

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IN  
DAAJING GIDDS/QUEEN CHARLOTTE AND VIA GOOGLE MEET ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020**

**PRESENT WERE:** Roeland Denooij, Chair (Google Meet)  
Dana Moraes, Vice Chair (District Administration Office)  
Julia Breese, Trustee (Google Meet)  
Wilson Brown, Trustee (Google Meet)  
Adeana Young, Trustee (Google Meet)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carey Stewart, Superintendent  
Kristina Russ, Confidential Administrative Assistant  
Kevin Black, Secretary Treasurer  
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Officer  
Kiarah Brady, Student Trustee  
Kelsey Ross, Student Trustee

**ABSENT WAS:**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**Google Meet:**

Bridgid Cumming	Sian Nalleweg
Jennifer White	Steve Goffic
Laurie Husband	Stephen Querengesser
Lao Peerless	Tammy Gates
Laverne Hamilton	Tracy Morton
Meghan Ives	Warren McIntyre

**District Administration Office:**

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY  
CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 1803 hours.

**2. NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE INTRODUCTIONS**

**2.1 – Welcome & Introductions**

Chairperson Denooij introduced the 2020-2021 new student trustees:

Primary Trustee - Kiarah Brady (Gr.12) Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay

Alternate Trustee - Kelsey Ross (Gr. 12) Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay

**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.

- No questions were brought forward.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4.1 R20102701 MOTION BY:** Vice Chair Moraes  
**SECONDED BY:** Trustee Breese

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

**5.1 R20102702** MOTION BY: Vice Chair Moraes  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the September 22, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented

MOTION CARRIED

**5.2** The superintendent of schools reported that property, personnel, and student matters were discussed at the October 27, 2020 In-Camera Meeting.

## **6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **6.1 – Bussing to Port Clements**

Superintendent Stewart reported a letter was received from the Village of Port Clements in regards to the bussing issue for residents from Tlell to the elementary school in Port Clements. Trustee Breese provided feedback from Port Clements citizens: There is not currently bussing for Tlell residents to the Port Clements Elementary or financial support for parents. Port Clements citizens express concern about losing their school due to low students and staff. Trustees asked Superintendent Stewart to reach out to citizens of Tlell to get a better understanding of who is affected and what they need.

## **7. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Chairperson Denooij reported the following:

- Trustees attended a BCSTA workshop via videoconference and have been reviewing the materials provided
- Trustees will continue to work with district staff to ensure things are running smoothly with the reopening of schools. They are happy to report that it has been going well so far.
- Vice Chair Moraes has been busy working with the Indigenous Council
- Trustee Young attended Provincial Council meetings.

## **8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **8.1 – Superintendent Newsletter**

Superintendent Stewart presented the new Superintendent's Newsletter which will highlight events taking place in schools in order to share information with parents.

### **8.2 – StrongStart update**

Superintendent Stewart reported that as he is doing regular site visits, he is dropping in to check out StrongStart facilities. As some schools have yet to hire facilitators, there will be a more detailed update in the coming months.

## **9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

### **9.1 – Local Education Agreement**

Carey Stewart presented the Local Education Agreement and noted it as a working document. He advised the document will be reviewed throughout the year, with the goal of a long-term Local Education Agreement.

**R20102703** MOTION BY: Trustee Young

SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) accepts the one-year Local Education Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Four in favor/One abstention

## **10. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY ISSUES**

### **10.1- Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

Superintendent Stewart reported that he will be working with the Haida Education Committee to establish how the Haida resources are being used within our schools.

### **10.2 – BC School Trustees Association Update**

Trustees reported that the Provincial Council meeting went well. There were motions put forward for safe bussing as well as a unanimous vote on a motion for Anti-Racism and Black History Month implementation for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 sector.

It was noted that the province is happy with the safety measures in place in schools. Thus far they have not had any outbreaks connected to the schools.

### **10.3- Strategic Planning**

Superintendent Stewart presented the School District No. 50 Haida Gwaii's plan to develop the Strategic plan to improve student achievement.

R20102704

MOTION BY: Vice Chair Moraes

SECONDED BY: Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) directs Superintendent Stewart to find two external consultants to put forward a proposal to guide the District Strategic Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

### **10.4 - Amend District School Calendar**

Last day of School (Administrative Day), currently planned for June 30<sup>th</sup>, will be rescheduled for June 25, 2021 due to the school year bookend language in the Teachers' Collective Agreement that was overlooked.

### **10.5 - Student Enrolment**

Superintendent Stewart presented the district student forecast as circulated in the Board Meeting Package.

### **10.6 – Framework for Enhancing Student Learning**

Superintendent Stewart reported that there is a new requirement for all school districts to implement the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

Categories for each of the following student populations to be reported on are as follows:

1. Indigenous students (i) living on reserve and (ii) living off reserve
2. Children and youth in care
3. Students with disabilities or diverse abilities.

### **10.7 - PAC & DPAC**

Trustees reported that there is still room for participation in the Parent Advisory Committees. Sk'aadga Naay Elementary had their first meeting since the beginning of COVID-19 virus. It was noted that the Gaming Grant deadlines have been extended and will be looked into.  
Action – Superintendent Stewart will send out information on Agnes L. Mathers Elementary school's Parent Advisory Committee by October 29, 2020.

**10.8 - Student Trustee Policy examples**  
R20102705                    MOTION BY: Trustee Young  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) strike a sub-committee to draft a Student Trustee Policy consisting of Trustee Moraes, and Student Trustees Brady and Ross.

MOTION CARRIED

**10.9 - District Assessment update**  
Superintendent Stewart presented the Haida Gwaii Community Numeracy and Literacy Plan, as attached in the meeting package. The committee will include one teacher representative from each school

**11. OPERATIONS**

**11.1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Operating Financial Update**  
Secretary Treasurer Black presented and explained the first quarter operating results, budget to actual. He reported that with one month into the school year and three months into the fiscal year, the district's spending is on track compared to the budget.

**11.2- Auditor Appointment**

R20102706                    MOTION BY: Vice Chair Moraes  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) appoint Carlyle Shepherd & Co. Chartered Professional Accountants for year ended June 30, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

**11.3 – Masset Schools Update**  
Superintendent Stewart reported that senior staff will be holding a meeting on October 28, 2020 to discuss the Masset schools' amalgamation.

**11.4 – August/September 2020 Finance Vouchers**

R20102707                    MOTION BY: Vice Chair Moraes  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the August and September 2020 finance vouchers and expenditures as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12.1 - Supports Provided by School by Northern Health**  
As presented in the Board meeting package.

**12.2** – Letter from Village of Port Clements

As presented in the Board meeting package and discussed in section 6.

**12.3** – Haida Gwaii Teacher’s Union letter

As presented in the Board meeting package.

**13. 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:

- Scheduling of Professional Development Days with the Local Education Agreement
- The Local Enhancement Agreement with Masset Village Council
- Masset Parent Advisory Councils meeting locations

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

R20102708 MOTION BY: Vice Chair Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 1948 hours.

MOTION CARRIED



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Chairperson

Roeland Denooij



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Secretary Treasurer