

St. John's Parent Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026

Welcome to Parents

School Updates – Principal Davidson

- **Student Population – around 1000**
- **New Vice Principal**
 - Welcomed Vice Principal Kristine Carino
 - VP Carion will oversee the middle years & VP Haines high school grades
- **Arts/Music**
 - Disney Musical at STJ the week of Jan 19
 - Art Showcase on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – students to perform
- **Library**
 - We now have a librarian
 - Going through books and keeping relevant ones
- **Culinary Connection**
 - In partnership with Red River College
 - Interested students are trained 3 nights at school and 7 weeks at RRC
 - Students presented their culinary skills of a 5-course meal at Janes Restaurant to staff and family
 - Jane's is a branch off of RRC Polytech's Hospitality and Culinary Arts where students gain skills
- **Bursaries**
 - Bursary changes
 - The school is expanding how they celebrate students' gifts for grades 9-12 - success comes in many forms
 - 20% of the bursaries will now go to honouring gifts of students grades 9-12.
 - A nomination form will be sent out for students to be considered
 - 80% of bursaries will go to academic achievements for each grade
 - Bursary structure for 7 & 8 will remain the same
- **Cafeteria Update:**
 - 2nd floor location serving sandwiches has helped with lineups
 - there is a number system for youth in meal plan
 - Put in designated # reduces length of lines

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Important School Dates

- **Open House – March 12 - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Parent Chair Updates - Laurie Kozak

- In December Principal Davidson, Sue and Brian from Alumni Association and Laurie PAC Chair discussed an event to inspire students through past alumni
- Alumni Success Spotlight – a day where we get alumni from different backgrounds and achievements present their stories to show students potential paths, inspire, give insights, guide, overcome barriers and future mentorship
- We discussed
 - Session for grades 9-12
 - having a keynote speaker like retired Chief of Police Devon Clunis, breakout sessions with other speakers
 - Involving guidance counselors, student council, teachers, PAC
 - Need to do a need assessment with students
 - What are they looking for from the alumni presenter
 - Possible day May 7, 2026

Next meeting February 26, 2026

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

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