

St. John's Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2025, Minutes

Welcome to Parents

School Updates – Principal Davidson & Vice Principal Jeremy Haines

- **Registration 2025:**
 - online registration did not go well for 2024 school year
 - **Registration for 2025:**
 - Beginning of September: 709 students
 - 236 students dropped-in registration 1st week of school
 - 945 students' currently registered

- **Classes:**
 - **Grades 7&8**
 - Enriched program is gone, making way for more balanced education, going well.
 - New: fulltime band
 - **Grade 9**
 - New: middle school model instead of high school. Students have 2 core teachers in 4 classes.
 - Students now have a choice of Life Work (work on resume, volunteering, work) or band, and shops like woodworking and electronics options. Can get a work experience credit if do life work.
 - Three to four times a year going over credits

 - **Physical Education - new choices**
 - More variety to get students to stay longer in high school
 - Started a Basketball Academy
 - Girls only gym
 - More competitive options

- **Path Finder's** now called Paths

- **Movement/Art/Music – more options**
 - African Drum Group
 - Growing the Arts & Music programming starting at gr. 7&8
 - Indigenous Drumming
 - Artist Kash to mentor students

- **Other extra options**
 - Metal Shop changed to bike repair & robotics shop
 - Robotics: \$30,000 of equipment

- **Cafeteria:**
 - Breakfast free

- Lunches \$2.50 or free depending on each student's situations
- Snacks are now provided for whole school through WSD Nutrition Program
- **Bursary:**

Schroeder Foundation provides the bursary funds and depending on the criteria will pay for the students post education at Red River College and University of Manitoba.

 - 2025 Term 4 bursaries – waiting on the cheques to be signed
 - School will send out document explaining the division of the bursaries
 - 20% of the bursaries will be not academic
- **Outreach Initiative - Terra Bay Outreach Team**

Schroeder Foundation supports the outreach team at St. John's

 - Went from 3 to 4 outreach workers
 - Team delivers weekly meal kits to families in need
 - They connect with students and their families to remove barriers to education, connect to resources, and support.
- **Summer Camp:**
 - There was a Summer 6-week camp at St. John's High School for gr. 6-8 from 11am – 5pm. Supported by Schroeder Foundation and run by Peaceful Village. Attendance was less than expected but overall, positively received

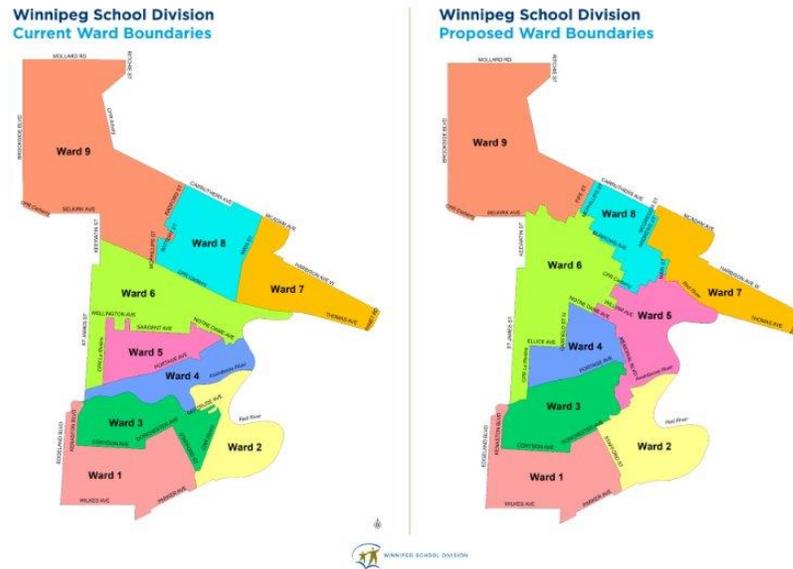
Important School Dates

- **WSD Fall Career Expo** – Thursday, October 23 from 9 am – 3 pm
- **No School October 24**
- **Picture Retakes** – Thursday, November 6

Parent Chair Updates - Laurie Kozak

- **Parents Voted for this year's Parent Council Chair**
 - Laurie Kozak is back as chair
- **Ward Boundaries**
 - The last day of school, June 30, the Winnipeg School Division sent out a survey on revising the Ward Boundaries to all the schools
 - The school division has 9 wards with various number of schools per area and 9 elected Board Trustee who oversee these areas
 - The Division want to change these boundaries to make it more even
 - To make our decision we got this photo with no details (see below)
 - The survey questions were Yes, No and No Opinion
 - Only 582 parents responded from all the schools in the division.

- 290 in support of the change
 - 92 not in support
 - 198 – no opinion
- The Board and Community Liaison Officer thought this was a good response.
- The Parent Chair emailed the Board and Community Liaison Officer encouraging them to do better with their surveys.
- To get feedback that matters from parents/guardians/communities these surveys need provide information improve WSD and help Trustees if there are no numbers, streets, schools, etc. There also should be the opportunity to give feedback on your survey. There was Yes, No, and No Opinion. Parents need more details otherwise this is just a formality.
- The Board recently passed a bylaw to implement the new boundaries.



- **Discussed the various Winnipeg School Division Committees**
 - The division sent out an email looking for committee members for the following committees: Indigenous Education, Inclusive Education, Newcomer Education, Education Equity and Environmental
 - Fill out online form to express your interest if any of these committee relates to you and your family
 - **Important Division Dates**

- **Indigenous Education Advisory** - First meeting date is Thursday, October 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m. St. John's High School 401 Church Street
- **Newcomer Education Advisory** - First meeting date is Thursday, October 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Prince Charles Education Resource Centre, 1075 Wellington Ave.
- **Education Equity Advisory** - The First meeting date is Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Annex 1157 Wall Street
- **Environmental Advisory** - First meeting date is Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Annex 1157 Wall Street
- **Inclusive Education Advisory** - Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Prince Charles Education Resource Centre 1075 Wellington Ave
- North District Advisory Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Champlain School

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