

Haida Gwaii

ADDITIONS & ATTACHMENTS of the REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii)

Location: Port Clements Elementary School

Date: February 21, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Use TEAMS link: Link in email – Also available on the SD50 website

ADDITIONS & ATTACHMENTS:

13.2 February 20, 2023 – DPAC Letter to SD50 Trustees



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 HAIDA GWAI**

<u>MEETING AGENDA ITEM # 13.2</u>			
Action:		Information:	X
Meeting:	Regular	Meeting Date:	February 21, 2023
Topic:	Correspondence		
Background/Discussion:			
Letter from DPAC			
Recommended Action:			
Information & Discussion			
Presented by: Chairperson			

February 20th, 2023

Hi there SD50 Trustees!

The Haida Gwaii District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the 2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan for School District 50. We were hoping to follow up with a few ideas that center on some of the priorities that were identified.

Specifically, we are interested in your support to bring training and programming to Haida Gwaii that prioritizes student well-being, that integrates local parent and guardian perspectives and that fosters greater collaboration between families, educators and students.

Recently, we have explored the potential of the [Preventure](#) Mental Health program and the [Power Up](#) Sexual Health Education curriculum as a training opportunity for Haida Gwaii educators, students and student guardians. PreVenture is a prevention program for youth aged 12-18 that uses personality-focused interventions to promote mental health and reduce the risk of substance use. Power Up is sexual health education framework that is tailored to age-specific student and adult learning audiences. SD50 has benefited from Power Up educators integrating into local curricula over the last number of years.

The HG DPAC would like to collaborate with local schools, student representatives and the Board to see if there is interest and synergy in working together to bring these critical education opportunities to our schools.

The other key initiative we'd like to discuss is the potential to team up with SD50 on an annual professional development and community sharing event that brings parents, guardians, educators and support staff together in the spirit of fostering better learning outcomes for Haida Gwaii students.

Providing a space for schools and families to come together and share food, stories and insight on local education will greatly benefit our communities and the islands as a whole.

It is our hope that by providing more opportunities for parents and guardians to be involved in their childrens' education, we can realize a common goal of enhancing the Haida Gwaii educational experience. We also hope that by working more closely together, parents will see the value in supporting local Parent Advisory Councils and local schools will benefit from greater extracurricular support.

We would appreciate the opportunity to sit down with the SD50 trustees to discuss how we could make some of these ideas a reality and would appreciate any guidance, feedback or support that you are able to provide.

Haawa for your consideration and we look forward to further dialogue.

Respectfully,

Sean Muise

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DPAC President

cc. Manu Madhok, Interim Superintendent, SD50
Kevin Black, Secretary Treasurer, SD50
Leighanne Rogers, District Principal, SD50
HGDPAC Executive