

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT PORT CLEMENTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND VIA GOOGLE MEETS
ON AUGUST 28, 2020**

PRESENT WERE: Roeland Denooij, Chairperson
Julia Breese, Trustee
Dana Moraes, Trustee
Adeana Young, Trustee (joined at 1829pm)

ABSENT WAS: Wilson Brown, Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Carey Stewart, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Officer
Lao Peerless, Manager of Operations
Steve Goffic, Information Technology Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Catherine Rigg	Christina Stupka
Colin Greenough	Danielle Harris
Emmy O’Gorman	Jody Bissett
Jacqui Ferraby	Ken Evans
L Husband	Lexi Forbes
Lucy Stefanyk	Randi Morton
Sandra Morgan	Sean Muise
Sian Nalleweg	Sofia Page
Steve Querengesser	Tracy Morton
Wendy Watts	Janet Rigg
Nadine Jones	Zoey Wolnowski
Warren McIntyre	Danielle Harris
Danielle Harris	Carrie-Lee Duke
Isla Johnson	Tana Hooper
Abarac K	Nika Collinson
Anne Barnes	Claire Gauthier
Jennifer White	Erika Stocker
Josina Davis	Davis Davis

1. Acknowledgment of the Haida Territory

2. Call to Order

Chairperson Trustee Denooij called the meeting to order at 1810 hours.

3. Approval of the Agenda

S20082801 MOTION BY Dana Moraes
SECONDED BY Julia Breese

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Safely Re-Opening Schools

Superintendent Stewart reported on SD50's Stage 2 Restart Plan. Topics included:

- In-class instruction
- Collaboration with community stakeholders
- Health and Safety Plans

Superintendent Stewart read and responded to questions from parents

S20082802 MOTION BY Dana Moraes
SECONDED BY Adeana Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt the delay of the return to classroom instruction for our students until September 14, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Question Period

Questions/Comments from Trustees:

1. If your child has symptoms, are they asked to be tested before they can go to school?
2. Will there be support for them from school?
3. If someone from the household goes off-island, will the whole family have to self-isolate?
4. Are we going to adopt the same self-isolation requirement as that of the CHN?
5. What about students that have to go away for braces once a month?
6. Additional Mental health resources and outreach for our student as well as cultural support, to help them in transitioning back to school.
7. Ministry of Education (MoE) has announced there will be masks. Does that go for SD50?
8. What happens when you have a sibling in the elementary and another in the high school? What happens in terms of the exposure to two cohorts?
9. What happens if one of our students have COVID?
10. Are there spots available in the DL programs?

11. Do you get credit with DL courses?
12. Have we had discussion that include Northern Health Authority (NHA) if a student gets COVID?
13. What is the turnaround for testing?

Questions from the public:

1. What is our Restart Plan for continuing our local food to school program? BC's Back to School Program includes school meal programs; school districts with existing meal programs will continue to work with community partners to provide meal support to families in need, in alignment with the current public health guidelines.... As a district, are we keeping this priority in alignment as we have been provided valuable feedback Carey mentions that "we need to keep the same message moving forward"?
2. Regarding WSBC each facility has to have a WSBC plan, when will those be available?
3. Are we planning remote learning?
4. Will there be increased DL programming?
5. What if a student does come in with symptoms? Are you going to be contacted the students who have come in contact with the student who has symptoms? How do we respond to someone exhibits symptoms, or how do you differentiate from allergies?
6. Maybe there should be a health check before students get on the bus?
7. Is there any kind of penalty for those of us who choose to allow our kids to go back only part time, or on a modified schedule, as we spend time working independently at home with them?
8. Pre-COVID at what time was lack of attendance at school would prevent a student from continuing in school?
9. Could you tell me again the reason this district is waiting until Sept 14 to welcome students to class?
10. What can I do to prepare my child for back to school, what should my kids expect when they return to school? What happens if a child tests positive for COVID?
11. How will bus service work? Students in Tlell are on the bus for over an hour and a half. I have concerns that it will be longer.
12. Will there be a Zoom call specific to each school where the administrators will have a conversation with parents at each school?

13. What about outdoor education, land-based play? Can we support this as a district, our families need this, we need this as educators and our children deserve to have that unique curriculum?
14. Can you explain distributed learning and p/t enrolment options?
15. Is there a way for kids to attend the class virtually? Say in the case of someone who needs to isolate or is feeling unwell?
16. Have additional cleaners been hired? Will cleaning be happening during the school day in high traffic areas such as bathrooms?
17. Will hand sanitizer be available in all classrooms?
18. What about registering as a homeschooler through SD 50? Is that an option? Will SD 50 invite these students to do extracurricular activities etc...?
19. I hope high schools will look at how kids can attend school virtually when having to self-isolation if they would like to keep up with class work and discussions. Will the ministry purchase iPad for loan in those cases?
20. How many hours per a 6-hour school day will the daytime custodians be in each school?

It was discussed that all questions would be posted on the district website with answers to each questions.

6. Adjournment

S20082803 MOTION BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the In-Camera Board meeting at 2013 hours.

MOTION CARRIED



Secretary Treasurer



Chairperson