

# Memo

To: Board of Education SD50 (Haida Gwaii)

From: Piet Langstraat, Special Advisor

Date: April 2, 2019

Re: Public Meeting Items

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There are a number of items I would like to share and discuss with the Board of Education.

1. February 26, 2019 Board Meeting

At the Board of Education Meeting held February 26, 2019 I addressed a number of concerns that had been expressed by the public. These included concerns about the conduct of the Board Chair as well as general concerns about the operations of the District. Subsequent to the meeting additional concerns were brought to my attention.

These concerns included:

- The manner in which the interim Superintendent was notified that the Board was going to undertake a search for a permanent Superintendent.
- The Board's involvement in the appointment of the Special Advisor.
- The extent to which the former Superintendent continued to have involvement in the operations of the District.

At the time of the writing of this memorandum I have not concluded my investigation of these concerns. A verbal update will be provided at the Board meeting.

2. Amalgamation of Tahayghen Elementary and Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Nayy Secondary Schools

At the public meeting of April 24, 2018 the Board of Education passed the following motion:

*That the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of SD 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve to begin the process to amalgamate Tahayghen Elementary and Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary.*

The District has received correspondence from the Ministry of Education requesting a Draft Business Plan by July 31, 2019.

As a result the interim Superintendent and the Special Advisor will be hosting a number of meetings with staff and the public to discuss plans for the amalgamation. The dates and times of the public meetings are as follows:

- April 3, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Nayy
- April 25, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Nayy

### 3. Superintendent Search Update

The Special Advisor wishes to thank all staff and community members who participated in the in-person meetings and the online survey regarding the desirable attributes of a Superintendent. The comments gathered throughout this process have been posted on the District website.

In addition, an Ideal Candidate Profile has been established and is also posted on the District website.

An advertisement has been posted with a closing date of April 12, 2019.

The next steps in the process will be to review the applications, short list potential candidates and hold interviews. It is expected that interviews will take place in the last week of April.

### 4. SD 50 Learning Framework

The Special Advisor, District Office staff and school principals will begin working on a Learning Framework for SD 50 on April 3, 2019. The intent is to review student success data and to focus on planning for future educational services in SD 50.