

TRUSTEE LIAISON ANNUAL REPORT

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School Name/Zone:

Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh

School Year: 2022/2023

Annual Highlights:

- The student population grew again this year. It was first 80 students when opened in its new location, and has now grown to be 120.
- Practicum students were a new addition to the school this year.
- Work has been underway this past school year to create a plan for Indigenous Immersion:
- Hul'q'umin'um teachers are working with the school to create supports for all school staff to share more Hul'q'umin'um in their classrooms. This will also include support for professional development.
- The school held their first ever winter play.
- Students have embraced their school as an extension of their home and are successfully building relationships with the adults who work in their school.
- The school's basketball team had a great year, which helped them prepare for some students participating in the Junior All Natives Tournament in the spring.
- Students at QQS participated in their first school district track meet this year and enjoyed the day at the track.
- Throughout the year, students continue to learn on the land, and about the protocols that are undertaken for culturally important events in the forests around the school.
- There are cultural supports are regularly available; for example, smudging. This is often led by community role models.
- The school began and expanded a number of after school programs where students could participate in sports, crafts and other activities like homework club.
- On National Indigenous People's Day, a spring play was held in Hul'q'umin'um, and there were cultural performances at the school for all the students and staff as well as community members. This was followed by a successful school fun day.