



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 HAIDA GWAI BOARD POLICY MANUAL

### POLICY D.14

#### Policy Title: Student Trustee

April 2021

### Student Trustee Guidelines

#### Preamble

The Board of Education values the importance of student leadership and the contribution our students make to the learning process. Therefore, the Board is committed to the annual selection of Student Trustees. Student Trustees may serve up to a two-year term beginning in their grade 11 year. Two Student Trustees will represent each high school as a District Student Leadership Team.

#### District Student Leadership Team

1. Two students (normally one in grade 11 and/or one in grade 12) from Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary School and Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School will meet with the Superintendent or designate at least every two months to discuss matters of interest to students.
2. A process will be developed by the District Student Leadership Team to nominate a member of the District Student Leadership Team to be Student Trustee for the academic year.
3. Should the nominee be unable to complete their term, the District Student Leadership Team will nominate another student to fulfill the role of the Student Trustee for the balance of that school year.

#### Student Trustee:

1. The District Student Leadership Team shall name a Student Trustee to the Board in June of each school year for the subsequent school year.
2. The Chair of the Board and Superintendent will mentor the Student Trustee.
3. The Student Trustee shall have the same opportunities for participation in meetings of the Board and its committees as an elected Trustee. However, the Student Trustee is not a member of the elected Board, and, therefore, cannot attend closed meetings. Further, the Student Trustee cannot vote on matters before the Board.
4. The Student Trustee must try to attend all regular meetings of the Board.
5. The Student Trustee shall act in accordance with the Bylaws and Policies of the Board.
6. The Student Trustee shall prepare a written report for the June Board meeting to describe their experiences as a Student Trustee for his/her term of office.



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### **Disqualification of Student Trustees**

A Student Trustee will be disqualified from service if they:

1. Ceases to be a student in School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii).
2. Is suspended from school for a serious violation of the Code of Conduct or other Board Policies or school rules.

### **Honorarium and Support for The Student Trustee**

1. The Student Trustee may receive an acknowledgement as determined by the Board.
2. The Student Trustee will be reimbursed for any appropriate receipted expenses incurred as a function of the role.

### **Conflict of Interest Guidelines**

1. A Student Trustee must not participate in any Board discussion where the Student Trustee may have a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest.
2. A Student Trustee has a conflict of interest when a Student Trustee or their parent(s), spouse, sibling or child has a direct or indirect financial interest in the matter being discussed at the Board or Committee meeting – scholarships.