

Andrew School – Student Consultation

Activity 3: What are three important factors the Division should consider when making decisions about programming for senior high students in Andrew?

Major themes:

- Effective discipline
 - Give more punishment. Kids purposely get kicked out because they don't want to be there.
 - We stop bullying.
- More options for classes
 - If we had more options, maybe people would want to come to our school
 - Give students a slight choice for their classes
 - If we had more and better classes, more kids would come and kids would be less like jerks
 - Supervised self-directed options
 - Online courses
 - Options for specific things that kids choose
 - Better gym activities
 - Provide more options
- More specialized teachers
 - Get more specialized teachers and set up different non-core subjects
 - Our school could get more teachers to teach more options
 - Get teachers to teach only one subject
 - We could get more teachers of certain expertise to get us more classes and take over other classes so all teachers can have more prep time, giving us better classes and making teachers less stressed.
 - Have specialized teachers teach little kids then help upper grades
 - Keep specialized teachers at their subject all the time
- Increase technology use
 - Use a more technology-based curriculum to help students learn how to properly use technology
- New theme or renovation of the school
 - Fix the showers
 - Build a cafeteria
 - Vending machines
 - Upgrade the school so it attracts more people
- This school is fine how it is
- Offer a four-day week
 - Instead of early dismissal, have one Friday off per month
- We need more people
 - School needs more money and more teachers
 - We could have better options if we had more students and teachers
 - To get kids here, we need changes

- Advertise the school
 - No one wants to move to Andrew
- Access to sports
 - More students for sports
- Kindness
 - Make school kind
 - Be welcoming to other people coming into the school
 - Be respectful to subs
- Bus grades 10 to 12 away
 - Close school, make it a K – Grade 9
- Hire a guidance counsellor

Other comments:

- There should be more buses
- We have no after school activities and we should have after school sports
- Let us choose our options
- School should know what we want
- Have flex as a free period but more strict
- Be able to buy lunch at a cafeteria
- If things don't change, everyone will leave
- Girls can't be on a sports team because of how many students we have
- More people or switch schools
- Get rid of the flex and make classes longer
- There's lots of vandalism
- Relocate schools
- More funds, more students – more money should come to Andrew School
- Merge schools
- More field trips
- Need a different room for in-school suspensions (kids can use their phone in there)