

November 29, 2022 - St. John's High School Parent Council meeting

In Attendance

- 2 parents
- 2 guests – Pastor Tom, Zion Church & Sandi Shaver – New Directions
- 3 Administrators

Laurie Kozak – Co-Chair, Parent Council

- When Laurie was campaigning door to door for School Board Trustee Ward 8 she met Sandi Shaver who works for New Directions as a support facilitator with adults and youth that have been sexually exploited, struggle with addictions
- A discussion was had that Sandi, would present at one of our parent council meetings on drug awareness, harm reduction etc.. She lost her son Cameron in 2016 to drug induced homicide

Admin

- Currently staff call 911 if there is any need for medical treatment or drug overdoses
- There is no full-time nurse on site

Sandi

- There are many other resources with New Direction that schools can access
- Agencies like REACT Winnipeg and Sunshine House are a good resource
- Sunshine House is starting a mobile unit with doctors and nurses

Dolora – Sandi can bring awareness, get her to speak to students

- Tuesday, January 24, 2023 was selected for Sandi to present for 30 minutes to parents
- After the January meeting there may be more opportunities for her to present to interested students
- Sandi will send bio and info for parent invite

St. John's admin have been attending At Risk Learning series

Thing to consider in the future:

- **Information Sharing Act** – allowing schools to have more information on students to help them get the resources they need
- For example, agencies and schools working collaboratively to help a student through information sharing, group discussions, less overlapping and figuring out the student's baseline, their "normal behaviour"
- However, there are barriers like The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and The Personal Health Information Act

Events

- December 6 - North District Advisory Committee Meeting
- December 8 – Parent Teacher meetings
- December 19 – Winter Concert
 - 5 pm Art Show
 - 6pm – 7pm concert

Communication

- Laurie asked about newsletters – when do they come out during the school year
 - **Once a year in November**
 - **Website**
 - Certain pages are outdated or not updated
 - Parents use this as a resource especially since the pandemic
 - Admin agreed to have regular updates

Agenda – next meeting, discuss SRO – Student Resource Officer

- Currently no SRO in WSD – need further discussion at next meeting(s)
 - What is the real reason they are no longer needed in the WSD
 - WSD Board – said financial and recently Chairman of the Board said it was because kids did not feel safe
 - Should he/she/they be available to the schools who want them
 - Consider name change, plain clothes, etc..

Tasks:

- Laurie to get Sandi Shaver to send info on her and presentation
- Vice Principal Locke to send a few email invites to parents before next meeting
- Consider child care for next meeting – if needed

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

Any questions, please contact

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