

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



**Be Strong! Be Strong!
Make each other strong!**

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As I write this, parents and teachers are conferencing, discussing report cards, academics, expectations, behavior, and, alas, probation lists. (And, it should be noted, probation is a strong warning that change must happen, and QCS wants to be a positive agent for change, both academically and behaviorally.) A strong partnership between the school and parents can make for a solid academic experience.



QCS insists on high standards of both behavior and academics. These high standards are evident in the way QCS provides professional development for teachers: how many schools offer weekly professional development opportunities? These standards are why Rod Meadth, Secondary Principal, Ben Kilpatrick, Social Studies Teacher, Ruth Van Dam, Board Secretary, and I attended the annual Paideia Conference last week - - a conference that exists to make excellence possible in schools.

Finally, the standards to which QCS aspires is clear in the reaccreditation process, where representatives from The Association of Christian Schools International and the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges are coming for an accreditation visit this coming week, where they will study every aspect of the school from Monday to Wednesday. You are invited to attend a 3:30 meeting this Wednesday where they will share a summary report to the QCS community.

Thanks for being part of a great school - - and thanks for helping make a great school even better.

The QCS Board of Trustees met on October 12th. We are excited that the school year is off to a great start. There are always opportunities for parents to be more involved in the school and we encourage you to talk to Mr. Hersey about committees and programs that you can be a part of. Your children will appreciate your desire to be a part of their school lives and the school appreciates your involvement.



The Board is pleased to report that two positions on have been filled with new board members, John O'Kelley and Bill Manassero. Both men bring their strengths to help complete the leadership for QCS. We still have one opening on the board so if you feel called to be more involved in the school at this level, please pick up an application in the office or speak with Beth Charles.

The ACSI accreditation team will be visiting QCS this month to evaluate the school. We look forward to this visit and continue to work toward accreditation with SACS in order to help us improve the school. The ACSI accreditation team will meet with all interested members of the QCS Community on Wednesday October 26th @3:30pm in the chapel to review their findings. Look for details in the QCS newsletter.

We are also happy to report the QCS has received the official foundation and status paperwork from the Haitian Government. Patrick Brun spent many hours pursuing this very important matter and we are grateful for his hard work in making this a reality. Be sure to say thanks to him the next time you see him.

The Board is blessed to have such a supportive community of parents, teachers and administrators. Please continue to lift QCS in your prayers.

In Christ,

Timothy W. Banks, Chairman