



Administration Report - Queensbury PAC Meeting

November 21, 2021

Presented by: Randy Holman and Carly Roy

Land Acknowledgement

We thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwúmesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, upon whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on these traditional lands.

New information items:

Showing Gratitude:

Thank you to all the parents that put on the pancake breakfast!

Thank you to Flora Yuen and hot lunch coordinators and volunteers!

Thank you to all our PAC exec members and volunteer parents for organizing key events that are bringing our community back together again!

Band Concert and Winter Primary Concert

Please join us on Wednesday, December 12th at 1:00 pm (dress rehearsal) or at 6:30pm for the beginning and continuing band performance led by our Band teacher, Alexi Solomakha.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 20th at 1:00pm (dress rehearsal) or at 6:30pm for our primary (K-3) winter concert led by our music teacher Heather Sergent.

We will be collecting boxes of cereal for the North Shore Harvest Project at each event. Thank you for donating.

Communicating Student Learning

Thank you for attending our recent Student-Parent-Teacher goal setting conferences. This is our fifth year participating in this format and we appreciate the time you have spent with your child to create a thoughtful and meaningful goal to work toward.

British Columbia redesigned the provincial curriculum to respond to the needs of today's learners. The curriculum continues to give your child a strong foundation in reading, writing, and math. But it also teaches your child how to think, communicate, solve problems, and use their knowledge in ways that both matter in school and will matter in a rapidly changing future. The new curriculum has been in place in all grades since 2019, but report cards and the way student learning is communicated haven't really changed for decades.

Report cards are now changing to align with the curriculum and to help ensure that every student in the province is set up for success in their learning. Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible if you have any concerns regarding their academic progress.

New to Queensbury this year will be the addition of full fall report card. Report cards will be posted no later than 3PM on Friday, December 18, 2023. Please ensure that your login code works, that you open on a reliable computer and that you **save a copy** of your child's report card to your desktop after each term. There is a \$25.00 fee for request of records.

For more information, please click the following links:

[Communicating Student Learning](#)

[MyEd Portal Tips and Trouble Shooting](#)

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Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations

The immunizations for both kindergartens and Grade 6 will be on Friday, December 1st.

Gr 6/7 Backpack initiative

Throughout the last week of November and the first two weeks of December, we will be supporting **Project Backpack**, an organization that works to assemble backpacks of essential goods for youth experiencing homelessness.

We will be collecting items beginning **Monday November 27 until Friday December 15**. Each division will be given a type of item to bring. Items should be **new and/or in a sealed package**. Division 1 and 2 will be putting the backpacks together on Tuesday December 19. We have 35 backpacks to fill and appreciate any support families are able to offer.

The list of items each class will be collecting is still being developed for each division:

Some popular items that project backpack is often seeking include:

- Water bottles
- Travel mugs
- Feminine Products
- New sweaters
- Towels
- Sketchbooks or note pads

If you have any of these additional items, please feel free to bring these donations directly to the office (there will be a labelled box for these items). Items assigned to each division can be brought directly to the classroom.

Please contact your child's teacher should you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

School Plan Information

Our current school plan is in the beginning stages of being updated. Thank you to Adam Mallonee, Lila Green, and Stephanie Mon Kau for being our parent volunteers. Thank you to our staff reps: Natalie McTavish, and Tessa Harrington for joining us on this journey. Our team has met with our Sutherland Family of Schools in October. We are looking at how we will collect data to inform our practice and how our FOS is aligning with our district goals. We'll have another meeting in the new year to continue our work.

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Standing Information Items:

Mental Wellness Information for families

Attached to this report is information about how to support students with anxiety. We are noticing an increase in student absenteeism (apart from seasonal illnesses) and students who are struggling to make it to school on a daily basis. We urge families to stay connected with their child's classroom teacher/school supports, family doctors, and to seek out supports available for families on the North Shore.

- Family Services of the North Shore
 - Offer counselling support, education, and volunteer engagement opportunities
 - Located at: 1111 Lonsdale Avenue, Suite #203 (604-988-5281)
 - www.familyservices.bc.ca
- Foundry
 - Offers young people 12-24 access to mental health and substance use support, primary care, peer support and social services
 - Located at: 211 W. 1st Avenue, (604-984-5060)
 - www.foundrybc.ca
- Stress and Anxiety Clinic
 - Offers help and support for adults, parents, teens, children, couples and families.
 - Located at: 145 Chadwick Court, Suite #330 (604-985-3939)
 - www.nssac.ca
- EASE
 - Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (Province of British Columbia)
 - www.healthymindsbc.gov.bc.ca

Queensbury's School Handbook and Code of Conduct ([click here for Handbook](#))

A copy of our handbook and Code of Conduct is available on our website (see link below). A condensed version is in the front of your child's agenda.

Queensbury's School Plan ([Queensbury School Plan](#))

Queensbury's School Plan for 2022-23 is being updated. Our current goals include the following:

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Goal #1 To enhance a sense of belonging for students, staff, parents, and guests within our school community

Goal #2 To Enhance Student Engagement

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