



*Administration Report - Queensbury PAC Meeting*

*November 29, 2022*

*Presented by: Kelly La Roue and Carly Roy*

*Land Acknowledgement*

*We thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh 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 our newly formed Garden Committee – we appreciate that you’ve “winterized” our gardens!

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!

**Student / Family Affordability Fund**

To support students and their families who are feeling challenged with the rising costs of living, the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care has provided the North Vancouver School District with a one-time targeted, special grant funding through the [Student Family Affordability Fund](#).

Specifically, Queensbury School received \$10,000.00 to support immediate food and clothing security and \$13,000.00 to support fees (school fees, outdoor school, field trips)

There has been an overwhelming interest in the programs and we’re grateful to be able to respond this year with enhanced financial supports during a time we know so many families need it most. Due to the volume and size of requests we received, we started by fulfilling food security and winter clothing requests. Support for these essential items were offered in the form of gift cards to Real Canadian Superstore (President’s Choice) and Walmart. Not surprising, the gift cards for food and clothing support have gone quickly, and regrettably, we were not able to fulfill all requests in their entirety. Thank you for your submissions, the gift cards have been distributed to support 27 families.

We are working through the requests for fee reimbursement and have set aside some funds to be made available for families seeking support throughout the year.

**Band Concert and Winter Primary Concert**

Please join us on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm (dress rehearsal) or at 6pm for the beginning and continuing band performance led by our Band teacher, Colin Madill.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm (dress rehearsal) or at 6pm 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.

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**Communicating Student Learning**

Thank you for attending our recent Student-Parent-Teacher goal setting conferences. This is our fourth 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.

Please be reminded that your child's goal, letter grades/ performance standards, English Language Learner (ELL) comments (if applicable), and band comments (if applicable), will be the only items appearing on the report card.

Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible if you have any concerns regarding their academic progress.

Report cards will be posted no later than 3PM on Friday, December 9, 2022. 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](#)

**Gr 6/7 Backpack initiative**

Throughout the last two weeks of November and the first week 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 21 until Friday December 9**. 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 13. We have 35 backpacks to fill and appreciate any support families are able to offer.

Here is the list of items each class will be collecting:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Items (New and in Original Package)</b>
1	Hair accessories (elastic bands, bobby pins, scrunchies)
2	Shaving cream or mens personal care items
3	Combs/brushes
4	Shampoo/conditioner
5	Toothbrushes/toothpaste/dental floss
6	Socks
7	Deodorant
8	Scarves
9	Gloves
10	Toques/hats
11	Soap/Hand sanitizer
12	Band-aids/ First aid supplies

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Other 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, Brook Walker, and Stephanie Mon Kau for being our parent volunteers. Thank you to our staff reps: Gabby Lefroy, 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.

Please access: [Queensbury School Plan](#)

### *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.

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- 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](http://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. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, (604-984-5060)
  - [www.foundrybc.ca](http://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](http://www.nssac.ca)
  
- EASE
  - Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (Province of British Columbia)
  - [www.healthymindsbc.gov.bc.ca](http://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:

*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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