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St. John's News

On May 22, 2014, St. John's high School was host to our first organized Conference sponsored and planned by the St. John's Parent Council and the St. John's Residence Association.

The theme was on "anti-bullying" and its subtitle was "Do What is Right!"

The keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Hall, Director of Safe Schools Manitoba. Creating safe, caring and responsive schools free from bullying and cyberbullying requires, as she said, "community partnerships." Needless to say, Dr. Hall was impressed by our turnout of 250 community members.

Other speakers included the Honorable Gord Mackintosh (MLA for St. John's) and community activist Mr. Michael Champagne.

After a pizza dinner, we were fortunate to have entertainment by our St. John's Dance Group, Sierra Noble and Rachel Ashley. Interestingly, each performance made a connection to anti-bullying and all made profound life connections that were extremely engaging. Our St. John's Dance Group under the direction of Mr. Suban and Ms. Sutherland, in particular, performed an original dance in conjunction with Sierra Noble's personal recording of her current song on the charts entitled "Possibility." All present would agree that the performance was exceptional!

Perhaps the most demonstrated learning occurred when students from St. John's working under Mr. Tom Chaput produced a 10 minute video of activities that six elementary schools had been working on at their schools over the last several months on the topic of anti-bullying. The elementary schools were Machray, Strathcona, Faraday, Ralph Brown, Inkster and Champlain.

Thank-you needs to be extended to the St. John's Parent Council and the St. John's Residence Association.

Sincerely,

Doug Taylor,
Principal, St. John's High School

p.s. Thank-you should also be extended to the St. John's Alumni Association for always willing to assist at events at St. John's. Your assistance on May 22 was appreciated!