

Queensbury Elementary School PAC Meeting Meeting Notes:

Location: Virtual Meeting (Google Meet)

Date: January 28, 2025

Attendees: Janice Phillips, Flora Yuen, Sanjeet Johal, Leila Sadeghi, Sarah Hughes, Ashley Klyne-MacDonald, Jana Hrubá, Sara Khalifa, Josephine Chan, Stacey Playle, AJ Woodworth

Meeting began at 7:05pm

Land acknowledgement

Introductions

Minutes approved for the last meeting (approved by Janice Phillips, 2nd by Jana Hrubá)

Admin Report

Sense of Belonging

Gr 6/7 students will be presenting in the mornings for Black History month (coming up in February). Hoping to celebrate all year round and not just in February. Gabby Lefroy is leading from a staff perspective.

Decorating classroom doors- highlights famous Black individuals

Visitor for all classrooms to discuss Black history in Canada / highlights key leaders
Cost \$840 but we have a grant that was approved so it will be free

Lunar New Year- shared resources with staff. Ms Whitney has done some decorating and providing resources on Lunar New Year

4 students took leadership and shared the history in classrooms

Community Staff- sense of belonging. Often call out to new teachers/ EA staff.

7 questions. 5 point scale. 24 surveys done thus far. Majority fall into Strongly Agree, some agree and a couple of neutral. Lots of feedback of feeling welcomed. Things being worked on- were mostly operational in the gym, need signage for where equipment is. Meeting places for outside etc.

Circles in schools- North Shore Restorative Justice society. 3 classes – 1,2 and 6. Lead a series of developmental – diversity, mediation, and peer pressure Term 1-June 40 minutes per week. Cost is \$6000. 1/3 paid by district. 1/3 school / 1/3 grant for Restorative Justice Society.

Community Programs/Extra Curricular:

Farsi and chess

Triple ball – Grade 6 and 7 girls are a go, but no boys team due to lack of players

Crochet club and choir club (20 kids signed up)

West Van Field hockey

Question- Will the restorative Justice Society program be offered every year? (Sarah H)- Sanj said depending on feedback, money available etc.

Hockey- safety concerns. Students now must bring helmets with a face mask if they want to play hockey at school.

Sara K- question. Soccer question – very inclusive. Loving what she is seeing in regards to a beautiful diverse groups. Sanj also encouraging all to share backgrounds

Autism awareness month- April. Jennifer Branston – Sanj recommending her. A group that can come in to present. Ashley recommended books regarding disabilities. Ashley will send to Sanj

Lindsay- How to talk to your kids about online safety, possibly Jennifer Branston. Parent information Night.

Upcoming Dates

Feb 6th- Love Ball

Pink Shirt Day

March 11th- early dismissal

March 12- report cards

PAC Executive Update:

Chair report

We applied and received two grants- One from City of North Van to host Queensbury bike, walk, and roll week in April

The other grant was from Farm to Schools BC – do more with what we already have with our little community garden. We need to find more people that would be willing to help. Garden Committee- Ms Harrington & Ms Kennedy. Call out for volunteers. 1 more parent so far. Proposal to start in March, every other Monday after Lunch and afterschool 3-4pm

3D basketball – checking if we have gym space available as a program. 2:50- 4:50pm . Maybe term 3? We need to check gym availability. Helen would be admin lead with Leila. \$35/session. We can only support 1 day per week at most.

Meeting ended at 8:05pm