Parents can speak to the board directly at one of their meetings by asking to be delegate
- North District Advisory Committee is where parents, trustees and staff meet for our district a few times throughout the year

Events

Meet the Teacher BBQ

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00pm

Where: Cafeteria (5 - 6pm), hot dog and mingle with staff.

At 6 pm, Meet the teacher 'sessions' in other areas of the school (6-7 pm)

- Gr 7 (Sr Gym)
- Gr 9. (Theatre)
- Gr 12 (Library)

For families of Gr 8/10/ & 11 students---students will go to various classrooms with families introducing their teachers in their classrooms.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30

Election Day October 3 – no classes

World Teacher Day October 5

Picture Day Oct 11

Mark your calendars - Next Meeting – Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Any questions, please contact me:
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