

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD IN K'IL KUN LLNAGAAY/SANDSPIT
AT AGNES L. MATHERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND VIA GOOGLE MEET
ON TUESDAY, MAY 28TH, 2019**

PRESENT WERE: Roeland Denooij, Chair
Dana Moraes, Vice Chair
Julia Breese, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer
Piet Langstraat, Special Advisor (Google Meet)
Colleen Bradley, Confidential Administrative Assistant

ABSENT WAS: Joanne Yovanovich, Interim Superintendent
Wilson Brown, Trustee
Adeana Young, Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Claire Gauthier	Emmy O'Gorman	Audrey Putterill	Jenny Parser
Civa Gautiher	Stephen Querengesser	Kim Forbes	Peter Houston
Bill Rieger	Jenny Parser	Alison Price	Lauren Field
Behn Cochrane	Roberta Wagenstein	Adrianna Spighi	Emmy O'Gorman
Nancy Mercer			

Google Meet:

Lao Peerless
Steve Goffic
Will Bedard

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

Chairperson Denooij acknowledged the meeting was being held on the unceded territory of the Haida Nation.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 1802 hours.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) invited members of the public to address agenda items during the Public Question Period. The following agenda items were discussed:

- No agenda items were brought up at this time

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R19052801 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING AND
RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

5.1 April 23, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes

R19052802 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the April 23, 2019 minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 April 23, 2019 Inaugural Meeting Minutes

R19052803 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the April 23, 2019 Inaugural minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 May 28, 2019 In-Camera Rise and Report

Chairperson Denooij reported that personnel, property and student matters were discussed at the May 28th, 2019 In-Camera meeting.

6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Official Languages in Education Program

Secretary Treasurer Sansome informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) Interim Superintendent Yovanovich will be meeting with the President of the Council of the Haida Nation, Gaagwiis/Jason Alsop, to draft a letter.

6.2 Financial Health and Budgeting Professional Learning

Special Advisor, Piet Langstraat, informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that Joan Axford as well as Assistant Deputy Minister, Jennifer McCrae, will be in Haida Gwaii at the end of August / beginning of September to discuss strategic planning and financial

planning with the Board.

6.3 Student Transportation Policy

Trustee Julia Breese stated that the current student transportation policy required clarification and streamlining and made the following recommendations:

- Change walking distance maximum to 2.3 km for kindergarten to grade 7 students and 4 km distance students in grades 8 to 12;
- Clarification of definitions for interpretation purposes;
- Clarification of what a "considerable distance" is;
- Clarification of definition of "school boundaries";
- To merge all similar transportation policies into one cohesive transportation policy;

R19052804 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Interim Superintendent to take Trustee Breese's recommendations and rework the transportation policy to be presented at next Board meeting in June.

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Joint First Nation Transportation Plans

Secretary Treasurer Sansome informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) of the following points regarding the Joint First Nation Transportation Plan:

- transport services for students residing on reserve;
- number of students in Skidegate that do not have this service;
- recommendation to procure another bus and driver dedicated to those students and that route
- Ministry of Education has separate funding that can be applied for

R19052805 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt the Joint First Nation Transportation Plans as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Innovative Project: Garden Enhancement – E. O'Gorman, GKNS Teacher

Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay teacher, Emily O'Gorman, presented her Garden Enhancement project that was successful in attaining funding through the district's Innovative Projects. Her presentation

outlined the many benefits and positive impact this project has had on students regarding sourcing local foods, gardening, and healthy eating.

7.2 Professional Development – S. Querengesser, HGTA President

Haida Gwaii Teacher Association President, Stephen Querengesser, presented on the structure of Professional Development committees throughout the district, the different focuses of the professional development days, and the professional development activities the staff of School District No. 50 have been participating in throughout the school year.

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Denooij reported on the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) activities for the month of May 2019.

- Vice Chair Moraes attended the BC School Trustees' Association's Annual General Meeting, participated in the Superintendent interviews in Port Clements, attended the Strategic Planning session, and attended the Professional Development Committee
- Trustee Breese participated in bargaining with the Haida Gwaii Teachers Association, attended the SOGI Pro-D sessions and met with District wide SOGI group to go over current policies, attended bargaining sessions with CUPE, attended the Masset School amalgamation meeting in Masset, and attended the Strategic Planning sessions.
- Trustee Brown attended the Strategic Planning session, and continues work with the community regarding the Masset Schools consolidation plan.
- Trustee Young attended the Strategic Planning Sessions.
- Chairperson Denooij attended BCSTA's AGM, participated in the Superintendent interviews, attended the SOGI dinner at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School, attended the Parent Advisory Council meeting at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary, spoke with Jennifer Rice regarding transportation, rising freight costs, early child care staffing issues, and Haida Immersion, and attended the Strategic Planning sessions.

8.1 Special Advisor Report

Special Advisor, Piet Langstraat, submitted a written report where he addressed the following:

- A community meeting in Old Massett on May 2nd where plans for the Masset schools amalgamation were discussed;
- Meeting with the architect on May 24th to discuss suggestions from the May 2nd meeting and to move from conceptual discussions to creating working drawings for the renovations of Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary;
- Haida Immersion and a letter of support from the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) to the Ministry of Education resulting in Assistant Deputy Minister Jennifer McCrae and Lead Indigenous Learner, Denise Augustine, coming to Haida Gwaii for the June 25th School Board meeting to discuss support for the Haida Immersion program;

8.2 April 2019 Trustee Expenditure Report

R19052806 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the April 2019 Trustee Expenditure Report.

MOTION CARRIED

9. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

9.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission – BC Human Rights Tribunal Application

Secretary Treasurer Sansome informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) a letter of Understanding has been signed by BC School Employers' Association and BC Teachers' Federation addressing lay-offs and bumping protection of Indigenous teachers as part of a special program for recruitment and retention of Indigenous teachers.

9.2 Field Trip Policy Review

R19052807 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the Field Trip Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 Superintendent Appointment

Chairperson Denooij stated that there was a press release 2 weeks ago announcing the successful candidate for Superintendent of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) is Carey Stewart.

9.4 Update on Strategic Planning

Trustee Moraes stated that strategic planning is a continuous process, discussions will continue in late August / early September and that so far discussions have been very engaging.

9.5 Trustee Portfolio Review

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10. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

10.1 April 2019 Finance Vouchers

Trustee Breese noticed that East Van Graphics has two payouts for the exact amount; Secretary Treasurer Sansome stated she will look into the matter and report back to Board.

R19052808 MOTION BY DANA MORAES

SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the April 2019 Financial Vouchers.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 2019/2020 Annual Budget

R19052809 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt that the 2019/2020 Annual Budget be given 2nd reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R19052810 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt that the 2019/2020 Annual Budget be given 3rd and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Field Trip Applications

10.3.1 Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School – Mount Moresby Adventure Camp

R19052811 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School's field trip application to the Mount Moresby Adventure Camp.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3.2 Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School – Grade 10 Mount Moresby Adventure Camp

R19052812 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School's field trip application for the Grade 10 trip to Mount Moresby Adventure Camp.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3.3 Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School – Grade 7 Trip to Lepas Bay

R19052813 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School's amended field trip application for the Grade 7 trip to Lepas Bay.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3.4 ALM – Mount Moresby Adventure Camp

R19052814 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve Agnes L. Mathers Elementary School's field trip application for the Mount Moresby Adventure Camp.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 Annual Facilities Grant

The Manager of Operations, Lao Peerless, submitted an action sheet in the Board Meeting package outlining the 2 options for the 2019/2020 Annual Facilities Grant. Option 1 describes using all of the grant for some upgrading and general maintenance for district schools, option 2 describes putting \$232,000 toward the Masset schools amalgamation as well as some upgrades and general maintenance in district schools.

R19052815 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) choose option 2 to put \$232,000 of the 2019/2020 Annual Facilities Grant toward the Masset schools amalgamation.

MOTION CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

12. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES RELATING TO THE BOARD MEETING:

The Board of Education of Schools District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) and members of the public held a question and answer period. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Agnes L. Mathers Elementary School soccer field
- District staffing
- Possible renaming of Masset School
- Gwaii Trust application process for schools
- Field trip policy
- Agnes L. Mathers fence
- Agnes L. Mathers window coverings
- Furniture order
- Haida Immersion
- ALM Administrative Assistant hours
- Lighting in schools
- Counseling for students
- Annual Facilities Grant
- Solar power at Agnes L Mathers
- Minister's visit in June
- Official Languages Education Program

R19052816

MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) extend the meeting beyond 8:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

R19052817 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 2015 hours.

MOTION CARRIED


Chairperson
Secretary Treasurer