

# Administration Report - Queensbury PAC Meeting March 7, 2023 Presented by: Kelly La Roue and Carly Roy

# New information items:

#### **SCHOOL PLAN UPDATES**

Thank you to our parent and staff volunteers who have helped shape and guide our goals for the 2023-2024 school year. Our final meeting will be in April and will look at finalizing our revised goals and strategies

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

members

Goal #2 To enhance student engagement

We have spent some time this year looking at ways Queensbury (along with our family of schools) goals align to district goals in the areas of: Innovative Instruction, Mental Health and Well Being, Environmental Stewardship, Student Centered Education, Truth, Healing and Reconciliation, and Welcoming & Inclusive Culture.

As a recommendation from our SPC, we are seeking families that would like to be a "welcome family" at each grade level. Many of our new families are new to Canada and have questions about living in Canada, school life, etc, etc. Please reach out to Kelly or Carly if you're available to assist.

## Ready, Set, Learn!

Ready, Set, Learn! is an initiative aimed at encouraging and supporting children's early language and literacy skills. Intended for families and their 3-to 5-year-old children, Ready, Set, Learn is designed to foster positive connections among families, schools and early learning community partners. Elementary schools that enroll Kindergarten classes hold Ready, Set, Learn events in their schools or communities.

These events provide a fun, family-oriented atmosphere with the intent of supporting preschool aged children prepare for their eventual transition to Kindergarten. Please click <a href="here">here</a> for more Ready Set Learn information.

#### KINDERGARTEN TOURS AND WELCOME PACKAGES

We are very excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students with our in-person orientation on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:45 and 11:00 to 11:45am. Welcome letters will be sent to our families mid to late April indicating your orientation times. Please arrive at our front entrance where you will be greeted by a staff member. Parents are asked to stay for an information session that will run concurrently in the library. Additionally, new families may like to view the Kindergarten Orientation video prepared by the NVSD in 2021 by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

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#### STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Just a reminder that a link to the Ministry's Satisfaction Survey was sent home 2 weeks ago for Grade 4 and 7 families. Your assistance in completing this survey is appreciated. Please contact <a href="mailto:queensbury@sd44.ca">queensbury@sd44.ca</a> if you did not receive an email and would like to complete the survey or require more information. The survey is now open to all parents and staff and should be completed by April 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at:

#### (parents take the survey here)

Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting "North Vancouver" and "Queensbury"

## **News from the Library**

Parents have access to more of our collections when they log in to the catalogue with their children's login code. If they click on collections, they will find 5 recently added Diversity and Inclusion collections as well as the Patti Baldwin collections.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/51696

Please view our **Queensbury Website** for more information.

#### **Athletics**

We're very pleased to welcome Tennis BC back to Queensbury as a school wide activity! April 27-May 5th.

## Tripleball

Congratulations to our Grade 6/7 Girls and Boys Tripleball teams for a fantastic season! Both teams showed incredible growth throughout the season. Thank you to our teacher coaches: Ms. Duncan, Ms. Grantham, and Mr. Bott for their commitment to these teams. Thank you to our parents for their support in getting the kids to practices, games and for their support in the stands.

#### Track and Field

Track and Field season will be starting after Spring Break (April) and runs into June. Queensbury staff is currently working to solidify coaches, and coaching schedules. Track and Field is open to students in grades 4-7 so please tell your children to listen closely to the announcements after Spring Break for sign up information.

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Our primary classes participate in Kilometer club after Spring Break, a time where we encourage daily activity through walking or running. Students log their kilometers and can earn special badges based on their accomplishments. Stay tuned for more information from teachers

## **Black History Month**

We were so fortunate to be joined by Alisha from Presentation House to explore Canadian Black History with our K-7 students through the month of February. In addition to Alisha's presentation, classes learned about the contributions of important Black Canadians throughout our national history. Classes focused on texts and literature which centered on Black protagonists and issues. We are proud of the work our school has been doing to pay attention to the texts they are using to ensure that all voices are represented in the stories that our children are exposed to.

## **Queensbury Community Cleanup**

Last year kicked off our annual Queensbury community cleanup, where classes went out as buddies and cleaned our community. This year, we will continue this tradition. If parents are interested in volunteering for this event to support with road safety and supervision, please email Ms. Roy at croy@sd44.ca

#### **GRADE 7 UPDATES**

Course selection sheets are now due for grade 7's entering high school. A day at Sutherland is planned for Friday, April 14th. The 7's will make their way to Sutherland on their own and will then engage in a day full of activities planned for them.

# **Standing Information Items:**

#### **Queensbury's School Handbook**

A copy of our current handbook is available on our website. A condensed version is located in the front of the student agendas.

#### Queensbury's School Plan

UNDER CONSTRUCTION- stay tuned for updates!

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