

St. John's Parent Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025, Minutes

School Updates – Principal

- **Student** population at 1003
- **Cafeteria:** as population increases needs increase, impacting food, seats, programming
 - Two lunch seating times 11:15 and 12:15 lunch to elevate lineups
 - Need another till to make lineups move faster
- **Next Year 2025/26**
 - 440 Chrome Books – 2 students to 1
 - 33 new TVs and stands
 - Upgrade Wi-Fi in building
 - There will not be an Enriched Program gr. 7-9
 - \$30,000 of equipment coming in for robotics
 - Metal Shop changing to bike repair & robotics shop
- **Bursary:** given by classroom
- **Red River College:** Culinary Instruction June 3/10/17 from 3 to 7 pm for 16 students. Pilot project to see how student will benefit.
- **Summer Camp:** There will be a 6-week summer camp at St. John's High School for gr. 6-8 from 11am – 5pm. Supported by Schroeder Foundation and run by Peaceful Village. 3 days of programming and 2 days of field trip per week. 50 kids – first come first serve.
- **Red Dress Day** – St. John's students created banners and key chains, walked around the neighbourhood – all students driven
- **Talent Show** – huge success
- **Day Knowledge:** June 13 want to involve communities
- **Movement** Growing the Arts & Music programing starting at gr. 7&8
- **Space** is now available to help youth to recentre themselves
 - Swing, Crash Mat, Balance Ball and Sensory Room
- **Graduation:**
 - 115 students are graduating from grade 12
 - Grade luncheon and dance and next day Grand Prix

Important School Dates

- June 13 – Gr. 9 - 12 Locker Clean Out
- June 16 – Gr. 7 - 8 Locker Clean Out
- June 19 – Non - Instructional Day – No classes for Gr. 7- 12
- June 23 – Gr. 9 - 11 Awards
- June 24 - Café Closed
- June 25 – Gr. 7 Awards at 9:00 a.m. & Gr. 8 Awards at 10:45 a.m.
- June 26 – Report Cards Issued at 3:30 p.m.
- June 27 – Last Day of School

Dates for Graduation Students:

- June 12 – North End Grad Walk at 1:30 p.m. - Children of the Earth, RB Russel, St. John's and other feeder schools will be participating
- June 20 – Dinner & Dance at 6:00 p.m. - Canad Inn
- June 23 – Convocation Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.
- June 23 – Gr 12 Awards at 5:00 p.m.
- June 24 – Convocation at 8:00 a.m. - St. John's High School

St. John's Alumni Speakers

- We have been discussing the opportunity of Alumni's speaking at our school
- To structure it as a whole day with a Keynote Speaker and break out speakers (20) with youth picking and signing up for sessions
- It was decided that October 2025 would be a good month
- Need to discuss with Alumni President before the summer
- Get Student Council involved too

Grandma Group

- Teaching Ojibwa to students
- After spring break teaching community and staff

North District Advisory Update – from Parent Council Chair

- **Update on WSD Lunch Programs**
 - WSD Director of Nutrition Katherine Armstrong did a long presentation on school nutrition program
 - Funding comes from the Province and Feds
 - Must be 1universally accessible, food in every school,
 - 65:35 ratio – food : staff/equipment
 - Must align with Canada's Food Guide and Child Nutrition Council
 - Focus strongly on safe food
 - Schools get to purchase food themselves
 - WSD recommends vendor and caterers
 - Cost to open an industrial kitchen in schools \$500, 000 each – like running a restaurant
 - Questions asked:
 - What impact do you see the program having in 5-10yrs from now
 - What does accountability and transparency in the program look to you
 - What do you value in school food program
 - What voices might not be heard

Feedback can be given to wsdnutritionprogram@wsd1.org

- **Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees Survey**
 - In November the WSD Board asked for feedback on the structure of the Advisory Committees by presenting questions.

- Due to only 60 people responding the Board decided they needed more feedback and created a survey to be completed by June 2, 2025
- St. John's PAC Chair – questioned attending Board Reps
 - Many individuals will see the survey information for the very first time on the possible revision on Committee Structure. There is not enough info on the survey to get good results
 - We need to provide some context, details or some short of summary explaining on what the district committees are, their locations North, South, Inner, City with schools etc.
 - The WSD promised to have a revision that week so schools could email

Mark your calendars - Next Meeting – Thursday, May 22, 2025

Any questions, please contact: **Laurie Kozak - Parent Chair**

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